

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 Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023



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WORSHIP AT FIRST PRES

Thank you for joining us!

PRELUDE

“In the Bleak Mid-Winter”
Please use this time for quiet reflection

Dr. Scott Glysson

CALL TO WORSHIP

“O Come O Come Emmanuel”

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Jen Rabenaldt

ADVENT READING

Representing Student Ministries
Scarlet Emsheimer, Colin Ruehr, Wyatt Stapp

WORSHIP IN SONG

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” (#8)
“Goodness of God”

THE CONFESSION AND PARDON

Dale Wolff

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER

ANTHEM

“In the Bleak Mid-Winter” arr. Dale Wood

Choir

WHAT WE BELIEVE

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 85

MESSAGE

“Preparing for Peace”
Mark 1:1-8, Romans 12:16-18

Jen Rabenaldt

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”
Please stand as we sing the Doxology(#592)

Dr. Scott Glysson

SONG OF COMMITMENT

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” (#38)

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

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

Dr. Scott Glysson

The flowers this week were donated by Leila Humphrey in honor of my family and in memory of my husband, Robert.

Participants: Participants: Jen Rabenaldt, Dr. Scott Glysson, Andrew Vigil, Lloyd Esola, Sean Anderson, Craig Updegrove, Enrique Ordinola, Melissa Scarpelli, Lauren Webb, Ryan Miller, Dale Wolff