

"Our Father in Heaven,
Hallowed Be Your Name"



First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 2nd, 2026

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Minister: **The Reverend Marianne Emig Carr**

Director of Music: **Kathleen Howard**

Reader: **Mark Leslie**

Welcome to worship! Thank you for joining us from wherever you are! In-person services of worship continue, with online options available for those who are more comfortable worshipping from home.

Information for In-Person Worship

- * **ACCESSIBLE WASHROOM FACILITIES** for all people are available **on the Sanctuary level**. These washrooms are found through the doors behind the Choir Loft - right turn - straight ahead. Please feel free to use these washrooms whenever necessary!
- * **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** – There is no Children's Ministry in August. Church School will resume on Sunday, September 13th.
- * **HEARING IN THE SANCTUARY** - First Church has available a system of FM RECEIVERS and HEADSETS. They are for use by those who find it difficult to hear in the Sanctuary. If you would like to use one this morning, visit our Sound Technician.
- * **COFFEE HOUR** – There is no Coffee Hour on Sundays in August. Coffee Hour will resume on Sunday, September 13th, 2026. To volunteer to host, bake or bring food to any coffee hour sign the sheet in the Church Hall or call Tamara Chapman.

ASSISTING YOU THIS MORNING

Greeter: **Janice Walroth** Elevator: **Bob Walroth**
Sound and Video Team – **Quentin Robinson, Kade LeBrun**
Michel LaBonte and Mark Leslie



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the people of God gather....

The Organ Prelude
The Piano Prelude

Fugue
Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Johann Pachelbel
arr. Cindy Berry

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship God

Minister: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: We gather to praise the holy name of God.

Minister: From the smallest child to the farthest star, creation sings God's glory.

People: We come to worship the One who calls us beloved.

Minister: Let us worship God together.

Opening Hymn # 407: Praise, my soul, the King of heaven *Words & Music: Public domain*

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
glorious in his faithfulness.

3. Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
widely as his mercy flows.

4. Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone,

but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise the high eternal One.

5. Angels, help us to adore him,
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space,
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise with us the God of grace.

Prayer As We Approach God

Minister: Holy and loving God, you are beyond our imagining, yet closer than our breath.

People: You invite us to call you our Father, drawing us into relationship, community, and grace.

Minister: You have crowned us with glory and honour.

People: O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Prayer of Confession

Minister: Parenting God, your name is holy, yet we confess that we do not always honour you in our words or actions.

People: We confess the times we have used careless speech, ignored our neighbours, or lived as though we belonged only to ourselves.

Minister: Forgive us, O God.

People: Renew our hearts and teach us again how to live as your children. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Minister: Hear the good news: God's mercy is wider than every failing and deeper than every fear. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and made new. Thanks be to God.

A Message for Our Children & Youth

What's In A Name?

Minister: Good morning, everyone! I know most everyone here this morning, and I know your names! Does anyone know why your parents chose your name? Sometimes people are named after a grandparent or another family member. Sometimes parents simply choose a name because they love it. Our names are important. When someone knows your name, it

means they know *you*. If I called everyone "Hey, you!" instead of using your names, it would not be very nice, would it?

Today we are talking about the very beginning of the Lord's Prayer: **"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."** That word **"hallowed"** is a funny old word. It means **holy, special, or honoured**. Remember the word "Halloween"? That word is based on "hallowed" or honoured. God's name is special because God is special. But here is something even more amazing. God knows **your** name.

The Bible tells us that God made each one of us and loves each one of us. Even though there are billions of people in the world, God knows your name, just like your parents do. When we pray, "Hallowed be your name," we are saying, "God, we love you. We respect you. We want everyone to know how wonderful you are." We honour God because God is loving, kind, faithful, and always with us.

And here is one more thing to remember. If God's name is holy and special, then the people God loves are special too. That means we should treat one another with kindness and respect, because every person is precious to God. So, the next time you pray the Lord's Prayer and say, **"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,"** remember that God knows your name, loves you, and invites you to know and love God too.

Prayer:

Minister: Dear God, thank you for knowing each of us by name. Thank you for loving us like a loving parent. Help us to honour your name by being kind and loving to others every day. Amen.

Hymn # 290:

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

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1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
and wither, and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: oh help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

to hear God's word

Prayer for Insight and Understanding

Mark: Holy God, as your Word is read and proclaimed, open our hearts to hear your truth. Teach us to pray, to trust, and to follow you faithfully. Amen.

