

## 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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

Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Entry of the Bible

Introit

Fourth Sunday in Lent (see insert)

Hymn: "Love divine, all loves excelling"

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Opening Prayer:

You are our God of All Comfort, the Way of Life, and the Eternal Spirit. In Christ, we can dare to face the truth about ourselves, because we know the deeper truth of your reconciling love. Your love surrounds us even now as we gather in Christ's name. And yet, we confess that we don't always live in your reconciling love. Sometimes we refuse your guidance and stubbornly choose to go our own way, convinced we know the path to true happiness. At other times, we are so proud of the way we live that we condemn others as unworthy of your love and acceptance. Forgive us, God, and grant that we may grow in the certainty of your constant love for us and for all people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: "When I Survey" Watts/Smith

**WE CELEBRATE GOD'S CHILDREN**

\*Praise Song: "Standin' in the Need of Prayer" #70

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:

Jonah 3:10 – 4:3

pg. 197 OT

Psalms 32

pg. 506-507 OT

Luke 15:11-32

pg. 78-79 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: "Coming Home"

\*Hymn: "Come, let us sing"

#706

**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:

Patient God, we cherish the scripture story of the prodigal son. You are always willing to accept us, even in our bleakest moment. You surround us with the hushed silence of your love. Like a compassionate parent, you wait to receive us in your embrace while we struggle to place you first in our lives. Multiply these tithes and offerings so that they open the ears of your lost children to your message of unconditional love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

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**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

\*Hymn: "Help us accept each other"

#632

Blessing

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"(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)