

## 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

Cover Drawing by Colin Rackham



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## WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

### Musical Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

Instrumental Hymn: "Holy, holy, holy"

#299

### \*Opening Prayer:

Eternal and ever-loving God, deep is our desire for what is true and enduring. Deep is our need to see clearly. Deep is our longing for you. In you we live and move and have our being. You are the root of love, the fountain of knowledge, the source of wisdom, the path of right living. You are the beginning and end of all things. Our thoughts cannot comprehend your power. And so, we worship you in humble praise.

**Compassionate God, although you satisfy our deepest desires, we confess together that we have often turned away from you. We have sought meaning in shallow places. We have clung to old hurts and familiar habits. We have nursed anger and envy. We have been self-absorbed and lacked compassion. We have turned our backs on those in need. Forgive who we have been, amend who we are, and guide us toward who we may become according to your grace. In Jesus' holy name, we pray. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

**Special Music by Cheonglo Lee - "The Heart of Worship"**  
by Matthew Redman.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### Bible Readings:

Matthew 16:21-28

pg. 18 NT

Psalms 119:33-40

pg. 567 OT 12:9-21

Romans 12:9-21

pg. 162 NT

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

### Sermon: "Hold Fast to the Cross"

Instrumental Hymn: "Teach me, God, to wonder" #704

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

### Tithes and Offerings

### \* Prayer of Dedication:

**Gracious God, we offer our gifts to you in hope and thanksgiving. Use these gifts, and us, to transform the world you love with the Good News we celebrate in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

### Blessing

### Music 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 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.