

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: "Crown him with many crowns"

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Opening Prayer:

God of promise and purpose, we greet you this day with thankful hearts. Draw close to us in this hour of worship and show us the promise and purpose in our own lives. May we unfurl with your gift of new life and move into the future with the energy of your Holy Spirit. Lord Jesus Christ, in this season of Easter, we celebrate your resurrection and declare our hope in you. Yet we confess we do not always feel the hope we declare. When things go wrong, we worry about what will happen next. When tragedy strikes, we wonder if you are angry with us. When the future seems uncertain, it is easy to feel discouraged. Forgive us and renew us with your healing grace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem:

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S CHILDREN

*Praise Song: "In the Garden" Song book

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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 14:23-29

pg. 109 NT

Psalm 67

pg. 529 OT

Acts 16:9-15

pg. 136 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: "Not As the World Gives"

Hymn: "There is a redeemer"

#358

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. Bless us and the gifts we bring, so that our lives may reflect the hope and renewal we have found in Christ throughout our community and in the world you love, in Jesus' name. Amen.

More than Mission Service of Appreciation

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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn: "Let Christian faith and hope dispel"

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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)