Psalms 8 (read responsively)

Mark: O Lord, our God,

People: how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Mark: Your splendor is chanted above the heavens by the mouths of babe and infants

People: you have set up a defense against your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

Mark: when I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

People: what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Mark: Yet you have made them a little lower than the angels,

People: and crowned them with glory and honour.

Mark: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

People: you have put all things under their feet,

Mark: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

People: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

Mark: O Lord, our God,

People: how majestic is your name in all the earth!

The Scripture Lesson

Matthew 6: 9 and Luke 11: 2a

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In Matthew 6 we read - “This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name... Then in Luke 11 2(a) we again read - Jesus said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father ...

Mark: For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God within us, and for the word of God around us.

People: Thanks be to God.

Piano Solo:

Blessed Assurance

arr. Mark Hayes

Pianist: Kathleen Howard

The Meditation

“Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed Be Your Name”

For the month of August, we will be reflecting on the prayer Jesus taught his disciples - the prayer we know as the Lord’s Prayer. It is a prayer that many of us could recite from memory. We pray in worship, around hospital beds, at weddings, funerals, and family tables. Sometimes we say the Lord’s Prayer slowly and thoughtfully; often we pray it from memory almost without thinking. Yet every phrase of this prayer is rich with meaning. Jesus was not simply giving his followers words to repeat. He was teaching them - and us - how to pray and how to live.

Today we begin with the opening words: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.” These few words tell us who God is, who we are, and what matters most, starting with the very first word - Our. Jesus did not teach his disciples to say, “my Father.” Instead, he taught them (and us) to pray, “Our Father.” From the very first word, Jesus tells us that prayer becomes something larger than ourselves. Whenever we pray the Lord’s Prayer, we are reminded that we belong to a family. We pray alongside Christians in every country, every language, every culture, and every generation. We pray with those who worship in magnificent cathedrals and those who gather in houses or tents. We pray with those who are joy-filled and those who are grieving. We pray with believers who have gone before us and those who will come after us. The word “*our*” reminds us to look beyond our own concerns. Even when we pray alone, we are never praying only for ourselves but praying as part of Christ’s body. This little word also reminds us that no one “owns” God. God is not *my* God, not *my* property. God is *our* God - the Creator of all and the One whose love reaches beyond every human-made boundary.

Then Jesus invites us to say something astonishing: “Father.” For us, this language has become familiar, but in Jesus’ day it was revolutionary. The people of Israel certainly knew God as Creator, King, Shepherd, Deliverer, and Holy One. There are places in the Old Testament where God is described as a father to Israel, but individual prayers rarely addressed God so personally. Jesus changes that perception. He invites ordinary people - fishermen, tax collectors, women, children, slaves - to approach the Creator of the universe with the

intimacy and trust of a child. Not because God has become less holy. But because God has drawn near to us in love. Many scholars suggest that Jesus probably used the Aramaic word *Abba* - a word expressing deep trust and closeness. It is not childish, but neither is it distant or formal. It reflects the confidence of a loving parental relationship.

Not everyone has had a positive experience with an earthly father. Some of us have known absence, disappointment, abuse, or grief. Because of that, the image of “father” can be difficult for many. But Jesus is not telling us to project our human experiences onto God. Rather, Jesus encourages us to look to God as the ideal of perfect parenthood. God’s love is faithful where human love sometimes fails. God is patient. God is compassionate. God forgives. God never abandons us. God welcomes us home. When Jesus says “Father,” he is pointing us toward the God whose love is more dependable than any earthly relationship.

Then comes the phrase: “In heaven.” Many people imagine heaven as a place far away - somewhere beyond the sky. But in Scripture, heaven is not simply God’s mailing address. It is God’s realm - the place from which God’s reign extends over all creation. When we say, “Our Father in heaven”, we are reminded that God is both near and beyond us. God is close enough to be called Father, yet majestic enough to fling the stars across the universe. It also reminds us that the realm of God is here and now among us, not something that is somewhere in the distant future.

Our Psalm for today, Psalm 8 captures that beautifully. The psalmist looks into the night sky and marvels: *When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established, what are humans that you are mindful of them?*” Psalm 8 invites us to recall that the God who holds the universe also knows every one of us by name and hears our prayers. God’s majesty does not make God less interested in us. Instead, it makes God’s love even more remarkable.

