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.

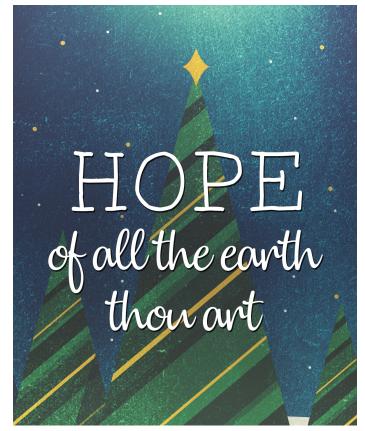
We invite you to join us in this journey of discovery!

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 First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2023



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Thank you for joining us!		"Apostles' Creed"
PRELUDE Dr. Scott"Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella"Please use this time for quiet reflection	Glysson	SCRIPTURE READING Psalms 118:24
CALL TO WORSHIP "O Come O Come Emmanuel"		MESSAGE Joel Drenckpohl "The Hope of Now" John 8:12
WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP Jen Ra ADVENT READING Representing Older Adult Ministry Deon Dunaway, Linda Banken, Bob Gordon WORSHIP IN SONG		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 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (#2)
"People Look East" (#12) "Ancient Words"		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.
NEWS OF THE CHURCH PRAYER		POSTLUDE Dr. Scott Glysson"Wachet Auf", J.S. Bach
ANTHEM "Lo, How a Rose Er Blooming" arr. Deborah Govenor	Choir	The flowers this week were donated by Karen Wiles in memory of Kirsten.
OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS Offertory Dr. Scott ("Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" Please stand as we sing the Doxology(#592)	Glysson	Participants: Participants: Jen Rabenaldt, Joel Drenckpohl, Dr. Scott Glysson, Andrew Vigil, Lloyd Esola, Sean Anderson, Craig Updegrove, Callie Schmidt, Melissa Scarpelli, Lauren Webb, Ryan Miller, Kate Murray

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