February 7, 2021 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho

Andrew Kennaly, Pastor Annie Welle, Pianist

Worship Leader: Mickey Quinn

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

Today is the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany on the church calendar, and Super Bowl Sunday on the American sports schedule. Usually, we have a SuperBowl of Caring, a play on words that helps collect food and money for the Food Bank as people use their team spirit to make a donation. Since we’re not meeting in-person, you are encouraged this year to make an extra donation to the Food Bank this week, either in non-perishable foods or a financial gift; and either directly to the Food Bank, or send a check to the church, marking in the memo that it’s for the Food Bank and we will forward this contribution for you. Thank you for helping to feed people who are needy in our community.

Also, some people have asked about our upcoming Ash Wednesday service, not this Wednesday, but next week on February 17th. We’ll be doing an online, Facebook Live service on February 17th at 5:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, to help us prepare our hearts for Easter. We’ll gather online at 5:30 p.m. for worship.

But for now, we still have two Sundays left in this season of Epiphany as we continue exploring the many ways God is revealed and the true nature of reality is explored. As we gather on this Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, let’s start with prayer…

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Holy God, we give you thanks for the voice of the prophets ringing out through the ages, reminding us of your glorious power and living presence not only over the world, but in the world as we live our lives of faith. Everything is relativized by your ultimacy, trivialized by your triumph, and yet you hold us and all things in your care. Trusting your goodness and mercy to follow us all the days of our lives, we come to you in prayer. We may have our lists, our requests, our petitions and prayers of intercession, and you know them well even before we ask. Help us to trust you more, to love you more deeply, and to rest in the certainty of your love even in and through doubts and times of struggle. We give you thanks for your faithfulness,

even as 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 Isaiah 40:21-31, read by worship leader

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:29-39, read by Pastor

WORDS OF WITNESS “Edge of the Inside”

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 give expression to 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

In the week ahead, where is your dark place, alone; in other words, how can you lesson distractions in order to focus prayerfully on God in your life? Find this, as Jesus shows, and you’ve discovered a pivotal part of following the Living Christ. Chances are, it will not be found in the mainstream of culture or even religion, but has only to be revealed in your soul, from the edge of the inside. As we live and move and have our being, may the love of God the Father, the grace and peace of Christ, and the sustaining Presence of the Holy Spirit, one God faithfully blessing, be with us NOW, building us in love, even as forever. Amen.

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST WITH THE WORLD

CLOSING MUSIC, ENDING FACEBOOK LIVE