

*First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho  
December 24, 2023, 10:30 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Andy Kennaly, Pastor; Annie Welle, Piano; Dana Stockman, Choir Director  
Worship Leader, Dana Stockman; Usher,  
Livestream,*

PRELUDE MUSIC & LIVESTREAM BEGINS

LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE, RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

LIGHT ADVENT CANDLE

\*OPENING SONG Sing the Faith # 2090 Advent Song

\*OPENING PRAYER 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...*

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16, Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26, Luke 1:26-38

WORDS OF WITNESS "God Interrupts" Andy Kennaly, Pastor

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE # 21 All My Heart Today Rejoices

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, 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 # 40 Joy to the World

CHARGE AND BLESSING, 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**

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.

Light the Advent Candle, Two:  
Think of humble shepherds,  
Who filled with wonder  
At the sight of the child  
Of Christmas night.

Light the Advent Candle, Three  
Think of heavenly harmony;  
Angels singing "Peace of Earth"  
At the blessed Savior's birth.

Light the Advent Candle, Four  
Think of joy forevermore;  
Christ Child in a stable born,  
Gift of love that Christmas morn.

Light the Christmas Candles, now:  
Sing of donkey, sheep, and cow,  
Birthday candles for the King,  
Let the alleluias ring.

## **All My Heart Today Rejoices**

All my heart this today rejoices  
as I hear far and near  
sweetest angel voices.  
"Christ is born," their choirs are singing  
till the air ev'rywhere  
now with joy is ringing.

Hark! a voice from yonder manger,  
soft and sweet, does entreat,  
"Flee from woe and danger;  
Come and see from all that grieves you  
you are freed; all you need  
I will surely give you."

Come, then, let us hasten yonder,  
Here let all, great and small;  
Kneel in awe and wonder,  
Love Him who with love is yearning,  
hail the star, that from far  
Bright with hope is burning!

## **Joy to the World**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King!  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world, 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.