

## Welcome to First Pres SLO!

We are a Christian community in the heart of this city, open to all people seeking Christ's touch and blessing. A healthy church is built on a foundation of Jesus Christ, and expressed through *fellowship, worship, discipleship* and *mission*. As God's church we exist to fellowship sincerely, worship actively, grow in our knowledge and understanding of Jesus, and to offer ourselves in service to this community and the world.

Welcome—we're glad you've decided to join us today.

### In worship we...

Praise the Lord in song, blending old and new and in-between  
Profess our faith in God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Confess our sins and receive words of pardon  
Hear the Word of God proclaimed in preaching  
Offer prayers of petition and thanks  
Share freely in the sacraments: communion and baptism  
Give gifts of time and financial resources in support of the church's work.

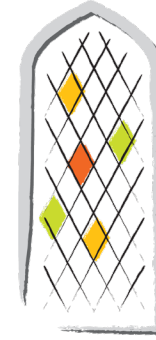
### An Invitation to Prayer

Prayer is a dynamic and vital part of our journey of faith in Jesus Christ. We pray, not as we shop for goods—with a list in hand and limited funds to spend—but rather as faithful people bringing our lives before God, whose love and power and resources have no end. In prayer we learn to align our vision and desires with those of God himself, and in the process become mature disciples, ready for service.

*We invite you to join us in this journey of discovery!*

### Please pray:

For the vision and ministry of this church  
For the specific needs of individuals and families in our community  
For the world—for peace, justice and the spread of the Gospel of Jesus.



**FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**  
*San Luis Obispo*

**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**Sunday, May 5, 2024**

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# WORSHIP AT FIRST PRES

Thank you for joining us!

## PRELUDE

Gregory Riley  
Processional on “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” arr. John A. Behnke  
*Please use this time for quiet reflection*

## WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Rev. John D’Elia

## WORSHIP IN SONG

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (#464)  
“Revelation Song”

## THE CONFESSION AND PARDON

Susan Updegrave

## NEWS OF THE CHURCH

## PRAYER

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

Jen Rabenaldt CRE

## ANTHEM

“Blessings” arr. Heather Sorenson

Choir

## OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Gregory Riley  
“Foundation” setting by Raymond H. Haan  
*Please stand as we sing the Doxology(#592)*

## WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

“Brief Statement of Faith”

## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:34-40

## MESSAGE

**God Calling:**  
“It’s A Big Deal”  
Genesis 12:1-5

Rev. John D’Elia

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S TABLE

*\*Gluten free available at all stations.  
If you prefer to stay seated, servers will bring the elements to you.*

## SONG OF COMMITMENT

“How Firm A Foundation” (#361)

## DECLARATION OF MISSION AND BLESSING

*Friends, what is our mission?*

Our mission is to glorify Jesus Christ and to be instruments of God’s healing, reconciling, life-giving presence in the world.

## POSTLUDE

Gregory Riley  
“The Lord bless you and keep you” by John Rutter trans. for solo piano

*The flowers this week were donated by Deronda and Steve Burdette  
in honor of their children.*

**Participants:** Rev. John D’Elia, Dr. Scott Glysson, Jen Rabenaldt CRE,  
Gregory Riley, Lloyd Esola, Ian Rabenaldt, Craig Updegrave,  
Enrique Ordinola, Melissa Scarpelli, Lauren Webb, Ryan Miller,  
Mike Milanesi, Susan Updegrave