

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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Reformation Sunday

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Instrumental Hymn: "Praise, my soul, the God who crowns you"
#467

*Opening Prayer:

God, you are gracious and loving, holy and eternal. Your love is steadfast, your presence ever near, yet you come to us in surprising ways and unexpected places. Your love is older than time and as fresh as the morning dew. Your patience is unending, your faithfulness to us unmatched. Your name has come to us through the centuries, yet you can always do a new thing to draw us back to you. We offer you our prayers and praise this day in humble expectation, hoping you will surprise us and refresh our readiness to serve you.

God, you are gracious and merciful, holy and healing. You know our hearts, the times we have truly loved one another and those times when we merely tolerated each other. You know our minds, the times we have truly focused on you and the times when we pursued our own purposes. You know our stories, the times we have followed you faithfully and the times we went our own way. Forgive our wavering discipleship and half-hearted service, and renew our commitment to live lives marked by your grace. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Special Music: "God is For Me" (VBS Song)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Bible Readings:

Genesis 3:8-15 pg. 3 OT
Psalm 22:22-31 pg. 501 OT
John 8:39-47 pg. 101-102 NT

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

Sermon: "The Father of Lies"

Instrumental Hymn: "We praise you, O God" #425

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* Prayer of Dedication:

Generous God, you are both faithful and fruitful as you embrace each generation of your people. Bless our gifts and make them fruitful beyond our imagining in the work of your kingdom. Keep us faithful in our generation, so that the inheritance we have received in Christ will continue in generations yet to come. 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.

REMINDER; NOV 1, 2020 set your clocks back!

