



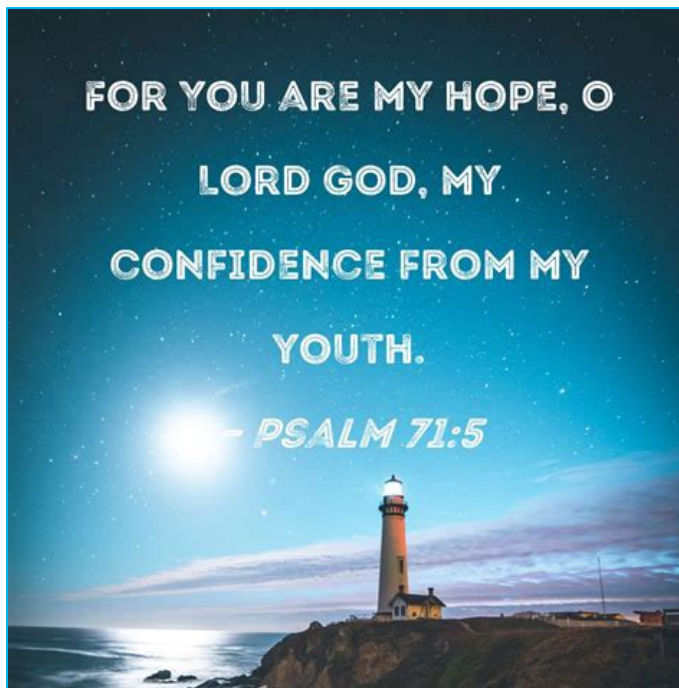
First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 2, 2025



Seeking the Faith – Sharing the Spirit – Serving God’s People

You are invited to join us on our journey of faith! We seek to serve God, to minister to our community, and to love one another. Help us in our quest to become an ever more inclusive church that welcomes all people from all backgrounds, abilities, and identities. Come and experience the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.



Order of Worship

Prayer in Preparation

God of life, death, and resurrection, we are grateful for life and all its gifts. Increase in us the stuff that life is made of- faith, hope, and love- but especially love, that we may abide with you eternally through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prelude

Tell Me the Story

arr. Anthony Burger

Gathering for Worship

Leader: Our hope is in God all of our lives. God is a rock of refuge: a fortress against threat and shame. In love, God saves and supports us.

All: Let us worship God.

*Hymn #336

We Gather Together

*Call to Confession

Leader: Trust in the One who made us and redeems us.
Let us confess our sin.

*Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us pray.

All: God of life, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end. Forgive us and heal us, dear God, through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate. Amen.

**Please stand as you are able*

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: God has loved us from the beginning, and God's love for us will never end. Do not fear, therefore, but have faith in God's steadfast love, God's healing power, and God's ability to make all things new.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Giving of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you!

***Response #582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

(sing twice)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.



Children's Sermon:

Story Time!

Prayer for Illumination

Reader: Spirit of life, open our hearts and enter in, that hearing your words of love, we may become your love for others. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 71:1-6 (OT p. 532)

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb.

My praise is continually of you.

Special Music

The Calling of God

Kyungmin Son

New Testament Lesson

Luke 4:21-30 (NT p. 61)

Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of the Word:

True, That

***Hymn #188**

Jesus Loves Me!

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: "Friends, this is the joyful feast... ..to share the feast he has prepared."

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

...we lift our hearts with joyful praise:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Minister: We praise you, most holy God, for sending your only Son Jesus...

...and believe that when he comes in glory, we will celebrate victory with him.

Words of Institution

Minister: We thank you that on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

"Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

(The bread is distributed.)

Minister: In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

(The cup is distributed.)

Conclusion of the Prayer

Minister: Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this cup and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Minister: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us... forever and ever.

All: Amen.

Covenant Box

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: Friends, let us love not only in our words, but also in our deeds through the tithes and offerings we give today.

Offertory

Quietude

Dennis Alexander

***#606 Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: O God, bless these gifts that we have been given as expressions of our love for you and our neighbors, that they may bring closer to fulfillment your reign of peace and love; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer and Congregational Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Minister: We give thanks to God for these blessings.

All: Thanks be to God!

Minister: For all these people and all who are in need

All: Please hold your people near, O God!

Minister: God inspires us to pray, hears our prayers, and answers our prayers.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

Minister: Let us pray... *Silent Prayer*

Minister: Let us pray together...
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn #821**

My Life Flows On

Announcements

Blessing

Minister: Now may the grace of God, the love of Christ,
and the friendship of the Holy Spirit go with us all.

