

# An Evening Meal

## Online Communion with First Presbyterian Church

Before worship, please prepare something to eat and something to drink for yourself to represent the body and blood of Christ. The elements do not need to be fancy or special but should be chosen from what you have. Christians have used a wide diversity of common things to best represent Christ's body and blood (graham crackers and ginger ale or goldfish and grape juice all work great!). Then set aside some time for prayer and scripture early in the day, and some space in a quiet part of your house so that you can participate in the service.

### WELCOME

### OPENING SENTENCES

O God, come to our assistance  
**O Lord, hasten to help us.**

The Lord grant us a restful night  
and peace at the last. **Amen.**

### EVENING HYMN

**#507 Come to the Table of Grace**

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This is God's table;  
it's not yours or mine.  
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### CONFESSION AND PARDON

Almighty God, maker of all,  
**have mercy on us.**

Jesus Christ, redeemer of the world,  
**have mercy on us.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life,  
**have mercy on us.**

I confess to God Almighty,

before the whole company of heaven,  
and to you, my family in Christ,  
that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed,  
and pray God almighty to have mercy on me.

**May Almighty God have mercy on you,  
pardon and deliver you from your sins  
and give you time to amend your life. Amen.**

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pardon and deliver you from all your sins  
and give you time to amend your life. **Amen.**

### **PSALM 133**

How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!  
It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes.  
It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion.  
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,  
life for evermore.

### **SCRIPTURE**

#### **1 Corinthians 11: 23-26**

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' <sup>25</sup>In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**TAKE**

Spirit, come—

**come and live in us:**

in this bread,

in this cup,

in your people,

**one in the body,**

**one in the blood,**

**one with Christ,**

One in ministry,

in this place,

in every place

**in this world, in the world to come.**

**BLESS—THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

**BREAK—THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SHARE—PARTAKING IN COMMUNION TOGETHER**

**CLOSING HYMN**

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**CLOSING PRAYER:**

By your Spirit,

**make us one.**

By your Spirit,

**make us whole.**

By your Spirit,

**make this bread and wine your body and blood,**

that we may know communion with you

**and with each other.**

Take our hearts, our lives, our hands;  
**mold us, change us, and send us out,**  
that we may be your body in the world you so love,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.  
**Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

May the God of hope  
fill you with all joy and peace in believing  
so that you may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
(*Romans 15:13*)

May Almighty God bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and forevermore.  
**Amen.**

Bless the Lord.  
**The Lord's name be praised.**