

# Welcome to FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 17, 2022—10:45 a.m.

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

Prelude

*Passacaglia in C Minor*

J.S. Bach

Welcome

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

**Call to Worship** (adapted from Psalm 107)

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,  
whom God gathered in from the lands;

**God has gathered all peoples, from the east and the west,  
from the north and the south.**

Let them thank the Lord for this steadfast love,  
for God's wonderful works to humankind.

**God satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry  
are filled with good things.**

Let us worship the Lord!

\*Hymn 12

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

**Prayer of Confession** (*spoken together and silent*)

**You have blessed us, O God, with the grace by which we live and the gifts with which we serve. But we confess that we want it both ways: we want to justify ourselves, yet rely on your grace. We want to prove our own worth through our acts of service, yet rely on your mercy when we make mistakes. Forgive us, we pray, for our pride and self-righteousness. Remind us that *everything***

**depends on your grace: our gifts, our service, our forgiveness, our life, our hope of resurrection, our unity with you and with all things.**

**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**

## Prayer for Illumination

**O God, as the Scriptures are read and the Gospel proclaimed, open our ears to hear your Word, open our eyes to see your truth, and open our hearts to receive your grace. Amen.**

## Listen to the Word:

### Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

### Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

## Reflection on the Word and Life:

Rev. Bruce D. Ervin

"It's All on God"

## \*Hymn 435

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

IN BABILONE

## \*Affirmation of Faith (The Creed of The United Church of Canada)

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

Minute for Mission: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

## Offertory

*Chorale Prelude in A Major*

J.S. Bach

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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**

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 772**

*Live into Hope*

TRURO

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Response**

***We Are One in the Spirit***

BY OUR LOVE

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

**Postlude**

*Fugue in C Minor*

J.S. Bach

***Leading Worship***

Rev. Bruce D. Ervin and Rev. Helen Hempfling Ervin  
Robert Schmidt, guest organist                      Bonnie Lind, liturgist

Today's Chancel flowers given by Bae Emilson in memory of her older brother Karl's birthday on July 15 and in honor of younger brother Rolf.

## Welcome to our Guest Speaker

Bruce Ervin is a retired minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). A native of Chicago, he attended Hiram College in Ohio and Andover Newton Theological School in Massachusetts. He did post-graduate work in the history of revivalism and social reform at Toronto School of Theology. Rev. Ervin served churches in New England, New York, Canada and Indiana before retiring to Boise a year ago with his wife, Helen. Throughout his ministry he has sought to engage congregations in social issues such as homelessness and refugee settlement. He loves history, urban transportation and baseball. With family roots in Idaho, he is thrilled to be living in the West.

## Music Note

We extend a special welcome to our guest organist in July, Robert Schmidt.

## Upcoming Events at First Presbyterian Church

**Sundays, July 24 and August 21, at 10 a.m.—***FPC Summer Choir.* If you enjoy singing and would like a “low-commitment” choral experience, you are invited to join other choristers on the Chancel at 10 a.m. as we learn a simple anthem prior to the Sunday service. Please call or text Ryan Dye at 208-830-7007 with any questions.

**Sunday, July 30, Noon-3 p.m.—***Church Social:* Kristin Armstrong Park, Sweet Gum Site. FPC will provide meat, buns, condiments, vegetarian and GF will be available; bring your own beverage. Last name begins with A-M bring a side dish to share; Last name begins with N-Z bring a dessert to share. Questions? Call Pat Dautel, 208-867-5182; Susan Knights, 208-860-9385.