

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: "Jesus calls us here to meet him"

Opening Prayer:

Generous God, you are the Source of all life and the strength of our lives. In Jesus Christ, you entered our lives and showed us how to live with hope and generosity. Through the Holy Spirit, you nourish our lives each day, so that we can offer hospitality and kindness to those we meet. And yet, we confess we often fall short of the kindness and compassion we meet in Jesus. You have blessed us in so many ways and yet we want more. You have welcomed us like guests to a banquet, yet we find it hard to welcome a stranger in church. You have shown us what matters most in life, but we are distracted by our worries, busy with things that do not matter. Forgive us and teach us to honour you in all that we do and say, for the sake of Christ, our Saviour and our Friend. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Special Music – "God on the Mountain" Cyril Johnson

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S CHILDREN

*Praise Song: "As the Deer" insert

Exploring God Together

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation: #400 v.2

"Spirit of the living God, move among us all; make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love: humble, caring, selfless, sharing. Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!"

Please stand at items marked * if you are able.

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

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Bible Readings:

Jeremiah 2:4-8

pg. 699

OT

Psalms 81:10-16

pg. 541-542

OT

Luke 14:7-14

pg. 77

NT

Gloria Patri:

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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: "Humbled and Exalted"

Hymn: "Blest are they"

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WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response:

#661 v. 1

"We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee."

*Prayer of Dedication:

O God, bless the offerings we make today, as well as the time, talent, and concern we will offer you this week. Keep our hearts free of worry, so that we can give what we have freely, trusting your Spirit to accomplish more than we can ask or imagine in Christ's name. Amen.

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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn: "God of mercy, God of grace"

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Blessing

"Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe, reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love."

Postlude

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