February 28, 2021 Second Sunday in Lent

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho

Andrew Kennaly, Pastor

Annie Welle, Pianist Worship Leader: Dyno Wahl

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 continue during 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 second Sunday of Lent, let’s continue worship with prayer…

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Holy God as we gather in community throughout the world, we are so used to seeing things from a human point of view. Our perspectives cloud our thinking and soon that fog gets labeled as truth. We get invested and defend our positions, opinions, and beliefs. Yet here we are wondering what it would mean to give up our own way. The season of Lent offers a traditional way of ‘giving something up,’ yet even this seems superficial to the deeper yearning our soul has for you, for our spirit is only satisfied by the eternal. Holy God, as we come alongside Jesus in his temptations, help us to follow, to hear your larger Truths, to embrace your forgiving love as you lead us deeper into life abundant, even in ways that transform suffering.

As we follow Jesus, 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 Romans 4:13-25, read by worship leader

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 8:31-38, read by Pastor

WORDS OF WITNESS “Spiritual Growth Is Optional”

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

Heaven and Earth merge as spirit and matter mix and the Word becomes flesh and dwells among us. The holiness of heaven lives within you, and Christ is in all things and all things are in Christ. As we’re called to love heavenly things, we follow the One who embodies this, Jesus, the Christ. In following Jesus with all that entails, 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, leading us in love, even as forever. Amen.

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST WITH THE WORLD

CLOSING MUSIC, ENDING FACEBOOK LIVE