

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

Holy and loving One, God of might and mercy, the heavens and the earth are full of your glory. Your love transforms our lives. You take darkness and give light. You take grief and give healing. You take fatigue and give strength. You take fear and give courage. You take death and give new life. And so, we come before you in worship, handing over to you all that weighs us down, waiting for your refreshing gifts.

God, we confess that our lives do not always reflect your transforming power. You are gracious, but we cling to judgment. You are kind, but we can be cruel. You are forgiving, but we nurse grudges and old wounds. You are filled with joy, but too often we are filled with dissatisfaction and complaints. Forgive us, O God, and fill us with your Holy Spirit this day, and make us new through Christ, your Son and our Saviour. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Special Music by – “You Forgive Me “ – VBS Song

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Bible Readings:

Genesis 25:24-34 pg. 21-22 OT
Psalms 145:8-13 pg. 581 OT
Hebrews 12:14-24 pg. 227 NT

Sermon: “Esau Syndrome”

Instrumental Hymn: “What wondrous love is this” #242

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* **Prayer of Dedication:**

God of Abundance, from generation to generation you call us to participate in healing the world, by sharing your redeeming love. Today, we give you thanks because you have blessed us with so much. Yet we know that others have too little. May the offerings we share today become a source of healing and justice in the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the One who sends us out in love. 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.

Crafts and Conversation will return Friday Sept 25th at 1:00 pm. Come join us, bring your own project to work on or come for the conversation!

