

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho
December 4, 2022, 10:30 a.m. Second Sunday of Advent

Andy Kennaly, Pastor; Annie Welle, Piano

Worship Leader, Mickey Quinn; Ushers, Millie Rinker, Darcy Taylor
Livestream, Cynthia Dalsing

PRELUDE MUSIC & LIVESTREAM BEGINS, LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE
RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOISY OFFERING

LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE Dave & Lynn Pietz

*OPENING HYMN # 2 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*UNISON OPENING PRAYER AND RESPONSIVE PEACE OF CHRIST

Holy God, we are thankful for sanctuary, and as we gather here, it is more than a lovely room, but as a people. We see the world at work, watch and hear headlines of industries and markets, political parties, places of violence, consumerism, competition with winners and losers – these seem to spiral on and on. Yet we seek collaboration with your Spirit, to focus not on scarcity and parched thirst, but on streams of living water flowing from you, our abundant Source. Help us with Advent waiting, so we may see through the clouds, to the shining stars that are always there. Let your light shine! Amen.

The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.** Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI Hymnal # 577 Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen...

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

WORDS OF WITNESS “Wilderness Voice” Andy Kennaly, Pastor

SONG OF RESPONSE Sing the Faith # 2150, vs. 1 Lord, Be Glorified

In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In our lives, Lord, be glorified, today.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Lord in your mercy...**hear our prayer. Eternal Spirit, Source of all that is and ever shall be, Loving Parent in whom we discern heaven, may knowledge of your holiness inspire all people. And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom flourish on earth, until all of humankind heed your call to justice and compassion. May we find the bread that we need for today. And for the hurts we cause one another may we be forgiven in the same measure that we forgive. In times of trial and temptation, help us to be strong; when life seems overwhelming, help us to endure; and thus from the yoke of sin deliver us. May you reign in the power of human love, now, and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING, OFFERTORY, DOXOLOGY, PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*The Doxology # 593 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen....*

COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN Hymnal # 13 Prepare the Way

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

FOLLOW THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

We follow Christ's light, for we are a congregation of people,

Loving, living, learning the joy of faith.

POSTLUDE, LIVESTREAM CONCLUDES

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Prepare the Way

Prepare the way, O Zion,
your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley
a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory,
foretold in sacred story.
Oh blest is Christ that came
in God's most holy name.

Christ brings God's rule, O Zion;
he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom,
and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding,
for grace and joy abounding.
Oh blest is Christ that came
in God's most holy name.

Fling wide your gates, O Zion;
your Savior's rule embrace.
And tidings of salvation
proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow rejoicing
their adoration voicing.
Oh blest is Christ that came
in God's most holy name.