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*It is written," Jesus said, "My house
will be called a house of prayer."*

Mark 21:13

BACKGROUND:

The mission of First Presbyterian is to “renew minds and redeem lives with the steadfast love of Jesus Christ.” In turn, that mission calls each member to “worship regularly, grow intentionally and serve generously.” Having “knees for prayer” is a vital part of that journey of faith.

WHY ARE OUR PRAYERS SO IMPORTANT TO GOD?

When we put aside our own agendas and lift our prayers to God, we acknowledge our trust in his grace and goodness. And the more we pray, the more we come to trust and know that God is indeed gracious and “abounding in steadfast love.”

For Jesus, prayer with God was as essential as breathing in the air he needed for bodily survival. Prayer enabled Jesus to discern God’s will for his life and find comfort and support amidst his struggles against the spiritual apathy, hypocrisy and injustice of his day.

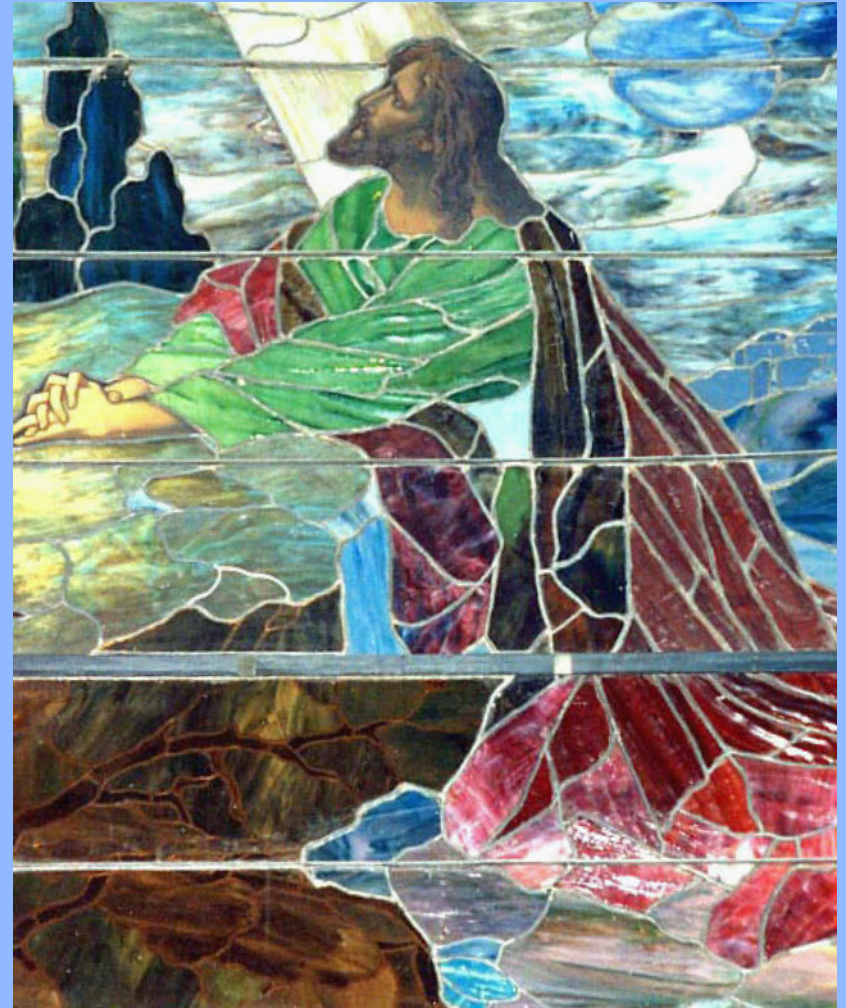
The resurrected and living Christ promises that he will be “with us” in our own daily struggles. The Spirit he has placed in our hearts calls us to turn to God in prayer, and to find comfort and support, rest and peace!

Moreover, Jesus calls us to daily come before our loving and just God, in and through prayer, so we might be empowered for loving service to a hurting and broken world.

HOW MIGHT I BECOME INVOLVED?

First, on the next page is a list of potential prayer opportunities within the life of First Presbyterian that will help you grow closer to Christ and to each other as a community of faith, hope and love. Our prayer is that you will experience and share Christ’s love through these opportunities!

Secondly, working together through the power of the Spirit, we seek to make prayer a life-changing and sustaining force at First Presbyterian! If you have a desire to help us ignite a passion for prayer throughout this great congregation, you are most welcome to join the Prayer Ministry team. For meeting dates/times and other information, contact Chuck Beatty at 826-3386 (cbeatty3@satx.rr.com) or Scott Simpson at 226-0216, extension 212 (scotts@fpcsat.org).



Prayer Ministry's Purpose

To ignite a passion for prayer
within the congregational life and ministries
of First Presbyterian
so that the power of Christ's love
is made manifest in all we are and do!

Jesus calls us to pray, and when we do
God works in us, through us and beyond us!

Prayer Opportunities

Any place at any time, for God is always open to our prayers!

A Care and Concern Line (210.222.2273) to submit and receive public prayer requests.

A Confidential Prayer Request Line (210.226.0216, ext. 350) to submit confidential requests that need prayers. Confidential requests will be prayed for by the pastors and trained prayer intercessors.

Prior to worship: praying for the ministers that God's word of truth be proclaimed with boldness and clarity, and received with an abiding faith!

During worship: personally and corporately—for self and for others!

After worship: dedicated prayer ministers are available after each service!

Prayer is an integral part of all activities of the Session and Diaconate!

All church group meetings--staff, committees, Sunday School and weekday Bible studies, life groups, Presbyterian Women, PW Circles, choir rehearsals, men's prayer breakfasts, Shawl Ministry and many others--are encouraged to open and close with prayer, and to rely on prayer in discerning decisions and in growing closer to Christ and to each other as a community of faith, hope and love!

Staff and congregational retreats, and family gatherings of all types and situations, provide great opportunities to grow in faith and service through prayer!

Mission outreach activities, both local and global in nature, depend greatly on prayer throughout the church for success in meeting the physical and spiritual needs of those being served!

In the privacy of your home or office, and wherever and whenever two or more believers are gathered together, prayer is always appropriate!

Wherever you are, God hears your prayers! It's as easy as, "Our Father,"

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