

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Boise

February 19, 2023 • 10:45 a.m.



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

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Voluntary in D*

John Stanley

WELCOME

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

INTROIT

*Bless Us, O God*

Richard Shephard

*Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence,  
That we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from 2 Corinthians 1:3-5)

Blessed be the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction.

**Having been consoled, we are able to be a consolations to others.**

It is Christ's love and mercy at work in us and through us—we are an interwoven body of care.

**In gratitude for these abundant mercies, let us worship the Lord our God.**

\*HYMN 49

*The God of Abraham Praise*

LEONI

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you crafted us and breathed upon us the divine breath of life. You cultivate for us a world of abundance and care and connect us to communities that nurture and affirm that we would never be alone. But we take that for granted. And we are slow to do unto others as you have done for us—as they have done for us. We are happy to be the fruit of the vine but slow to be the gardener of another person’s well-being. Help us, O Lord, to see the ways you have cared for us—and offer that same love to one another. 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

### HEARING THE WORD

## 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.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, who inspires prophets and apostles, be with us now in the reading of your word, that it may point us in the way of the Word-made-flesh. Amen.

## LESSON: JOHN 15:1-15

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

*He leadeth me: O blessed thought!  
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where're I be,  
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.*

*Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,  
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,  
By waters calm, o'er troubled sea,  
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.*

*He leadeth me, he leadeth me;  
By his own hand he leadeth me:  
His faithful foll'wer I would be,  
For by his hand he leadeth me.*

*Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,  
Nor ever murmur nor repine:  
Content, whatever lot I see,  
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.*

*And when my task on earth is done,  
When by thy grace, the vict'ry's won,  
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.*

#### REFLECTION ON THE WORD AND LIFE:

“I am the Vine”

Sixth in a Six-Week Series on our Stained-Glass Windows

#### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn 457

*How Happy Are the Saints of God*

WAREHAM

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*adapted from The Brief Statement of Faith*)

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in baptism, feeds us at Table, and calls us to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

MINUTE FOR MISSION: FOOD PANTRY

**OFFERTORY**

*Flute Tune*

Thomas Arne

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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 it 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 738**

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

MARYTON

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE**

*God's Love*

Richard Shephard

*God's love has been shed abroad in our hearts  
Through the Holy Spirit he has giv'n us.  
- Romans 5:5*

**POSTLUDE**

*Voluntary in D*

John Stanley

**LEADING WORSHIP**

Rev. Dr. Andrew Kukla, *Pastor*                      Ryan Dye, *Minister of Music*  
FPC Chancel Choir Luann Fife, *Pianist*                      Bonnie Lind, *Liturgist*

Today's flowers are given by the Deacons to the Glory of God

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**TODAY at 2:00 p.m.** *Boise Baroque Orchestra*, under the direction of Robert Franz, presents a program entitled *Pergolesi's Neapolitan Treat*, featuring his Stabat Mater sung by soloists Nola Richardson and Logan Tanner. Tickets available online at [boisebaroque.org](http://boisebaroque.org).