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. Heather Sorenson

A Moment for Reflection:



Worship Assistants

Beth Malmquist- Greeter
Jane Swanson- Worship Assistant
Jiyeon Lee- Accompanist
Elwood Prest- AV Tech

Rob Jensen- Head Usher
Ann Warner- Scripture Reader
Kathy Manfredi- Zoom Greeter
Jaemin Park and Hyejin Lee-Special Music

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary and via Zoom
Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall (Hosts: Phyllis Beck and Jill Hertzling)

FEBRUARY 4, 2025

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

FEBRUARY 5, 2025

10:00 am Bible Study with Bill and J. P.
3:30 pm Bible Study with Pastor Kerry via Zoom
6:30 pm Bible Study with Judy Beyler

FEBRUARY 9, 2025

10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary and via Zoom
Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall (Hosts: Rob and Melissa Jensen)

Pastor Kerry's Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 10:00 am-1:00 pm

If you would like a visit—or if you know someone who needs a visit— please let Pastor Kerry or one of the Deacons know.

There is no regret in God's calling, even though I cannot see.
 It is a calling that I stand here now, it is a calling from the Lord.
 There is no mistake in God's calling, even though I cannot feel.
 I believe in God, who is faithfulness and his calling out to me.
 I don't know the plan of God for me who is not enough to serve.
 I will walk God's Road with thankfulness and with humble obedience.
 By the time when I'm not strong enough, God is always there for me.
 I will trust and live in God's plan which is indescribable.
 The meaning of calling is much bigger than I thought, and the plan is for me.
 I can't measure it with my own wisdom.
 I trust God is leading to the best and complete way.
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 I believe in God leading me today.
 Praise the faithful Lord!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church School meets downstairs in rooms 041 and 043. Parents can pick up their children after the service by using the stairway near Fellowship Hall. Enter the double wooden doors by the water fountains, go down the stairs and turn right to go through another set of doors. The classrooms will be on your right.

CHOIR! Bring your voice and let's sing! Join us in Fellowship Hall Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 6:00 pm. All are welcome. For more information, contact Deb Burris (musicdirector@firstprescdale.org).

Dinner Group will meet at the Flame for fellowship and food February 20, 2025, at 5:30 pm. If you plan to attend, please email Jill (jillhertzing@aol.com).

Laundry Project has been selected for the Neighborhood Co-op's Wooden Nickel Program!
 From now until March 31, take a reusable bag or container when shopping at the Co-op to receive a wooden nickel, then drop the wooden nickel in the box by the register. For each wooden nickel placed in the box, the Co-op will donate 5¢ to the Laundry Project. The Co-op will match up to \$250 per organization and pass along any monetary donations. When we participated in 2023, we received \$475 in donations from this program!

Please, as you are able, continue to contribute financially to the life and ministry of the church through Sunday offerings, direct deposit, by sending checks in the mail, online at <http://www.firstprescdale.org> or by scanning this QR code with your smartphone camera.



Joys and Concerns

Remember to Pray for:

- Those affected by natural disasters, threats of terrorism, mass shootings, and hate crimes
- Our National, State, Regional, and Community Leaders
- Areas of the world at war, peace in the Middle East
- Our Democracy in the face of social unrest and political polarization
- Transgender community and others under attack legislatively
- Those who are homeless, hungry, marginalized, underrepresented and in harm's way
- Military Service Members

Each week we pray for one of the Carbondale Interfaith Council faith communities.

This week, please pray for: **Gaia House Interfaith Center**

The Mission/Ministry we are praying for this month: **Fellowship**

Household Prayer: Morning

God, you have given me the gift of another day; may I live it in gratitude.
Help me to be loving to others, to Earth, and to myself, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Holy One, help me to see you in each moment of love.
When I fall short, be patient and kind, help me to feel your patience and kindness toward me,
and give me peace, as I give this day back to you. Amen.

#336

We Gather Together

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1 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

3 We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

#582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (sing twice)

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Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall
be. Amen.

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me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me. Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong
fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. Rescue me, O my God, from the
hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, from my youth. Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who
took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

Translation of Special Music Selection *The Calling of God*

Kyungmin Son

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There is no mistake in God's calling, even though I cannot feel.
I believe in God, who is faithfulness and his calling out to me.
I don't know the plan of God for me who is not enough to serve.
I will walk God's Road with thankfulness and with humble obedience.
By the time when I'm not strong enough, God is always there for me.
I will trust and live in God's plan which is indescribable.
The meaning of calling is much bigger than I thought, and the plan is for me.
I can't measure it with my own wisdom.
I trust God is leading to the best and complete way.
I believe in God leading me today.
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Praise the faithful Lord!

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#188 *Jesus Loves Me*
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1 Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." [Refrain]

#821 *My Life Flows On*
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1 My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

2 Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]