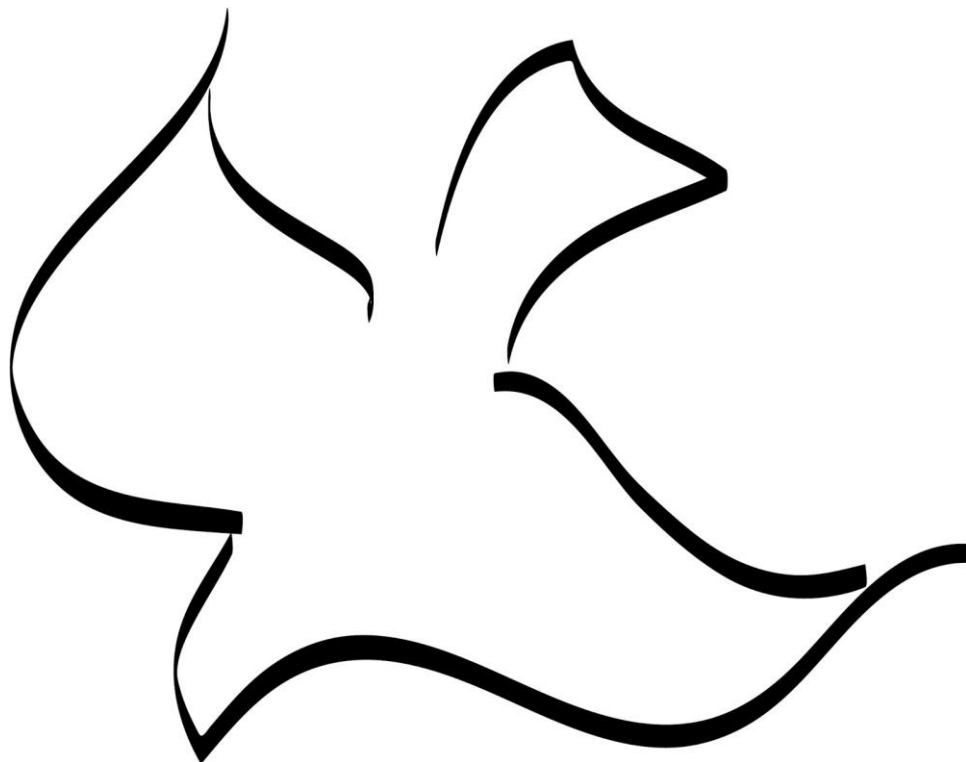


# First Presbyterian Church

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## Our Vision Statement

“To provide a ministry which will lead people to strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ and reach out with God’s love.”

**23rd Sunday after Pentecost  
Reformation Sunday  
Worship & Music Recognition Sunday  
October 27, 2024**

## **GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD**

**Prelude** *Morning* Edvard Grieg

**Greeting and Announcements** **Opening Sentences**

**Worship & Music Recognition** Julia Schwomeyer

**\*Doxology** - all to sing No. 592

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Praise**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times,

**People: God’s praise will always be on my lips.**

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the Lord,

**People; let the humble hear and rejoice.**

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me,

**People: let us exalt God’s name together!**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**\*Opening Hymn** [“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”](#)

**\*Call to Confession**

Leader: It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

**\*Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

**Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. Heal us of our blindness, O Lord, for it is a blindness we have chosen. We close our eyes when faced with suffering of the world, turn our gaze away from the needs of our neighbors, and blur our faces in the mirror, lest we recognize your**

image. Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. Heal us of our blindness, and open our eyes to the beauty of your grace.

*A Time of Silent Prayer*

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. God's grace and mercy are never ending. This is good news!

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

**\*Response of Praise**-all to sing "Gloria Patri" No. 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

**\*We Share God's Peace**

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*(You are invited to share God's peace as you greet those around you.)*

**Special Music** *Adagio* from *Sonata in A-flat* Josef Haydn

**LISTENING FOR THE WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament Reading** [Job 42:1-6, 10-17](#) (NRSV)

**Hymn** (seated) "Jesus Loves Me" No. 304

*Jesus loves me! This I know. For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

**Children's Message**

*(Children grades K-8 may be dismissed to Sunday School)*

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

[Hebrews 7:23-28](#) (NRSV)

Sermon

**"For All Time"**

*The Lord restored*  
The Rev. M. Rex Espiritu

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

Prayers of the People...The Lord's Prayer ('debts' and debtors')

**BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**\*Sending Hymn** "[This Is My Father's World](#)"

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude** *Go Down Moses* arr. Shackley

*(We invite you to remain seated through the Postlude.)*

**\*Indicates that those who are able may stand.**

**Lectionary readings for November 3, 2024**

Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146  
Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34