Finally, Jesus teaches us to pray, “Hallowed be your name.” This is probably the phrase we use least in everyday conversation. To *hallow* means to honour, to revere, to treat as holy. In Jesus’ example of prayer, before we pray for ourselves, we pause to remember who God is. When Moses asked God’s name at the burning bush, God revealed God’s name as YHWH, or “I AM WHO I AM.” In Judaism, God’s name is so sacred that it is not spoken aloud. God’s name reflects God’s faithfulness, mercy, justice, and eternal presence. To pray, “Hallowed be your name,” is not simply to avoid misusing God’s name. Instead, it is a prayer that God’s character would be honoured everywhere, and that our own lives would reflect God’s holiness. In other words, we are praying, “Lord, may our words and decisions honour your name. May the way I treat my neighbours honour your name. May our congregations honour your name.”

That changes how we think about prayer. Prayer is not simply asking God to bless our plans. Prayer is allowing God to shape us into people whose lives bring honour to God’s name. We often begin our prayers carrying long lists of worries - health concerns, family struggles,

financial pressures, and world conflicts. This is completely normal – these concerns matter, and Jesus invites us to bring every one of them to God in prayer. But first, Jesus reminds us to whom we are praying - that we are praying to the Creator whose glory fills the heavens. The loving Father who knows us completely. The holy God whose name deserves our worship. When we begin there, our problems do not necessarily disappear, but we can see them in the light of God's greatness and God's love.

Psalm 8 begins and ends with the same words: *“O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”* Jesus teaches us to approach God in prayer with awe, trust, and worship. And then, from that place of confidence, we continue through the rest of the prayer. As we reflect on the Lord's Prayer over these coming weeks, may these opening words never become routine. May *“Our Father”* remind us that we all belong to God's family. May *“in heaven”* remind us that the Creator of the universe is greater than all our fears. And may *“hallowed be your name”* become not only the first words of our prayers, but the deepest desire of our lives - that in all we say and do, God's holy name may be honoured. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Blessing the Word in our Lives

Minister: Almighty God, your name is holy and your love is near. Help us to honour you not only with our words, but with our lives. Through your word read and proclaimed, shape us into people who reflect your compassion, mercy, and grace each day. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn # 660:

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire

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1. Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
uttered or unexpressed,
the motion of a hidden fire,
that trembles in the breast.
2. Prayer is the simplest form of speech
that infant lips can try,
prayer the sublimest strains that reach
the Majesty on high.
3. Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice,
returning to the way,
while angels in their songs rejoice,
and cry, “Behold, they pray.”
4. Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,

the Christian's native air;
our watchward at the gates of death,
we enter heaven with prayer.

5. O thou, by whom we come to God,
the Life, the Truth, the Way,
the path of prayer thyself hast trod:
Lord, teach us how to pray.

Responding in love with thanksgiving

Prayers of the People, the Lord's Prayer and Choral Amen

Minister: Loving and holy God, we come before you with gratitude and wonder, for you are the Creator of heaven and earth, yet you call each one of us your beloved children. When we look at the vastness of the skies, the beauty of creation, and the mystery of life itself, we are reminded of your greatness and your care. We give thanks to you for times of relaxation and renewal during the summer season, for opportunities to gather with family and friends and enjoy the wonders of lakes, beaches, rivers, and parks around us. We pray for your world. Where your holy name is dishonoured through violence, cruelty, hatred, or greed, bring healing and transformation. Where people are treated as less than human because of race, gender, sexuality, poverty, disability, nationality, or religion, remind us that every person is created in your image and worthy of dignity and love. Heavenly Parent,

People: hear our prayer.

Minister: We pray for your church throughout the world. Help us to reflect your holiness not only in our worship, but also in the ways we live, speak, and serve. May our congregations become places of welcome, compassion, justice, and hope. Heavenly Parent,

People: hear our prayer.

Minister: We pray for families and communities. Strengthen relationships strained by conflict or distance. Bring comfort to those who are lonely, grieving, or overwhelmed. Surround children and youth with encouragement and care and guide elders with peace and strength. Heavenly Parent,

People: hear our prayer.

Minister: We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We remember those living with illness, chronic pain, anxiety, depression, or fear. We think of those struggling with poverty, lack of food, or affordable housing. We pray for caregivers, medical workers, counsellors, and all who offer support and healing. Heavenly Parent,

People: hear our prayer.

Minister: We pray for ourselves. Teach us to honour your holy name in our daily lives. May our words reflect kindness, our actions reflect mercy, and our lives reflect your love. Let us take a moment of silence to pray for those who are most on our hearts today....(silence).
Heavenly Parent,

People: hear our prayer.

Minister: Hear these prayers, along with the quiet prayers of our hearts, which we offer in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together, saying:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The People's Offering for the Work of Christ's Church

Invitation to the Offering

Minister: God has blessed us richly with life, grace, and community. In gratitude, let us offer our gifts for the work of God's realm on earth.

