

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: "Guide me, O thou great Redeemer" #651

*Opening Prayer:

Loving God, compassionate Son, healing Spirit: You meet us in so many places and in so many different ways—when our need is deep and we long for you, and when we think we can manage on our own. You draw near to us in kindness, regardless of our state or condition. You turn weeping into laughter, sorrow into joy, death into life. You speak a word of challenge and a word of comfort to draw us to you. In gratitude, we come before you this day, to seek your word for us and to enjoy your gift of life in its fullness.

God, you are the giver of all good gifts, yet we confess that our own generosity is limited. We share what we have, but often reluctantly. We complain about our lot. We compare ourselves to others and see what they have that we lack. We fear running short of things rather than trusting your attention to our needs. Forgive us our worries about tomorrow and give us generous hearts that trust in you. We offer our prayers in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Special Music by – "Meditation on I'll Fly Away" - Carol Wehrstedt

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Bible Readings:

Jonah 3:10–4:11

pg. 861 OT

Psalms 65:8-13

pg. 528 OT

Matthew 20:1-16

pg. 21-22 NT

Sermon: "Are You Envious Because I Am Generous?"

Instrumental Hymn: "I heard the voice of Jesus say" #671

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* Prayer of Dedication:

Gracious God, you have provided what we need generation by generation. You are the source of all good things, of life itself and all that sustains it. Bless the gifts we offer to you and multiply them, so that they will support your purposes in the world you love, in the name of Christ, our Saviour and Friend. 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!

