

EVENING WORSHIP

First Presbyterian Church
December 29, 2024 – 5:00 PM

~ Please pick up a hymnal before the service ~

Welcome

Call to Worship

Romans 12:1–2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Invocation

*Hymn No. 565

All for Jesus!

Scripture Reading

Matthew 17:24–27

When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the half-shekel tax went up to Peter and said, “Does your teacher not pay the tax?” He said, “Yes.” And when he came into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, “What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tax? From their sons or from others?” And when he said, “From others,” Jesus said to him, “Then the sons are free. However, not to give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel. Take that and give it to them for me and for yourself.”

Confession of Sin

(responsive)

Holy Father, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts.

We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care.

We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns.

We have not sought to do your will with our whole hearts.

We have not lived as grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us.

Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us.

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole.

Set us free from our sin, and restore us to the joy of your salvation now and forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:8–12

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn No. 688

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

Sermon

Selling the Covenant

Pastor Moore

Nehemiah 10:1–39

*Hymn No. 585

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Benediction

*Please stand if you are able.

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*“HIM WE PROCLAIM, warning everyone and teaching everyone
with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.”*

Colossians 1:28