

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Boise

February 12, 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

Arioso

J. S. Bach

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 Psalm 100)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

We are the sheep of God's pasture—we do know the goodness of the Lord.

In worship we give thanks to God and bless the Lord's most holy name.

***HYMN 35**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you have gifted us with a world of abundance, steadfast love, and mercies that stretch the length and breadth of the universe. And yet we still manage to mess it all up. We turn abundance into scarcity. We taint your love with cycles of violence and abuse. We prefer judgment and righteousness to mercy and forgiveness. But forgiveness is what we need. Turn around our lives. Let our complaints become praise and our finger-pointing become forgiveness. 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: Psalm 33:1-5, 18-22

¹Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright. ²Praise the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings. ³Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts. ⁴For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. ⁵He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. ¹⁸Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, ¹⁹to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. ²⁰Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield. ²¹Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. ²²Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

ANTHEM

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J. S. Bach

*Jesu, joy of man's desiring,
Holy wisdom, Love most bright,
Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring,
Soar to uncreated light.
Word of God our flesh that fashion'd
With the fire of life impassion'd.
Striving still to Truth unknown,
Soaring, dying round thy throne.*

*Through the way where Hope is guiding,
Hark, what peaceful music rings,
Where the flock in thee confiding,
Drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure,
Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead thine own,
In the love of joys unknown.*

-Martin Jahn (c.1620-c. 1682)

REFLECTION ON THE WORD AND LIFE:

“Praise the Lord”

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

SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 15:7-13

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name”; ¹⁰and again he says, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”; ¹¹and again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; ¹²and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.” ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Special Music Geoffrey Hill—Boise Baroque Assoc. Concertmaster

*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!”

OFFERTORY

Morning Has Broken

arr. Kevin McChesney

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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.**

