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.



Service for the Lord's Day Sunday, August 6, 2023

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WORSHIP AT FIRST PRES Thank you for joining us!			SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 68:4-6		
PRELUDE	"You Are My Hiding Place" Please use this time for quiet reflection	Craig Updegrove	MESSAGE	A FINE LINE "Imaginative Family" Matthew 12:46-50	Rev. Joel Drenckpohl
VELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP Rev. John D'Elia			CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE *Gluten free available at all stations. If you prefer to stay seated, servers will bring the elements to you.		
WORSHIP IN SONG "Glorify Thy Name" "Come Let Us Sing Unto The Lord"			SONG OF COMMITMENT "I Come With Joy" (#507)		
THE CONFESSION AND PARDON Peggy Estes NEWS OF THE CHURCH Peggy Estes			DECLARATION OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION <i>Friends, what is our mission?</i> Our mission is to glorify Jesus Christ and to be instruments of God's healing, reconciling, life-giving presence in the world.		
			POSTLUDE "Fugue in G Minor", C. Updegrove		
VBS MINUTE Jen Rabenaldt OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS DD Patrick Offertory DD Patrick "Lord, I Want To Be A Christian" Please stand as we sing the Doxology(#592)		The flowers this week were donated by Nellie Beecher in memory of Bud Beecher			
VE CONFESS OUR FAITH "Apostles Creed"			Participants: Rev. Joel Drenckpohl, Rev. John D'Elia, Jen Rabenaldt, Andrew Vigil, Lloyd Esola, Sean Anderson, Craig Updegrove, Mike Milanesi, DD Patrick, Mike Patrick, Melody Svennungsen, Steinar Svennungsen, Peggy Estes		