

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho

November 17, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

*Andy Kennaly, Pastor; Annie Welle, Piano; Dana Stockman, Choir Director
Paula Vincent, Worship Leader; Dana Stockman, Dyno Wahl, Ushers
Mickey Quinn, Livestream*

PRELUDE MUSIC, LIVESTREAM BEGINS, LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE

RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING SONG #2236 “Gather Us In” (*Sing the Faith* book)

*OPENING PRAYER AND 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 1 Samuel 2:1-10, Psalm 16, Mark 13:1-8

WORDS OF WITNESS “Heart, Soul, Body, on the Path of Life”

Andy Kennaly, Pastor

*SONG OF RESPONSE #2237 “As a Fire Is Meant for Burning” (*Sing the Faith* book)

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

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

*CLOSING HYMN #399 “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

*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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Gather Us In

Here in this place new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in—the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in—the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young—our lives are a myst'ry,
We are the old—who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in—the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in—the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your
daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of building confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away,
But here in this place the new light is shining,
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in—all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

As a fire is meant for burning
with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission,
giving glory to God's name.

Not to preach our creeds or customs,
but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations,
finding neighbours everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers;
we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions,
we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit,
we would live to God's delight.

As a green bud in the springtime
is the sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness
'mid earth's peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens
when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance
of God's new and glorious dawn.

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

We walk by faith and not by sight;
No gracious words we hear
From Christ Who spoke as none e'er spoke;
But we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice,
And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near
And seek where You are found:

That, when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are,
With full and endless sight.