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 24, 2023

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WORSHIP AT FIRST PRES

Thank you for joining us!

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 86:1-10

"What I've Seen, What I've Known"

Luke 11:1-4

"My Lord, What A Morning" arr. Mark Hayes

Please stand as we sing the Doxology(#592)

PRELUDE

Dr. Scott Glysson

Rev John D'Flia

MESSAGE

A FINE LINE

Rev. John D'Elia

"Seek Ye First"

Please use this time for quiet reflection

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Helena Fuller, Soprano

WORSHIP IN SONG

"To God Be The Glory" (#485) "Mighty To Save"

SONG OF COMMITMENT

"My Hope Is On Nothing Less" (#379)

THE CONFESSION AND PARDON

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Kathy Wolff

DECLARATION OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Friends, what is our mission?

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Karen Wiles

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

Peace and Global Witness Offering

POSTLUDE

Dr. Scott Glysson

"Prelude in A Major" by Fredric Chopin

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Jen Rabenaldt

ANTHEM

PRAYER

Choir

The flowers this week were donated by Marilyn Wilson celebrating the birth of her great grandson, Hudson Joshua Evans born July 24, 2023.

"Come to Me" by Craig Courtney

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

"Apostles' Creed"

Participants: Rev. John D'Elia, Jen Rabenaldt, Dr. Scott Glysson, Andrew Vigil, Lloyd Esola, Sean Anderson, Craig Updegrove, Helena Fuller, Melissa Scarpelli, Lauren Webb, Ryan Miller, Mike Milanesi, Kathy Wolff