

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho

January 5, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Christmas and Epiphany Observed

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

Paula Vincent, Worship Leader; Don and Sue Helander, Livestream

PRELUDE MUSIC, LIVESTREAM BEGINS, LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE

RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOISY OFFERING TO COLLECT LOOSE CHANGE

*OPENING HYMNS #47

“Still, Still, Still”

#66

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

*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 Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12, John 1:1-14, Matthew 2:1-12

WORDS OF WITNESS

“Light Shines”

Andy Kennaly, Pastor

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #68

“What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, 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

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation To The Lord's Table

Great Prayer Of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gracious and loving God, we thank you...

...with the faithful of every time and place, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

O God, we thank you that at our Lord's birth...

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, renew the pouring out of your Holy Spirit upon us...

...O God of peace, now and forever.

Amen.

The Words of Institution

Prayer After Communion

*CLOSING HYMN #38

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

*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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Still, Still, Still

Still, Still, still,
He sleeps this night so chill!
The Virgin's tender arms enfolding,
Warm and safe the Child are holding.
Still, still still,
He sleeps this night so chill!

Sleep, sleep, sleep,
He lies in slumber deep
While angel hosts from heaven come winging,
Sweetest songs of joy are singing.
Sleep, sleep, sleep,
He lies in slumber deep.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign. (*Refrain*)

Frankincense to offer have I:
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, we are raising,
Worshipping God Most High. (*Refrain*)

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb. (*Refrain*)

Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Sounds through the earth and skies. (*Refrain*)

We Three Kings of Orient Are

We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light!

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

What star is this, with beams so bright,
More lovely than the noonday light/
'Tis sent to announce a newborn King,
Glad tidings of our King to bring.

'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed,
“From Jacob shall a star proceed”;
And lo! The Eastern sages stand
To read in heaven the Lord's command.

O Jesus, while the star of grace
Impels us on to seek Your face,
Let not our slothful hearts refuse
The guidance of Your light to use.

To God the Father, God the Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in one,
May every tongue and nation raise
An endless song of thankful praise.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
From heaven's all gracious King":
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing;
O rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever circling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

