November 15, 2020 Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho

Andrew Kennaly, Pastor Annie Welle, Pianist

Worship Leader: Cynthia Dalsing Usher: Mickey Quinn

PRELUDE

WELCOME, SHARING PRAYERS Jean Babcock, healing from surgery

BEGIN FACEBOOK LIVE, OPENING MUSIC

LIGHT CHRIST CANDLE, RING THE BELL, SILENT REFLECTION

WELCOME, ANNOUNCE NOVEMBER 22 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

to elect officers, update Pastor’s Terms of Call, and change by-laws to allow electronic meetings

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Prayers of the community…

Holy God, prayers ring out around the world as we gather into your loving presence. You have gifted us with so many blessings, many miracles we often overlook. Forgive us of our selective vision, of the many filters we impose that skew our views. Cleanse us from within, that we may grow up in Wisdom’s ways of goodness, trustworthiness, and the movement of your Spirit flowing in ever-widening circles of redemptive love. We pray for people suffering in mind, body, and spirit, and for the places of strife and struggle as war and rumors of war destabilize, natural disasters displace, political strife intensifies, and love for neighbor is disregarded. In your mercy, hear our prayer. As you entrust us at the core of our being with none other than your very presence, help us to trust your love, to give of ourselves as Christ gives, to allow our soul to shine with the radiance of your grace in our lives. We pray, in Christ. As we hold those prayers shared earlier in this sanctuary, and those of people online, merging together in one voice of praise and petition, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let’s take a minute and hold silence together as we pray in our hearts…

We pray what Jesus shares with disciples, saying,

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.

The Peace of Christ be with you. (And also with you). Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 123, read by worship leader

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:14-30, read by Pastor

WORDS OF WITNESS “Your Image of God Creates You”

OFFERING

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Remember the prayer we started this service with? A prayer that gathers us into God’s into loving presence, remembering that God gifts us with so many blessings. We prayed for forgiveness for having selective vision, filters we impose that skew our views. We prayed that God would cleanse us from within, that we may grow up in Wisdom’s ways of goodness, trustworthiness, and the movement of the Holy Spirit flowing in ever-widening circles of redemptive love. We prayed to God, who entrusts us at the core of our being with none other than God’s very presence. May God help us to trust this love, to give of ourselves as Christ gives, to allow our soul to shine with the radiance of God’s grace in our lives. May we grow in love of God the Father, the grace and peace of Christ, Jesus, our Lord, and the abiding, expressive Presence of the Holy Spirit, who is with us NOW, even as forever. Amen.

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST WITH THE WORLD

CLOSING MUSIC, ENDING FACEBOOK LIVE