

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Boise

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY  
November 20, 2022 • 10:45 a.m.

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

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Simple Gifts*

arr. Virgil Fox

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

Worship Christ, Eternal Son of God; honor Christ, Incarnate Son of Mary;  
**serve Christ, Glorious Ruler of creation; embody Christ, beloved of God;**  
for Christ is the pioneer and perfecter of faith.  
**We bear the name of Christ and make our lives an offering before God.**

\*HYMN 367

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you brought forth the world for the love of Christ, yet we have lived in rebellion and turned away from our created purpose. We acknowledge the Lordship of Christ with our lips, but not with our lives. We fall prey to complaint, cynicism, judgment, and self-righteousness. We are sure we have all the answers. Only when we stop and look in the mirror do we notice that our lives appear barren of the fruit of your Spirit. God—stop us. Confront us. Restore us. 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 following the sermon.*

### HEARING THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts to receive your Word; by your Spirit free us from the power of darkness and show to us the inheritance of the saints of light. Amen.**

#### FIRST LESSON: PSALM 100

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. <sup>2</sup>Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing. <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. <sup>4</sup>Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. <sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

#### ANTHEM

#### *Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

Frederick Chatfield

*Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;  
With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise;  
By Him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;  
Sing to the Lord of harvest a song of happy love.*

*By Him the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring;  
The hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing;  
He filleth with His fulness all things with large increase;  
He crowns the year with goodness, with plenty, and with peace.*

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#### SECOND LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

**REFLECTION ON THE WORD AND LIFE:**

“Gratitude as Effervescent Joy”

**\*HYMN 333**

*How Our Hearts with Joy Abound*

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**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*adapted from the Confession of 1967*)

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God’s reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation and shares God’s labor of healing the enmities that separate us from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to God’s call.

**Minute For Mission – Tidwell Services**

**OFFERTORY**

*Let All Things Now Living*

arr. Michael Barnhouse

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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.**

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN 643**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

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**\*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**

*Now Thank We All Our God* from *Cantata No. 79* J. S. Bach/Virgil Fox

**LEADING WORSHIP**

Rev. Dr. Andrew Kukla, *Pastor*

Ryan Dye, *Minister of Music*

FPC Chancel Choir

Luann Fife, *Pianist*

Robert Atnip, *Liturgist*

Today's Chancel flowers are given by Donna Strider in thankfulness for the hardworking staff and volunteers at First Presbyterian Church.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Advent Cantata—December 4**, FPC Chancel Choir, soloists and members of Boise Baroque Orchestra present J. S. Bach's *Cantata No. 140 - "Sleepers Awake"* for the morning worship service. This is one you don't want to miss!

**MUSIC NOTE**

Today's organ music features two pieces by the acclaimed organist and concert artist Virgil Fox (1912-1980). Fox was notable for his flamboyant performances and incredible command of the instrument. Fox graduated from the Peabody Institute of Music in Baltimore as the first student to complete the course for the Artist's Diploma within a year, at the age of 18. He would later teach at Peabody and serve as organist at Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church in Baltimore. In 1938, Fox was the first non-German organist given permission to perform publicly in the Thomaskirche in Leipzig where J. S. Bach served as cantor until his death in 1750. Fox later served as organist at the prominent Riverside Church in New York City from 1946-1965. It was here that he presided over one of the largest church organs in the world, one he designed in collaboration with G. Donald Harrison, president and tonal director of the famed Aeolian-Skinner Organ Co. of Boston. Later in his career, Fox would tour the world concertizing full-time. From 1970-1978, Fox would perform his famous "Heavy Organ" concerts in auditoriums, popular music concert halls, and other nontraditional organ music venues, touring with a large electronic organ built by the Rodgers Organ Company dubbed "Black Beauty." The Heavy Organ concerts exclusively featured works of Johann Sebastian Bach accompanied by a large-scale light show, "Revelation Lights," that was synchronized with the music, thereby bringing together aural and visual elements. His arrangement of "Now Thank We All Our God" from Bach's *Cantata No. 79* was often performed as an audience favorite.