

## EVENING WORSHIP

First Presbyterian Church

April 14, 2024 – 5:00 PM

~ *Please pick up a hymnal before the service* ~

### Welcome

### Call to Worship

Isaiah 14:24, 27

The LORD of hosts has sworn: ‘As I have planned, so shall it be, and as I have purposed, so shall it stand’...For the LORD of hosts has purposed, and who will annul it? His hand is stretched out, and who will turn it back?

### Invocation

### \*Hymn No. 75

*O Father, You Are Sovereign*

### Scripture Reading

James 3:1–2, 6–10

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who each will be judged with greater strictness. For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body...And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

### Confession of Sin

*(unison)*

Merciful God, You made us in Your image, with a mind to know You, a heart to love You, and a will to serve You. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into Your likeness. In Your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7:18–20

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

### Pastoral Prayer

### \*Hymn No. 628

*Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare*

### Sermon

*The Prophet Ezra*

Pastor Moore

Ezra 7:1–10

### \*Hymn No. 358

*For All the Saints*

### Benediction

\*Please stand if you are able.

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*Colossians 1:28*