February 21, 2021 First Sunday in Lent

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho

Andrew Kennaly, Pastor

Annie Welle, Pianist Worship Leader: Sharon Anderson

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

A reminder that this week our Taizé Tuesdays begin for the season of Lent. Each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., we have a time of guided prayer, scripture, a brief devotional, and periods of silence, along with Taizé music, all of this via Zoom online. Contact the church office for more information. As we now gather on this first Sunday of Lent, let’s continue worship with prayer…

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Holy God, in the fullness of time Christ creates all things in and through your loving Spirit and draws everything to loving Union. In this season of Lent, help us shed that which tempts us to forget, to shed distractions that lure, and discover that in dying before we die, we find our True Self in Christ. We pray the world, for the many gifts we often overlook: clean air, fresh water, the sun and moon and stars held in balance of seasons. For the many ways humanity has corrupted the natural world, forgetting we are part of your creation, forgive us and help us in being good stewards of all the gifts you create. As Jesus is baptized in water, help us to keep water holy, hallowed by your Presence and sustaining us in the essential aspects of life. As Jesus is driven into the wilderness by your Spirit, help us to protect wilderness as a very necessary part of our growing, an extension of our soul’s deepest needs, holy in transformative power. As Jesus courageously unites humility and love, help us proclaim faith on the fringe, an alternative orthodoxy on the path of descent, leading to awareness, awakening, a turning in trust to you. As we follow Jesus, we pray even 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 25:1-10, read by worship leader

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:9-15, read by Pastor

WORDS OF WITNESS “Fullness of Time”

SPECIAL MUSIC Annie Welle

OFFERING

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

In our baptism, we die and rise with Christ, united through water with the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan. Just as we’re united in this way, so too as God’s Spirit descends and God’s voice affirms, we too are beloved and God is well pleased. Lent reminds us that we are not exempt from wilderness wandering, from temptation, from struggle. As Jesus leads us, may we continue to notice that we are invited to follow, opening our hearts, listening through love, trusting the leading of God’s Spirit to help us reflect God’s beauty in the world. 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