

Welcome to FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 18, 2022—10:45 a.m.

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

Prelude *Cantiléne* from **Trois Pièces, Op. 29** Gabriel Pierné

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)

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The God of our salvation has delivered us countless times.

The Glory of the Lord shines round us and gives us light and life.

Let us worship the Lord our God with thanks and praise.

***Hymn 33** *Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show* LLANFAIR

Prayer of Confession (*spoken together and silent*)

Creator of the universe, casualty of our sin, breath of life, we come trembling before you, for we have hoarded and bartered what has never been ours in the hope of securing our future. We have yearned for wealth more than we have yearned for you. We have squandered your trust and grieved your heart with our betrayal. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name and the prospering of your creation. 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.

They may then 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.

*Consider the lilies of the field whose bloom is brief:
We are as they; like them we fade away,
As doth a leaf.*

*Consider the sparrows of the air of small account:
Our God doth view whether they fall or mount,
He guards us too.*

*Consider the lilies that do neither spin nor toil,
Yet are most fair: what profits all this care
And all this coil?*

*Consider the birds that have no barn nor harvest weeks;
God gives them food: much more our Father seeks
To do us good.*

- Christina Rossetti

Prayer for Illumination

God of life, by the power of your Spirit come to us now. Plow our hearts with your living Word until we who are broken become fertile with your love, for we long to bear fruit in a world that is wasting. We pray in the name of Jesus, whose charge we bear. Amen.

Listen to the Word:

Psalm 79:1-9

¹O God, the nations have come into your inheritance; they have defiled your holy temple; they have laid Jerusalem in ruins. ²They have given the bodies of your servants to the birds of the air for food, the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth. ³They have poured out their blood like water all around Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them. ⁴We have become a taunt to our neighbors, mocked and derided by those around us. ⁵How long, O LORD? Will you be angry forever? Will your jealous wrath burn like fire? ⁶Pour out your anger on the nations that do not know you, and on the kingdoms that do not call on your name. ⁷For they have devoured Jacob and laid waste his habitation. ⁸Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors; let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low. ⁹Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

¹⁸My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. ¹⁹Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") ²⁰"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." ²¹For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. ²²Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? ¹O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Reflection on the Word and Life: "A Balm in Gilead...?"

***Hymn 792** *There Is a Balm in Gilead* BALM IN GILEAD

***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, and initiates the new life in Christ.

The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, and is nurtured by the guidance of the Community of Faith. 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.

Minute for Mission: Crop Walk

Offertory *Adagio from Fantasie in C Major* César Franck

You can make an online donation to the mission and ministry of FPC Boise at www.fpcboise.org/donate or by mailing cash or check to the church office.

***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 315** *In the Midst of New Dimensions* NEW DIMENSIONS

***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

Toccata in G Major

Théodore Dubois

Leading Worship

Rev. Dr. Andrew Kukla
Ryan Dye, Minister of Music
FPC Chancel Choir
Judy Austin, liturgist

Today's Chancel flowers are given by Donna Strider
in loving memory of her dear husband, Charlie Strider.

Upcoming Events at First Presbyterian Church

October 1 at 7 p.m. & October 2 at 2 p.m. — *Boise Baroque Orchestra*. Internationally renowned Baroque Cellist, Phoebe Carrai leads the Boise Baroque Orchestra in a program centered around Italian Baroque music. Harpsichordist Nicola Canzano will also be featured on the program.

October 2 — After worship we will gather to walk for the CROP Walk to raise money and awareness about hunger and access to clean water.

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