

We pray for needs closer to home, for our own community. As pleasant autumn days give way to the cold of coming winter, we ask that you open our eyes to the needs that are on our very doorstep. **May we see those whose names are known to you and offer compassion and goodwill.**

We pray for victims of violence. We pray for all who practice the healing arts, for their endurance and for their wellbeing.

We pray as well for ourselves, for our own material and spiritual needs.

Where our members suffer from illness and affliction, **grant your healing touch, bringing wholeness.**

For any in our midst who suffer from mental and emotional illness, or addiction,

give us understanding and compassion.

For those who are grieving,

may we be a source of comfort.

For those who are lonely, **may we be a place of friendship, a warm haven where love is shared.**

We offer these and all of our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray together saying:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE 489 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

CARL ADCOCK

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

The abundance of God's providing is evident: This world brims with goodness, amply offered that our needs may be met. From this abundance, we may take what we need. In recognition of what God has provided us, let us worship God with our tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY *Answer to the Call*

MARY MCDONALD

* DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, you have given us what we need, indeed you have given us more than we need. Accept this portion that we dedicate to your work. Grant that we might be blessed in turn as we see your reign at work in the world and in ourselves. Amen.

SENDING FORTH TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

* BENEDICTION

* SENDING FORTH (*FWS 2281*)

May you run and not be weary,
may your heart be filled with song.

And may the love of God continue

to give you hope and keep you strong.

And may you run and not be weary.

May your life be filled with joy!

And may the road you travel always lead you home.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRAYS FOR:

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS: Peggy Burger, Brenda Long, Peggy Snell, John Marks, Diane Steinmeier.

PRAYERS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: Chris McDaniel, nephew of Mavis under going surgery on his foot. John, Steven, Judy, Debbie, family of Yolanda Garcia. Paul Vega, friend's son of Yolanda Garcia. Laura Nurse, daughter of Mary Massingill. Lee Smith, brother of Rick McDowell. Stephanie, friend of Karen Copple.

Prayers for this church in transition.

Many thanks to the congregational care team for their ministries of care, including updating prayer concerns.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY:

Guest Preacher: Gary Terrell

Liturgist: Liz Staggs

Pianist: Spencer Hartman

Director of Music: Alexa Brown

Violinist: Francisco Villarroel



**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
LUBBOCK**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 12, 2023 10:30 AM**

As a church family, we strive to connect people to God and to one another as we follow Christ



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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE PHILIP P BLISS ARR. PETER HILLARD
It Is Well with My Soul

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Not one sparrow will fall to the ground apart from their Creator.
God tells us we are of more value than many sparrows.
God knows us and loves us.
Even the hairs of our head are all counted.
We praise you, O God!
Grateful are we for your love and care!

* HYMN OF PRAISE 56

Sing Praise to God Who Reign Above

CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Before we hear the Word read and proclaimed, let us prepare our hearts through the confession of our individual and collective sins.
You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate. Forgive our fear and our excuses. We are witnesses of your grace and glory but allow others to silence our praise. We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame and fail to shine your light for all to see. Forgive our fears. Free our testimony. Help us be your faithful disciples. Amen.
(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. Amen.
Let us offer one another signs of peace and reconciliation.

* PASS THE PEACE

* GLORIA 733 *Glory Be to the Father*

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Savior God, your Word is a lamp to our feet on this discipleship road. Walk with us. Guide us with your wisdom and grace. Open us to discerning your will and your way. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM PSALM 69: 7-18



If you love me, come and answer me; O turn to me, O God.

Surely it is for your sake that I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.
I have become a stranger to my kindred, an alien to my mother's children.
Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

REFRAIN

When I humbled my soul with fasting, they insulted me for doing so.
When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them.
Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,
And the drunkards make songs about me. REFRAIN
But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O Lord:
"In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.
Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.
Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me. REFRAIN
Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind;
In your great compassion, turn to me.
Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me." REFRAIN

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ROMANS 6: 1B-11

GOSPEL LESSON MATTHEW 10: 24-39

SERMON *Becoming Fully Yourself*

MEDITATION *Rich in Promise* MARK SEDIO

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 350 *The Summons*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Eternal God, from age to age, you have made yourself known to us. You have reached out to us so often, so persistently, we know of your love for us from so many sources just as we know we may draw near to you with the needs of our hearts. **And so we do, not as distant followers held at arm's length, but as your beloved children, held close.**

So it is that we pray to you this morning with our concerns. For world affairs beyond our control, **we pray your mercy.** Keep us mindful of the people of Ukraine, who continue to endure grinding war.

For the people of Israel and Gaza, **we pray for peace, knowing that you alone are the source of shalom, peaceable kingdom.** For those in harm's way, **we pray for protection.**

We pray awareness and grace for ourselves that we may learn forgiveness in the face of enmity and prejudice. **Teach us how we may serve you more fully in ways we cannot even imagine.**