

*First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho
December 11, 2022, 10:30 a.m. Third Sunday of Advent
Andy Kennaly, Pastor; Annie Welle, Piano; Dana Stockman, Con
Worship Leader, Sharon Anderson; Ushers, Angela & Tim Cochran
Livestream, Sue Helander*

PRELUDE MUSIC & LIVESTREAM BEGINS, LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE

RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE

CHORAL INTROIT *Maranatha, verses 3-4*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING HYMN # 9 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*OPENING PRAYER OF THE DAY AND RESPONSIVE PEACE OF CHRIST

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...

CHORAL ANTHEM *An Advent Prayer*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:5-10, Matthew 11:2-11

WORDS OF WITNESS "Wilderness Encounter" 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 & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**

Dear One, closer to us than our own hearts, farther from us than the most distant star, you are beyond naming. May your powerful presence become obvious not only in the undeniable glory of the sky, but also in the seemingly base and common processes of the earth. Give us what we need, day by day, to keep body and soul together, because clever as you have made us, we still owe our existence to you. We recognize that to be reconciled with you, we must live peaceably and justly with other human beings, putting hate and bitterness behind us. We are torn between our faith in your goodness and our awareness of the evil in your creation, so deliver us from the temptation to despair. Yours alone is the universe and all its majesty and beauty. So it is. 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....

*CLOSING HYMN Hymnal # 3 Comfort, Comfort, You My People

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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O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer Our
spirit by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind All
peoples in one heart and mind Bid envy,
strife, and discord cease Fill the whole
world with heaven's peace Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Adonai, Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Comfort, Comfort, You My People

Comfort, comfort you my people;
tell of peace, thus says our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness
bowed beneath oppression's load.
Speak you to Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them;
tell them that their sins I cover,
and their warfare now is over.

2. For the herald's voice is calling
in the desert far and near,
bidding us to make repentance
since the kingdom now is here.
Oh that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
let the valleys rise in meeting
and the hills bow down in greeting.

3. Make you straight what long was crooked;
make the rougher places plain;
let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits God's holy reign,
for the glory of the Lord
now o'er earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token
that God's word is never broken.

Comfort, Comfort, You My People