

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
January 14, 2024

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WORSHIP AT FIRST PRES

Thank you for joining us!

PRELUDE

“Jesu, Joy of Mans Desiring” J.S. Bach
Please use this time for quiet reflection

Dr. Scott Glysson

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Jen Rabenaldt CRE

WORSHIP IN SONG

“Be Thou My Vision” (#339)
“Before the Throne of God Above”

THE CONFESSION AND PARDON

Allen Estes

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER

ANTHEM

“All in the April Evening” Hugh Robertson

Choir

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

Excerpt from the PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 139:1-12

MESSAGE

Shelley Irvine D’Elia

“Love is Not Blind”
Mark 10:46-52

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Dr. Scott Glysson

“Petites Litanies de Jesus” Gabriel Grovlez
Please stand as we sing the Doxology(#592)

SONG OF COMMITMENT

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (#376)

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

“Improvisation on Old 100th”

*The flowers this week were donated by Karen Wiles
in memory of Stan Ostrom.*

Participants: Shelley Irvine D’Elia, Dr. Scott Glysson, Jen Rabenaldt CRE,
Ian Rabenaldt, Lloyd Esola, Sean Anderson, Craig Updegrove,
Melissa Scarpelli, Lauren Webb, Ryan Miller, Mike Milanesi, Allen Estes