

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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\*Please rise as you are able  
Please join in speaking/singing **bolded** text

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**PREPARING OUR HEARTS**

**\*Opening Words**

Inspired by James 3:13-4:8

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?  
**We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.**  
Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?  
**We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.**  
Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?  
**We long to live lives of holiness and light.**  
God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.  
Come near, people of God!  
Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

**\*Opening Hymn #41 (GG)**

**"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"**

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**O worship the King, all glorious above!  
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love.  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

**O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form;  
and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.**

**The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your power has founded of old;  
established it fast by the changeless decree,  
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God with us,  
When we privilege our own agendas,  
hurt others in the effort to impose our will,  
or chain ourselves to our fears,  
tumble us off the throne of our pride,  
and release us into finding our worth in your love.  
Lord have mercy on us**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
you know us, you love us, you free us,  
then call us to follow you  
and we bless you.  
Your mercy meets us in our confusion;  
may your spirit meet us in our everyday living.**

### **Hymn #695 (GG)**

**“Change My Heart, O God”**

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**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.  
You are the Potter; I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

### **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**

Mark 10:35-45

**Message**

“Called to Serve”

Rev. Leanne B. Thompson

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

**Hymn of Affirmation #727 (GG)**

**“The Servant Song”**

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**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.**

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.**

**Prayer of Intercession**

Wind-riding God,  
the blue skies, the sunshine,  
the cool breezes cradling falling leaves:  
all creation reminds us  
of the delicate Artist  
who has shaped us  
and all that is around us.  
We lift our songs

of gratitude and awe to you.

Servant-calling Jesus:  
you humble our arrogance  
with your acts of mercy;  
you tip over our pretensions  
with your modest nature;  
you laugh at our hunger for power  
with your words of grace.

Heart-keeping Spirit:  
you bear our prayers  
to the throne of grace  
when they are only whispers  
in our souls;  
you unfold the road map  
to show us the way to the Kingdom;  
you transform our stuttering words  
into praise and wonder to our God.

(offer specific prayers)

God in Community, Holy in One,  
be with us in this and every moment,  
even as we pray as Jesus teaches us:

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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**

We are living, breathing messages of God's love for the world. This is our work of faith and our labor of love and our steadfastness of hope in Jesus Christ. Like the earliest Christians, we are here in this place because of the commitment and faith and generosity of others who shared the good news of the gospel in their time. So we turn now, in our time, and share our faith and our commitment through generous giving to support the ministry of this church in Christ's name. Let us dedicate the gifts we offer in Christ's name.

### **Prayer of Dedication**

Lord Jesus Christ, you were rich,  
yet for our sake you became poor,  
so that through your poverty we might become rich.  
Accept this collection and offering  
as a token of our gratitude  
for all you have done. Amen.

**WE LEAVE TO SERVE**

**Closing Hymn #749 (GG)**

**“We Are Called”**

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**Come! Live in the Light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.  
We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another; to walk humbly with God.**

**Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more.  
We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another; to walk humbly with God.**

**Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.  
We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another; to walk humbly with God.**

**Charge & 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.**