

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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WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Entry of the Bible

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn: "Where charity and love prevail"

#692

Opening Prayer:

God of All, you are worthy of honour and praise. All creation praises you. And we praise you, joining our voices to all those in heaven and on earth. Your name alone is to be praised. You are our God and we are your people. You are our Beginning and our End, the Alpha and the Omega, and so we praise you. Loving God, your Son calls us to love one another just as he loves us. Yet we confess that we have not always loved one another, not the way Christ loves us. Too often the world knows us for our squabbling, our hypocrisy, and even our hatred of one another. Forgive us and fill us with love, so that we love one another with same love we know in your embrace. We ask in the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: "Our Joyful Song of Praise" by Patti Drennan

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S CHILDREN

*Praise Song: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" (VBS song)

Exploring God Together

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation:

#449

"Lord, listen to your children praying; Lord, send your spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love; send us power; send us grace!"

Bible Readings:

John 13:31-35

pg. 108 NT

Psalms 148

pg. 582-583 OT

Revelation 21:1-6

pg 259 NT

Please stand at items marked * if you are able.

Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in unison

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: "Just As I Have Loved You"

Hymn: "Lord, the light of your love is shining"

#376

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response:

#441 v.3

"For the laughter, for the tear, for the love that meets us here, for the lessons of our youth--honour, gratitude and truth--for the great gift of your Son, for your work in us begun: Saviour, we thank you, Spirit, we thank you, Great God our Maker, we thank you!"

*Prayer of Dedication:

Generous God, we bless you for your gift of life renewed through Christ's love and through springtime growth in fields and gardens. Bless the gifts we bring to you. May they offer hope and renewal in the world you love as we serve in the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (see the back of bulletin)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn: "O for a world where everyone"

#730

Blessing

#775 v. 2

"With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living the task of our everyday life we will face, our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing as neighbours all those of each race. One feast that has fed us, one light that has led us, unite us as one in your life that we share. Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving, give honour to Christ and his name that we bear."

Postlude: (Please maintain a reverent silence and stillness)