

## Welcome to First Pres SLO!

We are a Christian community in the heart of this city, open to all people seeking Christ's touch and blessing. A healthy church is built on a foundation of Jesus Christ, and expressed through *fellowship, worship, discipleship* and *mission*. As God's church we exist to fellowship sincerely, worship actively, grow in our knowledge and understanding of Jesus, and to offer ourselves in service to this community and the world.

Welcome—we're glad you've decided to join us today.

### In worship we...

Praise the Lord in song, blending old and new and in-between  
Profess our faith in God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Confess our sins and receive words of pardon  
Hear the Word of God proclaimed in preaching  
Offer prayers of petition and thanks  
Share freely in the sacraments: communion and baptism  
Give gifts of time and financial resources in support of the church's work.

### An Invitation to Prayer

Prayer is a dynamic and vital part of our journey of faith in Jesus Christ. We pray, not as we shop for goods—with a list in hand and limited funds to spend—but rather as faithful people bringing our lives before God, whose love and power and resources have no end. In prayer we learn to align our vision and desires with those of God himself, and in the process become mature disciples, ready for service.

*We invite you to join us in this journey of discovery!*

### Please pray:

For the vision and ministry of this church  
For the specific needs of individuals and families in our community  
For the world—for peace, justice and the spread of the Gospel of Jesus.



**FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**  
*San Luis Obispo*

## Service for the Lord's Day February 18, 2024

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# WORSHIP AT FIRST PRES

Thank you for joining us!

## PRELUDE

Dr. Scott Glysson

“Sonata in A Major” by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*Please use this time for quiet reflection*

## WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Rev. John D’Elia

## WORSHIP IN SONG

“When I Survey The Wondrous Cross” (#101)

“How Deep The Father’s Love For Us”

## THE CONFESSION AND PARDON

Susan Updegrove

## NEWS OF THE CHURCH

## PRAYER

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

Jen Rabenaldt CRE

## ANTHEM

Choir

“The Lord Is My Shepherd” arr. Thomas Matthews

## WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

“Apostles’ Creed”

## SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-3

## MESSAGE

### ***A HEALTHY CHURCH***

Rev. John D’Elia

“Mission: Where Our Hearts Learn To Serve”

Matthew 28:16-20

## OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Dr. Scott Glysson

“Bist Du Bei mir” by J.S. Bach

*Please stand as we sing the Doxology(#592)*

## SONG OF COMMITMENT

“Take My Life” (#391)

## DECLARATION OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

*Friends, what is our mission?*

Our mission is to glorify Jesus Christ and to be instruments of God’s healing, reconciling, life-giving presence in the world.

## POSTLUDE

Dr. Scott Glysson

“Open Road” by Michael Scott

*The flowers this week were donated by Charlotte Roberts  
in honor of her great-grandson Hudson Wiegman.*

**Participants:** Rev. John D’Elia, Dr. Scott Glysson, Jen Rabenaldt CRE,  
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Susan Updegrove