

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 24th, 2019

Third Sunday in Lent

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

Sunday March 24th, 2019

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Entry of the Bible

Introit

Third Sunday in Lent (see insert)

Hymn: "O Christ, our Lord, we meet here as your people" #756

Opening Prayer:

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of all things: You alone have been our help and our guide; you alone are our strength. In you we find rest and welcome. In you we find peace and hope. In your depths we find meaning and in your heights we find light and joy. O God, we do not always follow the way of the cross. We have short memories, so we forget that you provide spiritual drink for our souls through Jesus Christ. Too often we desire evil and turn away from your covenant with us. Forgive us for thinking we have risen above ancient ways of sin. Forgive our failings, create in us clean hearts, and set us free to live new lives. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: What Wondrous Love American Fold Hymn, arr. S. Pethel

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S CHILDREN

*Praise Song: "Drops in the Ocean" (VBS Song) see insert

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:

Isaiah 55:1-9

pg. 685-686 OT

Psalms 63:1-8

pg. 527 OT

Luke 13:1-9

pg. 76 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: "Spilled Blood and Dead Trees"

*Hymn: "Amazing Grace" (verses 1, 2, 3, and 6) #670

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:

Holy God, we offer these gifts in gratitude for the blessings you bestow upon us. Despite our unfruitful ways, we have endless opportunities to reflect your glory in our lives. We turn our hearts and minds to the commitment that you have made to us through your son Jesus Christ. May these gifts become symbolic of our desire to renew our covenant relationship with you, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

#535

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn: "Glorious things of thee are spoken" #483

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)