March 14, 2021 Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

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. But for now as we gather on this Fourth Sunday of Lent, let’s continue worship with prayer…

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Holy God, claiming your Presence we are mindful of life’s mix of celebrations and struggles. We pray for comfort and healing of mind, body, and spirit. Coming alongside Jesus in his wilderness temptations and knowing that he distressed in seeing friends in pain, even weeping for Jerusalem, we pray for the Bristol family. Be with them in this time of grief following the death of a newborn infant. Be with the Ruyle family following the death of Francie and the passing of a generation. For the Boeck’s as Joyce is on hospice care, help support them by your hand. For the many ways our world suffers, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer, 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 Numbers 21:4-9, read by worship leader

SCRIPTURE READING John 3:14-21, read by Pastor

WORDS OF WITNESS “Transactional Theology / Transformational Experience”

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

As we go into the week ahead, may God lead us into the benevolence of the world, in the blessing of Presence, in and through the fullness of Christ and the abundance of life. May we be courageous enough to face ourselves, and the humility of self-awareness, even and especially through times of struggle. May God transform our hearts to perceive the Spirit’s love, in Christ, and may the love of God the Father, the grace and peace of Christ, and the sustained Presence of the Holy Spirit, one God, be with us NOW to lead us in unity and love, even as forever. Amen.

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST WITH THE WORLD

CLOSING MUSIC, ENDING FACEBOOK LIVE