

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

Passages in
Bold Print are
to be spoken
in unison

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer:

Surprising and mysterious God, you come to us when we least expect it, calling us out of our routines and our plans, inviting us to follow Christ on a great journey of faith. We praise you for the many ways you comfort and guide us. In our moments of fear, you speak to us with words of reassurance. In our moments of doubt, you reach out your hand to save us. In our moments of turmoil, you bring calm to the storm. We place our trust in you this day and every day, and worship you as our Redeemer and Saviour.

Merciful and patient God, we confess that we still live in fear and doubt, even though we have been touched by your saving grace. You call us to live with courage and perseverance, yet we give up too easily and opt for the safer route. You encourage us to be bold in our faith and steadfast in our fight for justice, yet we remain silent in the face of inequality and violence. Forgive us all the times we have left you down. Renew our lives through your mercy and grace. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Instrumental Hymn: "Great is thy faithfulness" #324

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Bible Readings:

1 Kings 19:9-15

pg. 326 OT

Psalms 85:8-13

pg. 543-544 OT

Matthew 14:22-33

pg. 16 NT

Sermon: "In Silence and in Storm"

Instrumental Hymn: "How firm a foundation" #685

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

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 and your name be honoured. We pray through Jesus, our Saviour. Amen.

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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Blessing

Postlude:

(Please maintain a reverent silence and stillness during Postlude)

"Welcome to worship! We're glad you're here with us this morning. A video devotional based on the same scriptures and sermon topic is available on our Church website and Facebook page. We will provide updates when our various groups, such as Bible Study and Crafts and Conversation, choose to resume."