

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho

December 1, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

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

Barbara Rolph, guest Pastor; Paula Vincent, Worship Leader

Mary Sturgis & Kirsten Thompson, Ushers

Mickey Quinn, Livestream

PRELUDE MUSIC, LIVESTREAM BEGINS, LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE

RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP

The days are coming, says the Lord, when the promise will be fulfilled. Heaven and earth will pass away, but God's word will stand forever. Let us worship God. Prayer of the Day Holy God, earth and heaven may pass away but your realm is eternal and your promise is sure. Enlighten our hearts with hope as our Redeemer draws near. Help us to heed the signs of the times, so that we may be ready to stand before Christ, our Judge and Savior, in whose glorious name we pray. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #2090 "Advent Song" verse 1 (*Sing the Faith* book)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Dave and Mary Sturgis

*OPENING PRAYER AND RESPONSIVE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.** Thanks be to God!

*SUNG RESPONSE #577 "Glory Be to the Father"

Glory be to the Father, and 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 Jeremiah 33:14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36

WORDS OF WITNESS "Words of Wisdom" Barbara Rolph, Pastor

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #9 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Trusting in the steadfast love of the Lord, let us pray for the fulfillment of God's promises, saying:

Emmanuel, come; O come and save us.

We pray for the church . . . Restore what is lacking in our faith. Help us to increase and abound in love for one another and for you, our God.

Emmanuel, come; O come and save us.

We pray for the world . . . Teach us to interpret the signs around us, warnings of disaster and destruction. Bring peace and healing to this planet.

Emmanuel, come; O come and save us.

We pray for this community . . . Bless our houses and neighborhoods with your justice and righteousness, so that all may live in safety, without fear.

Emmanuel, come; O come and save us.

We pray for loved ones . . . Remember those who lift their souls to you. Surround them with your steadfast love and preserve them from their troubles.

Emmanuel, come; O come and save us.

Come quickly, Emmanuel, in power and glory, to establish your realm of justice and peace; and make us ready, on the day of redemption, to stand before you, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

*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

COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord’s Supper

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Prayer

Mighty God, holy is your name. We thank you for gathering us at your table and feeding us with the bread of life. As we leave this table to go to the many places where you call us, send your Spirit to accompany us, so that we may share in your magnificent work: lifting up those who are laid low, showing mercy to all in need of human kindness, and feeding the bodies and hearts of all those who are hungry. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #3 “Comfort, Comfort You My People”

*CHARGE & 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

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.

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.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

(Refrain)

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.

(Refrain)

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.

For the herald's voice is calling
In the desert far and near,
Bidding us to make repentance
Since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise in meeting
And the hills bow down in greeting.

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.