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"In Christ, Always Praising, Serving, Growing."

Welcome and Announcements

Choral CTW: 243 Be not afraid. Sing out for joy! Christ is risen! Alleluia!
I'm not afraid. I'll sing for joy! Christ is risen! Alleluia! (repeat)

Call-to-Worship: Teach us Your way, O Lord, give us undivided hearts, that we may rely on Your faithfulness and fear Your name. We will praise and glorify Your name forever. (Ps 86:11-12)

*Hymn of Praise: 187 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

*Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*The Apostle's Creed

Bible Reading: Ephesians 1:17-19; 3:16-19

1:17-19 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in His holy people, and His incomparably great power for us who believe.

3:16-19 I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Children's Sermon

Hymn: 183 "Come to Me, O Weary Traveler"

Sermon Reading: Luke 11:5-13

Jesus said to His disciples, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless boldness he will surely get up and give you as much as you need."

⁹ “So I say to you: **Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.** For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹ “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

Sermon: Jesus' Story on Prayer

*Hymn: 462 "I Love to Tell the Story"

*Benediction:

*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.*

**As you are able, please stand.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Welcome to Third Presbyterian Church! Whatever your need, whatever your reason, everyone is welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We know that God has a purpose for bringing you on this special day, to this special place, to share with us in this worship experience.

As a church family, we have a clear vision of what God wants us to be: *“In Christ, always Praising, Serving, Growing.”* God-honoring worship is our spiritual priority and serving those in need is our spiritual heritage.

If you are visiting with us, please complete the guest information card, located in the front of your pew and hand it to the pastor or put in an offering plate.

- Please place your financial gifts in the offering plates up front. Offerings given to the "4 for the Poor" box go to feed the hungry of our community.
- All offerings are counted the second and fourth Sundays of each month.
- The Wednesday Share Life Bible study group meets at 10:30 AM in the library.
- **A special Mother's Day breakfast** to honor all Christian women will be held on **May 12 at 9:30 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. The hosts will be Saba Woldekristos and family.