

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Please join in speaking/singing **bolded** text

PRELUDE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

PREPARING OUR HEARTS

***Opening Words**

In the darkest valley,
at the banquet table;
in the hard work of life,
at the moments of ease;
in our day-to-day reality,
at times set aside—
like this time, now—
for worship, for listening, for paying attention;
with every step we take:
goodness and mercy follow us;
our cups overflow.

***Opening Hymn**

“Surely Goodness and Mercy”

Words and Music by John W. Peterson and Alfred B. Smith

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A pilgrim was I, and awandering in the cool night of sin I did roam
When Jesus, the kind Shepherd found me
And now I am on my way home.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all my days,
All the days of my life.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all my days,
All the days of my life.

He restoreth my soul when I'm weary,
He giveth me strength day by day;
He leads me beside the still waters,
He guards me each step of the way.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all my days,
All the days of my life.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all my days,
All the days of my life.

When walk thro' the dark lonesome valley,
My Savior will walk with me there;
And safely His great hand will lead me
to mansions He's gone to prepare.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all my days,
All the days of my life.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all my days,
All the days of my life.
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever,
And I will feast at the table spread for me.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all my days,
All the days of my life.
All the days, all the days of my life.

Prayer of Confession

Let us confess our sin, confident in God's love for us.

God of green pastures, we confess that we can get so busy and distracted that we lose sight of your love and care for us. We forget to live in gratitude and fail to live lives of goodness and mercy. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us down gentle paths that restore our souls. Amen.

Our Lord Jesus gives us rest and peace. Our master's touch heals us, and his shed blood is our salvation. In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!

Special Music

“Your Love Defends Me”

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Children's Message

Prayer Response #701 (GG)

“Sanctuary”

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Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

(repeat)

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 3: 1-4:16

Message

“TBD”

Rev. Leanne B. Thompson

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn of Affirmation #150 (SH)

“The Power Of Your Love”

words and music by Geoff Bullock

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**Lord I come to You, let my heart be changed, renewed;
Flowing from the grace that I found in You.
And Lord I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me
will be stripped away by the power of Your love.**

**Hold me close, let Your love surround me.
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle, and I will soar with You,
Your spirit leads me on in the power of Your love.**

**Lord unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face;
The knowledge of Your love, as You live, in me.
Lord, renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life,
In living every day by the power of Your love.**

**Hold me close, let Your love surround me.
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle, and I will soar with You,
Your spirit leads me on in the power of Your love.**

Prayers of Intercession

O God, merciful and just;
O God, kind and compassionate;
O God, forever faithful
for your own name's sake:
we pray for the world
Christ came to save;
we pray for the kingdom
you are bringing through Christ.
Bless the church, the body of Christ,
with the power of the Holy Spirit,
so that our strength is renewed like the eagle's.
Then send us out to proclaim the good news
that in Jesus Christ there is newness of life.

We pray for all who are weary from hard labor,

especially for those who are not fairly paid,
for those who work in dangerous places,
for those trapped in slavery.
Break yokes of oppression and bonds of bitterness.

We pray for all who serve on behalf of others,
especially for those who care for the sick,
elderly, and dying;
for those who fight fires, enforce just laws,
serve in the military;
for those who hold public office.
Build up all people in peace and freedom.

We pray for ourselves,
that we will be faithful,
especially in times of temptation;
that our diseases will be healed,
so we have strength to serve others;

that our love for one another and you
grow ever deeper.

With confidence in God's loving care, we pray the prayer which Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, in heaven, holy is your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today, our daily bread;
forgive our sins and turn us from temptation.
The kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever.
Amen, amen, amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

God spreads a table of blessing before us.
We express our gratitude by giving a portion of what has been given to us.
Let us dedicate our offerings to God as we pray:

Offering Prayer

God of green pastures and still waters, bless these gifts that we have been given
that they may become part of your banquet for the world. Amen.

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

Closing Hymn #32 (SH)

“Better is One Day”

words and music by Matt Redman

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**How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord almighty.
For my soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of your wings.**

**Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.
Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere, than thousands
elsewhere.**

**One thing I ask and I would seek:
To see Your beauty, to find You in the place Your glory dwells.
One thing I ask and I would seek:
To see Your beauty, to find You in the place Your glory dwells.**

**Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.
Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.**

**My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God.
Your Spirit’s water to my soul.
I’ve tasted and I’ve seen. Come once again to me.
I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You, to You.**

**Better is one day, better is one day,
better is one day than thousands elsewhere.
Better is one day, better is one day,
better is one day than thousands elsewhere.**

**Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.
Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.**

Charge

God grant you peace in your sleeping and waking;
Christ fill you with joy in your working and playing;
The Holy Spirit drive you with passion in your love for God.

Benediction
“The Blessing”

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**The Lord bless you and keep you,
Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.
(repeat)**

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

**The Lord bless you and keep you.
Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.**

POSTLUDE