*First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho*

*December 18, 2022, 10:30 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*Andy Kennaly, Pastor; Annie Welle, Piano*

*Worship Leader, Carol Curtis; Ushers, Dave and Mary Sturgis*

*Livestream, Don Helander; Special Music, Karen and Carmen*

PRELUDE MUSIC & LIVESTREAM BEGINS, LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE

RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE

SPECIAL MUSIC Greensleeves Karen and Carmen

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY Christmas Joy Offering Judy McComish

SPECIAL MUSIC The First Noel Karen and Carmen

LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLES Dave and Mary Sturgis

\*OPENING SONG Sing the Faith # 2090 Advent Song vs. 1-4

\***UNISON** OPENING PRAYER AND RESPONSIVE PEACE OF CHRIST

**Oh, Holy Spirit, you give fullness of Love. Flesh and Spirit unite. Christ Jesus is born. God is with us, and yet we, like Joseph, need awakened. Joseph had made a plan, but you, O God, have a purpose. Divine visions reveal good news, and our fears are confronted and released. Called to action to put love’s commands to motion, as servants of Christ, we receive your grace to share with the world. Come to us, O Lord, and give us willing hearts to perceive, and help our response of faithfulness. 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 7:10-16 Matthew 1:18-25

WORDS OF WITNESS “Looking for Signs” Andy Kennaly, Pastor

SONG OF RESPONSE Sing the Faith # 2150 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.**

**God, lover of us all, Most Holy One, help us to create what you want for us here. Give us today enough for our needs. Forgive our weak and deliberate offenses, just as we must forgive others when they hurt us. Help us to resist evil and to do what is good; for we are yours, endowed with your power to make the world whole. Amen.**

OFFERING, OFFERTORY, DOXOLOGY

\*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....*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN Hymnal # 40 Joy to the World

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

WORDS TO SONGS

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**Advent Song**

**1** Light the Advent candle, one:  
Now the waiting has begun;  
we have started on our way,  
time to think of Christmas day.

Refrain  
Candle, candle, burning bright,  
shining in the cold winter night;  
candle, candle, burning bright,  
fill our hearts with Christmas light.

**2** Light the Advent candle, two:  
Think of humble shepherds, who  
filled with wonder at the sight  
of the child of Christmas night.

**3** Light the Advent candle, three:  
Think of heavenly harmony;  
angels singing ""Peace on earth""  
at the blessed Savior's birth.

**4** Light the Advent candle, four:  
Think of joy forevermore;  
Christ Child in a stable born,  
gift of love that Christmas morn.

**Joy to the World** Joy to the world, the Lord is come  
Let Earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And Heaven and nature sing  
And Heaven and nature sing  
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing

Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns  
Let us our songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow Nor thorns infest the ground He comes to make his blessings flow Far as the curse is found Far as the curse is found Far as Far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders, wonders, of His love