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Offering Praise Song

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

Minister: Holy God, receive these gifts and use them for your purposes in the world. May our offering reflect our love for you and our care for our neighbours. Amen.

Sending Hymn # 784:

Thy kingdom come

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1. Thy kingdom come - on bended knee
the passing ages pray,
and faithful souls have yearned to see
on earth that kingdom's day.

2. But the slow watches of the night
not less to God belong,
and for the everlasting right
the silent stars are strong.

3. And lo! already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear;
gird up you loins, O prophet souls;
proclaim the day is near:

4. the day in whose clear shining light
all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be clothed with might,
and every hurt be healed,

5. when knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
shall walk the earth abroad,
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God.

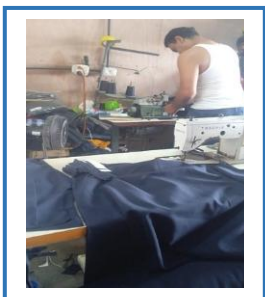
The Benediction and Choral Amen

Minister: Go now in peace, honouring the holy name of God in all you say and do. And may the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you today and always. Amen.

The Organ Postlude The Piano Postlude

The Trumpet of Faith To God Be the Glory

Lani Smith
arr. Larry Shackley



When someone has a stable career they are less likely to move from their place of origin to seek work. That was the case for Eliezer Israel Cortez, a 24-year-old in Nicaragua, who participated in an entrepreneurial skills initiative supported by PWS&D and its partner, INPRHU. Previously, Eliezer repaired clothing with his mother, who taught him how to sew. However, he aspired to be more than a tailor, which pushed him to develop a strong branding strategy focused on personalization and quality. Today, at Israel Tailoring, he designs, makes and sells garments tailored to his customers' preferences.

Participating in the entrepreneurial skills program transformed Eliezer's life. No longer at risk of migrating in search of work, he is now well-placed to earn an income from clothes of his own design.

A Mission Moment from The PCC

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

RALLY and CAMP SUNDAY

September 6th, 2026 - St. Lawrence Park Upper Level at 11 am.

The congregation is invited to enjoy outdoor worship and a picnic luncheon as we begin a new and exciting church year! You need to bring your lunch, your chair and your enthusiasm. Worship, fun and fellowship provided! Parking is available in the parking lot south of King Street. A shuttle service will take you to the event site if you require it. In the event of rain, we will be in the Church. Plan to come and begin the year together!

Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity*

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Colossians 3:15



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Mondays – 10 am. to 4:30 pm.

Tuesdays – 10 am. to 4:30 pm.

Wednesdays – 10 am. to 4:30 pm.

Thursdays – 10 am. to 4:30 pm.

Fridays – 10 am. to 1:30 pm.

It is a good idea to call the office to make sure Office Marianne is not at an appointment.

Available this morning on the table
at the rear of the Sanctuary

**Copies of the AUGUST PRAYER
CALENDAR** – Please take a copy home!

Happy Birthday – August 1st to 8th

ROGER BURKE – August 1st

CHEVY PERKINS – August 1st

PERSEPHONE ANTONIOU – August 2nd

FRANKIE CHAPMAN – August 3rd

BRIAN BARNES – August 3rd

BARRY CARR – August 5th

KATHLEEN HOWARD – August 6th

SERVICES of WORSHIP in the Summer Months

Sundays, August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Minister: The Reverend Marianne Emig Carr
First Presbyterian Church
at First Presbyterian Church - 11 am.

Rally Sunday, September 6th
at St. Lawrence Park - 11 am.

Minister: The Reverend Marianne Emig Carr

During the month of August, the congregations of First Baptist Church and First Presbyterian

Church will come together to worship at First Presbyterian Church at 11 am. In August, First Church will provide the volunteers and produce the bulletin, outreach deliveries, and the prayer calendar. A note about givings: The loose collection in August will remain with First Presbyterian Church. Etransfers will be available as usual, and envelopes can be left at the church office during the week.



Today, August 2nd is LOAVES & FISHES Sunday

Our Church supports the work of this restaurant with our donations of money and time. This ministry assists so many and we are thankful to be a part of it. Donations of food can be left in the basket at the rear of the Sanctuary or delivered to the Church

Office (white and chocolate cake mixes and coffee are always great choices) during the week. Donations of money are welcome in your regular offering envelopes or online donations. Please mark envelopes clearly. Thank you!