

Welcome to FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 11, 2022—10:45 a.m.

*Bold-faced type are words the congregation speaks together.
The * invites you to stand in body or spirit.*

Prelude *Count Your Blessings* arr. Linda R. Lamb

Welcome This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Introit *I Was Glad* Melvin West

*I was glad when they said unto me,
“Let us go into the house of the Lord.”
Peace be unto you.
Psalm 122:1*

Call to Worship (adapted from Jeremiah 4)

Let us bow before our Creator,
whose **Spirit moves over desert and sea,**
whose Word has the power to create, to judge, and to save.
Come, let us worship God.

***Hymn 687** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

Prayer of Confession (*spoken together and silent*)

Creator of the universe, we imagine that we are in familiar territory, that we know what to expect of this hour, that we will leave much the way that we came. Do not abandon us to our presumptions. In judgment, illumine our darkness. In mercy, bear us home—until we recognize your presence wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life is restored. O Lord, have mercy on us.... [*Silent prayer, followed by:*] Forgive us, O God, and move us to trust, that we may boldly live your grace and love; through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

Assurance of God’s Grace / Passing the Peace

Time for Children / Children’s Chapel

We invite children to come forward for a moment in worship designed for them. Following that, they may go to Children’s Chapel and return to the worship service during the hymn after the sermon—or they may return to sit with those they came with to worship.

*Awake, awake! Let every heart in loudest praise adore
The great eternal Lord of all, Who reigns forevermore.
He paints the orient sky of morn, He gives the flow'r its hue,
And gently o'er its fragrant leaves He drops the pearly dew.*

*Strangers, pilgrims here below, He will lead us while we go:
Where the cooling waters flow, His hand our steps will guide.*

*Awake, exalt His glorious name; And on this holy day,
Rejoicing in the house of prayer, Your grateful homage pay.
As o'er the earth the genial sun A radiant luster throws.
So in the bosom where he dwells the light of mercy glows.*

*How sweet when human voices join to sing His pard'ning love,
While angels waft the joyful strain, To purer worlds above.
Awake, awake! Let every heart in loudest praise adore
The great eternal Lord of all, Who reigns forevermore.*

Prayer for Illumination

Mighty God, you spoke the world into being; speak now to our hearts. By the power of your Spirit, make these ancient words live, that we might be shaped into your people, eager to bear your claim in the world and to give flesh to your future. For we pray in the name of Jesus, who leads us into life. Amen.

Listen to the Word:

1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found

my sheep that was lost.’⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.⁸ “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Reflection on the Word and Life:

“Teach Us to Delight in Others’ Good Fortune”

***Hymn 801**

The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want

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***Affirmation of Faith** (adapted from The Brief Statement of Faith)

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humanity. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all people, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides us in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips us for our ministry. We are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all trusting that our strength is in the knowledge that God’s purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail.

Offertory

Simple Gifts

arr. Larry Sue

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***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

Prayers of the Community & Lord’s Prayer

We invite you to fill out a written prayer request if you do not want to share a prayer concern aloud, if you put in the donation box on the way out we will keep you and yours in prayer and follow-up as requested.

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.

***Hymn 307**

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response**

Apostolic Benediction

Melvin West

*May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
Be with you all. AMEN.*

Postlude

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Benjamin M. Culli

Leading Worship

Rev. Dr. Andrew Kukla

Ryan Dye, Minister of Music

FPC Chancel Choir

Luann Fife, pianist

Sally Robertson & Luanne Hardy, handbells

Dena Duncan, liturgist

Today's Chancel flowers are given by Ron & Marilyn Jennings
in honor of their next wedding anniversary.

Upcoming Events at First Presbyterian Church

Today at 4 p.m. — *Organ Evensong*

October 1 at 7 p.m. & October 2 at 2 p.m. — *Boise Baroque Orchestra*

October 9 at 4 p.m. — *Stars of Steinway Series*