

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.

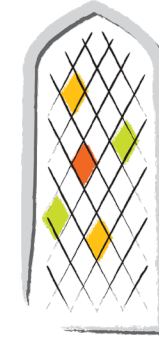
An Invitation to Prayer

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
Sunday, September 3, 2023

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WORSHIP AT FIRST PRES

Thank you for joining us!

PRELUDE

“Deep River”, arr. Mark Hayes
Please use this time for quiet reflection

Dr. Scott Glysson

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Rev. John D’Elia

WORSHIP IN SONG

“Lift Every Voice and Sing” (#563)
“Amazing Grace my Chains are Gone”

THE CONFESSION AND PARDON

Kate Murray

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Jen Rabenaldt

SPECIAL MUSIC

“How Great Thou Art”

Erika Foreman

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

“Give Me Jesus”, arr. Mark Hayes
Please stand as we sing the Doxology(#592)

Dr. Scott Glysson

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

“Belhar Confession (South Africa)”

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 13

MESSAGE

A FINE LINE
“A Change is Gonna Come?”
Ephesians 2:11-22

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.*

SONG OF COMMITMENT

“We are Marching (Siyahamba)”

DECLARATION OF MISSION AND BLESSING

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

“Amazing Grace” arr. Mark Hayes

Dr. Scott Glysson

The flowers this week were donated by Steve and Mary Ann Brown in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Participants: Rev. John D’Elia, Jen Rabenaldt, Dr. Scott Glysson, Andrew Vigil, Lloyd Esola, Sean Anderson, Craig Updegrove, Mike Milanesi, Erika Foreman Kate Murray