

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho

December 17, 2023, 10:30 a.m. Third Sunday of Advent

Andy Kennaly, Pastor; Annie Welle, Piano; Dana Stockman, Choir Director

Worship Leader, Jane Fritz; Usher, Gary Jones

Livestream, Sue Helander

PRELUDE MUSIC & LIVESTREAM BEGINS, LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE

RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

We Light the Advent Candle

LIGHT ADVENT CANDLE

Choir Members

*OPENING HYMN

Hymnal # 28

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

*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...

CHORAL ANTHEM

Will We Know Him

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 64:1-4, 8-11, Palm 126, John 1:6-8, 19-28

WORDS OF WITNESS

“Anointed and Sent”

Andy Kennaly, Pastor

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

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Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

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 # 31

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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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Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ was born today.
Ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here!

2 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,

adorned with prayer and love and joy.

3 Redeemer, come, I open wide;
my heart to thee here lord abide;
let me thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in me reveal.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel. [Refrain]

3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth. [Refrain]