

your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

- **Sermon: There's the signpost up ahead... Next stop: The Twilight Zone.**”

- **Hymn # 712 - *The Kingdom Of God Is Justice And Joy***

- **Moment for Mission**            Phil Schnering

- **Offering -**

- **Doxology**

- **Lord's Supper**

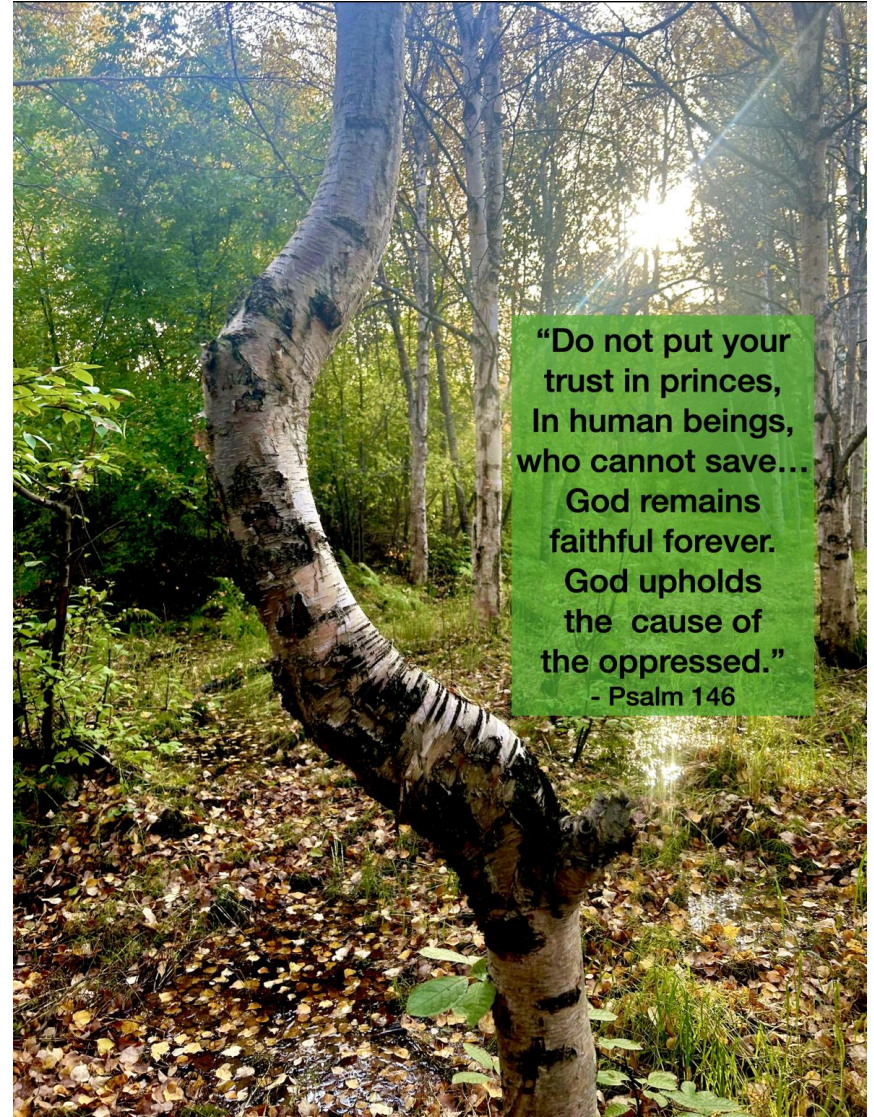
- **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

- “How is it with your soul?”

- **Hymn # 690**            *Bind Us Together*

- **Benediction**

- **Postlude**        *Voluntary in C*            Anonymous (18<sup>th</sup> Century)



“Do not put your trust in princes, In human beings, who cannot save... God remains faithful forever. God upholds the cause of the oppressed.”  
- Psalm 146

**WELCOME TO  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MORNING WORSHIP**

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Worship November 3, 2024**  
**Welcome!**



- **Prelude**      *Prelude #2 in F# Major*  
                    *By Robert Schumann*

- **Welcome, Announcements, and Invitations**

- **Call to Worship: Psalm 146 (excerpts from today's lectionary text)**

Karleen Jackson, Liturgist

Leader: Praise the Lord.

**All: Praise the Lord, my soul.**

Leader: I will praise the Lord all my life;

**All: I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes,

**All: In human beings, who cannot save.**

Leader: God remains faithful forever.

**All: God upholds the cause of the oppressed,**

Leader: gives food to the hungry,

**All: sets prisoners free,**

Leader: gives sight to the blind,

**All: lifts up those who are bowed down,**

Leader: loves the righteous,

**All: watches over the foreigner**

Leader: sustains the fatherless and the widow,

**All: and frustrates the ways of the wicked.**

Leader: Please rise, and Praise the Lord together in song.

- **Hymn #437**              *Help Us Accept Each Other*

- **Time for Reconciliation** (inspired by Matthew 22:37-39 & Mark 12:31, from the PC(USA))

Leader: Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you;

**All: You call, but we have not listened.**

Leader: We walk away from neighbors in need,

**All: wrapped up in our own concerns.**

Leader: We have gone along with evil,

**All: with pride, quarreling, and divisiveness.**

Leader: Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves,

**All: so that, as you move toward us in mercy,**

Leader: we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy;

**All: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: We pause for a moment of silence, to privately confess our sins to God, and to forgive those who have sinned against us.

**Moment of Silent Confession**

Leader: Psalm 103 teaches that God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. Because as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love for us. As far as the east is from the west, is how far God removes our transgressions from us. Sisters and brothers in Christ, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, all is forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

- **Response: Gloria Patri**

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.

- **Passing of the peace**

- **Choir Anthem**

*Just Pray*

By Shawna Edwards, arr. By Daniel Blomberg

- **Kids Time**

Pastor Matt

- **Scripture Reading - Matthew 5:1-11**

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy."

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for