

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

Kirkin' O' The Tartans

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Rev. John A. D'Elia, Pastor

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WORSHIP AT FIRST PRES

Thank you for joining us!

PRELUDE AND PROCESSIONAL

Dr. Scott Glysson
"Sheep May Safely Graze", J.S. Bach
Please use this time for quiet reflection

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Rev. John D'Elia

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Lift High the Cross" (#371)

In Remembrance

*Betty Priest, Lillian Bareither, Kathy Loper, Elaine Townsend,
Jo McRee, Luella Warkentin, Lee LaFaille, Don Luenser,*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Kenneth Hand
"Sundown", E. Tillotson

THE CONFESSION AND PARDON

Tim Smith

PASSING OF THE PEACE

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

HYMN

"Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing" (#356)

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

"Apostles' Creed"

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

ANTHEM

"My Hope is Built", Craig Courtney

Choir

MESSAGE

"Those Were The Days"
Psalm 42

Rev. John D'Elia

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

"For All the Saints", Ralph Vaughan Williams
Trumpets: Chris Woodruff, Jared Swislow
Please stand as we sing the Doxology (#592)

Choir

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Be Thou My Vision" (#339)

BLESSING OF THE TARTANS

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.

RECESSIONAL POSTLUDE

"Amazing Grace"

Paul Dunn

This week's flowers were donated by DD and Mike Patrick in honor of Dale Wolff's birthday, and the Patrick's wedding anniversary.

Join us for tea and finger foods after the service in Wilson Hall.