January 10, 2021 Baptism of the Lord Sunday

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho

Andrew Kennaly, Pastor Annie Welle, Pianist

Worship Leader: Cynthia Dalsing

TURN OFF PHONE WIFI, PLUG IN PHONE MIC, TURN ON MIC APP

BEGIN FACEBOOK LIVE, OPENING MUSIC

LIGHT CHRIST CANDLE, RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ONLINE WORSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY & THE LORD’S PRAYER

- Gregory of Nazianzus c.329-389/390 (<http://edgeofenclosure.org/epiphanybaptismb.html>)

The holy day of lights, to which we have come and which we are celebrating today, has for its origin the baptism of my Christ, the true Light that lightens everyone coming into the world, and effects my purification…. It is a season of new birth: let us be born again! We duly celebrated at his birth – I, the one who presided at the feast, and you, and all that is in the world and above the world. With the star we ran, with the magi we worshiped, with the shepherds we were enlightened, with the angels we glorified him, with Simeon we took him up in his arms, and with the chaste and aged Anna we made our responsive confession…. Now we come to another of Christ’s acts and another mystery…. The Spirit bears witness to his Godhead, for he descends upon one that is like him, as does the voice from heaven…. Let us venerate today the baptism of Christ.

And 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 Genesis 1:1-5, read by worship leader

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 19:1-7, read by worship leader

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:4-11, read by Pastor

WORDS OF WITNESS “The Interior Regions”

OFFERING

One way to respond to God’s leading in your life is to give of yourself in time, talent, and treasure. Supporting the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church helps support expressions of love in the world. Financial gifts can be sent by regular mail to 417 N. Fourth Ave. in Sandpoint ID, 83864, or donated online at the church website: [www.fpcsandpoint.org](http://www.fpcsandpoint.org) Thank you for your generous giving as a way to claim connection, and celebrate God’s presence in your life.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

As Jesus comes up from water’s embrace, hearing words of blessing, it is Love who speaks, Wisdom who calls. May Love echo in our hearts as we celebrate adoption as children of God, Beloved of Christ, marked forever not as our own but as new creations. As we seek to love and serve the Lord, may our actions reflect inner connections with all there is, seen and unseen, held in Wisdom’s balance and peaceful harmony, releasing us from paradigms of fear and shame, for the love of God the Father, the grace and peace of Christ, and the sustaining Presence of the Holy Spirit faithfully bless us NOW, even as before the foundation of the world. Amen.

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST WITH THE WORLD

CLOSING MUSIC, ENDING FACEBOOK LIVE