

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Prayer

(from The Book of Praise, #535)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen

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March 17th, 2019

Second Sunday in Lent

Minister: Rev. Susan Mattinson
Acting Music Director: Carol Wehrstedt
Pianist/Organist: Carol Wehrstedt

Sunday March 17, 2019

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Entry of the Bible

Introit

Second Sunday in Lent (see insert)

Hymn: "Come, let us to the Lord our God"

#194

Opening Prayer:

God ever-creating, ever-loving, ever-leading: when things feel chaotic, your stillness is peace. When so much around us is not real or reliable, your word is truth. When we are paralyzed by fear and anxiety, your movement is freedom. When we feel bereft and alone, your presence is love. When so much is fleeting, your love abides. And so, for all you are and all you will be, we worship you. And yet, we confess that we prefer darkness to light and our own plans to your purposes. We shrink from costly discipleship and seek cheap grace. Forgive our fleeting enthusiasms and shallow commitments. Guide us always, so that we might live in your glorious presence and follow the way of your Son, now and always. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: A Time for All Things

Douglas Wagner

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S CHILDREN

*Praise Song: "I Saw the Light"

#42

Exploring God Together

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation:

#500 v. 1

"Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see: open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!"

Please stand at items marked * if you are able. Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in unison.

Bible Readings:

Genesis 15:1-6

pg. 12 OT

Psalms 27

pg. 503-504 OT

Luke 13:31-35

pg. 77 NT

Gloria Patri:

#594

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen, amen.

Sermon: "Under Christ's Wings"

"Special Music: "Wings of a Dove" Cyril Johnson

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response:

#484 v. 2

"The church is wherever God's people are helping, caring for neighbours in sickness and need. The church is wherever God's people are sharing the words of the Bible in gift and in deed."

*Prayer of Dedication:

In glad thanksgiving for all that we have received, we offer back to you now a portion of the bounty of our living, O God. Take these gifts and bless them—and us—for the building up of your kingdom. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

#535

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn: "Softly and tenderly"

#640

Blessing

#264

"(Sing amen.) Amen, we praise your name, O God. (Sing amen.) Amen we praise your name, O God. (Sing amen.) Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen we praise your name, O God. (X2)

Postlude: (Please maintain a reverent silence and stillness)