

*First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho  
February 12, 2023, 10:30 a.m. Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany  
Andy Kennaly, Pastor; Annie Welle, Piano; Dana Stockman, Choir Director  
Worship Leader, Dana Stockman; Ushers, Dave & Lynn Pietz  
Livestream, Mickey Quinn*

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

\*OPENING HYMN # 285 God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND RESPONSIVE PEACE OF CHRIST

Blessed are those who seek God, whose hearts are set on God's commandments.

**We are inheritors of God's law, and heirs of the prophet's mission.**

God's Spirit permeates our human scene, lifting us above our jealousies and quarreling.

**We reach for the highest and best, for upright hearts and righteous deeds.**

In all we do, God offers us choices, between good and evil, between life and death.

**How shall we know the ways of God, or understand fully the choices that are ours?**

In worship we encounter God's commandments and explore together what it means to love God.

**We have turned away from life's many distractions to give this time to hearing and obeying our Creator. 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...*

CHORAL ANTHEM *Make a Joyful Noise*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Deuteronomy 30:15-20, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37

WORDS OF WITNESS "Ancient Wisdom" Andy Kennaly, Pastor

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE Hymnal # 322 Spirit of the Living God

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

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

**Good caring presence within us, around us, and above us; hold us in a sense of mystery and wonder. Let the fullness of your goodness be within us and around us. Let all the world know your ways of caring and generosity. May we find we have all we need to meet each day without undue anxiety. Overlook our many stupidities, and help us to release everyone from their stupidities. May we know**

**we are accepted. Strengthen us that we will reach out to the best, always with the faith to rise above the ugly realities of our existence. And we celebrate the gifts you have given us: the rich kingdom of life's possibilities, the power to do good and the triumphs of good, and the moments when we have seen the glory and wonder of everything. You are life's richness. You are life's power. You are life's ultimate meaning. 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 # 366                      Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

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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### **God, You Spin the Whirling Planets**

1. God You spin the whirling planets  
Fill the seas and spread the plain  
Mold the mountains fashion blossoms  
Call forth sunshine wind and rain  
We created in your image  
Would a true reflection be  
Of Your justice grace and mercy  
And the truth that makes us free  
2. You have called us to be faithful  
In our life and ministry  
We respond in grateful worship  
Joined in one community  
When we blur Your gracious image  
Focus us and make us whole  
Healed and strengthened as Your people  
We move onward toward Your goal  
3. God Your will is still creating  
Calling us to life made new  
Now reveal to us fresh vistas  
Where there's work to dare and do  
Keep us clear of all distortion  
Fashion us with loving care  
Thus new creatures in Your image  
We'll proclaim Christ everywhere

Spirit of the Living God,  
Fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the Living God,  
Fall afresh on me.

### **Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me**

1 Jesus, your boundless love to me  
no thought can reach, no tongue declare;  
O knit my thankful heart to thee,  
and reign without a rival there.  
Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live,  
Myself to Thee entirely give.  
2 O grant that nothing in my soul  
may dwell but your pure love alone;  
oh, may your love possess me whole,  
my joy, my treasure, and my crown!  
All coldness from my heart remove;  
my ev'ry act, word, thought, be love.  
3 O Love, how gracious is Thy way!  
All fear before The presence flies;  
Care, anguish, sorrow melt away,  
Where-e'er Thy healing beams arise.  
O Jesus, nothing may I see,  
Nothing desire, or seek, but Thee.

### **Spirit of Living God**

Spirit of the Living God,  
Fall afresh on me,