

- Benediction

James Dearinger

- Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in E Minor* by J.S. Bach

The Clock Man, by Shel Silverstein
"How much will you pay for an extra day?"
The clock man asked the child.
"Not one penny," the answer came,
"For my days are as many as smiles."

"How much will you pay for an extra day?"
He asked when the child was grown.
"Maybe a dollar or maybe less,
For I've plenty of days of my own."

"How much will you pay for an extra day?"
He asked when the time came to die.
"All of the pearls in all of the seas,
And all of the stars in the sky."



**WELCOME TO FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

First Presbyterian Church
Worship March 23, 2025
Welcome!

- Prelude *Solemn Prelude on a Theme of Thomas Tallis* Near

- Welcome, Announcements, and Invitations



- Call to Worship Donna Mong

Leader: In the midst of your hectic week you have come to worship God.

All: Our lives are pulled in so many directions, we seek God's guidance.

Leader: Let go of the burdens that weigh you down. God will take them.

All: We thank God for the rest we are given.

Leader: Tune your hearts and voices in praise to God.

All: Let our voices bear the joy we feel because of God's love for us, as we join together in song. Let us worship God, together!

- Hymn # 669 *Let's Sing Unto the Lord* (new purple hymnal)

- Time for Reconciliation

Leader: Merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

All: We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

Leader: We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

All: We pray that you will forgive us, renew us, and lead us.

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

Time of Silent Confession

Leader: In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus said:

All: "... There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

Leader: All of heaven celebrates when we accept God's invitation to return home. Sisters and brothers in Christ, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, all are 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 *God's Grace is So Amazing*
By Mark Hayes

- Kids' Time

- Scripture Reading: Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? 3 No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. 4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem? 5 No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did."

6 Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7 So he said to the man working the vineyard, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' 8 He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.' "

- Sermon: One More Chance

- Hymn # 442 *Just as I Am, without One Plea* (new purple hymnal)

- Offering -
- Doxology



- Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer
- "How is it with your soul?"

- Hymn # 547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (new purple hymnal)