

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

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Please stand at items marked * if you are able. Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in unison

Instrumental Hymn: "Love divine, all loves excelling" #371

*Opening Prayer:

Welcoming and generous God, you make all things new. We are glad to be together in your house of prayer this day. You invite all people into your fold to receive your blessing. Justice and right relations have their source in you. We are filled with joy to be counted among your children. As we gather, make us one in worship and thanksgiving. We lift our voices to proclaim your all-encompassing love. May our praise join with the praise of all your people on earth and in the heavenly places, for you are our Saviour and our hope.

Merciful and wise God, in your presence we confess that we have not lived as you taught us to live. Forgive us those times we have not welcomed others into our community, and those times we have avoided others, because something about them made us uncomfortable. Forgive us the ways we have judged unfairly. Reveal to us our own prejudice which separates us from others, and our failure to seek your goodness in those who seem different from us. Restore us to right relationship with you and with one another. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Special Music by Cyril Johnson

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 56:6-8

pg. 686 OT

Psalms 67

pg. 529 OT

Matthew 15:10-20

pg. 17 NT

Sermon: "From the Heart"

Instrumental Hymn: "Come, let us sing" #706

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* Prayer of Dedication:

O God, we place our hope and trust in your loving kindness, leaning on you for all our needs. Because we want to praise you with more than mere words, we bring our gifts to support Christ's mission in the world. Bless these gifts and use our energy for your good purposes, so that all the world will know your loving kindness. 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."

The church office has re opened.

Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 am – 12:30 pm