

9:00 Worship

Gathering

§ Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship

* Praise Songs Open the Eyes of my Heart
 Worthy is the Lamb

Call and Prayer of Confession

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

* Passing the Peace of Christ

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Isaiah 40:28-31

Conversation with Children

Second Reading Luke 15:25-32

Sermon Invitation to Mercy

Responding to the Word

* Offering How Great is our God

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Gluten-free bread and non-fermented wine

Going Out to Serve

* Closing Song Only Jesus

* Charge and Benediction

*Please join us in Fellowship Hall.
Today's refreshments are hosted by the
Nominating Committee.*

Bold lettering signifies congregational participation.

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

§ Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along.

11:00 Worship

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Tower Bells

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Prelude

Dawn Hymn
Hovhaness

* Introit O Savior of the World

* Call to Worship

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God!

The LORD of all does not grow weary.

Wisdom is beyond measure.

Strength is given to the weary, and power to the weak.

Those who trust in the LORD will rise up like eagles!

With grace and peace in Jesus Christ,

let us worship the LORD our God!

* Hymn 4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Call and Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

we confess that we have turned from you

in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds.

We have not loved you with our whole heart

or our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us, cleanse us, and renew us

through our silent prayers of confession ...

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Conversation with Children

* Psalm 32

Third Reading Luke 15:25-32

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Responding to the Word

* Hymn 214 You Are My Refuge, Faithful God

* Affirmation of Faith

Offering O Lord, Increase My Faith
Gibbons

O Lord, increase my faith, strengthen me and confirm me
in thy true faith: endue me with wisdom, charity and
patience, in all my adversity, sweet Jesus, say Amen.

Prayers for the World and the Lord's Prayer

Going Out to Serve

* Hymn 724 O Jesus, I Have Promised

* Charge and Benediction

* Response In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Postlude Dialogue
de Grigny

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Leadership – David Forney, Reghan Harms, Jay Sanderford

Director of Music – Jeremy Thompson

Officer of the Day – Shelley Matthews

Ushers 9:00 – Allen Bailey and Michael Kidd

11:00 – Bill Carswell, Pat Johnson Joel Loving,
Cary Moon, Kirk Pilkington

We warmly welcome and encourage children to participate in worship as they are vital members of the family of God. To help, we have worship bags at the Sanctuary entrances. We also have safe and welcoming childcare for children under age 3, located in Room 127 on the Ground Level.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of all our Soup Kitchen Volunteers.

Prayer & Care Needs

Those Living with Cancer

John Wehmann; Bill McChesney; Jason Schenck

Those Coping with Life & Health Challenges

Downing Miller; Jeannie Pauley; Ginny Lindsey; Pat Wood;
Asa Peeples, nephew of Ginny Howard-Smith Peeples;
Libby Brown, mother of Amy Richardson; Mary Hamrick's
daughter-in-law, Lynne Hamrick; Pat and Ed Davis

Those Serving in the Military

Nate Titus and Patrick A. Keller, grandson and son of Barbara
and Andy Keller; Nick Brannen, nephew of Susan Carl;
Brian S. Hartless, nephew of Marie Hartless; Mark Roberts,
son-in-law of Anne Sloop; Daniel Strunk, son of Ray Strunk

Bulletin Cover Art: Rembrandt's "The Return of the Prodigal Son" is a masterful depiction of grace and reconciliation. The prodigal son kneels in tattered clothing, his shaved head and bare feet revealing his destitution. His aged father, embodying mercy, gently embraces him in a tender welcome. To the right, the elder brother stands rigid, his fine robes and upright posture reflecting his self-righteousness and resentment. His hands are clasped in judgment, unwilling to share in his father's joy. The painting's interplay of light and shadow emphasizes the father's unconditional love, contrasting it with the brother's cold disapproval, reinforcing the parable's lesson on forgiveness and God grace we see revealed in Jesus Christ.



Online Offering

Give an offering on our website.

Today at First Pres

- 9:00 Worship
10:00 Fellowship and Classes
2s & 3s, Room 128
4s-Kindergarten, Room 131
1st-2nd Grade, Room 129
3rd-5th Grade, Room 215
Middle and High School, Room 140
Faith & Family, Room 216
Difficult Words of Jesus: Nowhere Among the
Gentiles, *Agape Class, Led by David Forney*
Creating a Culture of Respect, *Chapel,*
Led by Drs. Peg Plews Ogan & Greg Townsend
11:00 Worship
12:00 Fellowship
Arts Subcommittee, *Office Conference Room*
12:15 Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering, *Agape Hall*

Upcoming at First Pres

- April 6 Get to Know First Pres Class, 10:00am, *Library*
April 13 Palm Sunday Services, 9:00am & 11:00am
April 17 Maundy Thursday Service, 5:30pm
April 18 Good Friday Service, 7:00 pm
April 20 Easter Sunday Services, 9:00am & 11:00am



Announcements

Find out more about what's happening
at First Pres.



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Sunday, March 30, 2025



"The Return of the Prodigal Son"
by Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn