

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

Call to Worship

Hymn: "Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet" #466

Opening Prayer:

Gracious God, you care for us like a gardener tending a beautiful vineyard. You have blessed us with all we need to grow and live fruitful lives. You call us to produce the good fruit of the Spirit, yet we confess we fail to live up to your calling. Instead of producing love and kindness, we produce anger and resentment. Instead of producing generosity and kindness, we produce greed and jealousy. Forgive us, O God. Restore our faith in you, and give us another chance to live fruitful lives, blessed by your Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S CHILDREN

*Praise Song: "Jesus' hands were kind hands" #631

Exploring God Together

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation: #504 v.1

"This is a story full of love, a song to set us free, of God, the Wisdom and the Word, the keystone and the key, the keystone and the key."

Bible Readings:

Judges 16:4-17	pg. 234	OT
Psalms 143	pg. 579-580	OT
Judges 16:23-31	pg. 235	OT

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: "Riddles, Jawbones, and Women: The Story of Samson"

Hymn: "Lord of all power" #626

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response: #769

"Lord of light, whose name and splendour far out-shine the suns of space, deign to make us your co-workers in the kingdom of your grace; use us to fulfill your purpose in the gift of Christ your Son: Abba, as in highest heaven so on earth your will be done."

*Prayer of Dedication:

Faithful God, bless the gifts we bring to you today. Use them and us to plant seeds of faith, hope and love in the world, so that your goodness will grow among your people. May your name be honoured for Christ's sake. Amen.

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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn: "Those who wait on the Lord" #662

Blessing #726

"May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all. Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call."

Postlude

(Please maintain a reverent silence and stillness during the postlude.)