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, September 10, 2023

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WORSHIP AT FIRST PRES Thank you for joining us!		MESSAGEA FINE LINETom Cochrun"God Sheds His Light on Me" Hebrews 4:12-13Tom Cochrun
PRELUDE Dr. Scott "Moments" by Catherine Rollin Please use this time for quiet reflection	Glysson	OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS Offertory Dr. Scott Glysson "Lift Thine Eyes", from <i>Elijah</i> by Felix Mendelssohn
WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIPJen Ra	abenaldt	Please stand as we sing the Doxology(#592)
WORSHIP IN SONG Blessed Assurance (#341) 10,000 Reasons		SONG OF COMMITMENT Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (#356)
THE CONFESSION AND PARDON Alle	en Estes	DECLARATION OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION Friends, what is our mission? Our mission is to glorify Jesus Christ and to be instruments of God's
NEWS OF THE CHURCH		healing, reconciling, life-giving presence in the world.
PRAYER		POSTLUDE Dr. Scott Glysson
TIME WITH CHILDRENJen Ra	abenaldt	"March Romaine" by Charles Gonoud
SPECIAL MUSIC Melissa Scarpelli, S "Lord of the Small" by Dan Forrest	Soprano	The flowers this week were donated by John and Shelley D'Elia in honor of their wedding
WE CONFESS OUR FAITH "Apostles' Creed"		Participants: Tom Cochrun, Jen Rabenaldt, Dr. Scott Glysson, Andrew Vigil, Lloyd Esola, Sean Anderson, Craig Updegrove, Melissa Scarpelli, Lauren Webb, Mike Milanesi, Allen Estes
SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 149:1-6		