

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Boise

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
November 27, 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 *O come, O come, Emmanuel* Robert J. Powell

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

## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

INTROIT *Arise, The Kingdom Is At Hand* Christopher Tye

*Arise, the kingdom is at hand,  
The King is drawing nigh;  
O come with joy, thou faithful band,  
To meet the Lord most high!  
Look up, ye souls weighted down with care,  
The Sovereign is not far;  
Look up, faint hearts, from your despair,  
Behold the Morning Star!*

## CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Isaiah 2:1-5)

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord

Let us go to the house of the God of Jacob, that God may teach us the way of the Lord.

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

\*HYMN 82 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Teaching God, you have given us commandments and decrees. You have gifted us with the law and liturgy of steadfast love from poets and prophets. And yet we lose touch with your way and your wisdom as they are drowned out by so many different voices vying for our attention. Speak to us again in your ancient way. Help us to attend, to awake, to strengthen our faith, that we may call upon your name and live your way in the world. 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: ISAIAH 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. <sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

#### ANTHEM

#### *Advent Canticle*

Mark Shepperd

Jennifer Rhees, flute      Warren Kukla, oboe

*Come, Lord Jesus,  
Come to set us free.  
Born to set your people free,  
Come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

#### SECOND LESSON: WE HAVE COME AT CHRIST'S OWN BIDDING

We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place, where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace. Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain, searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks through our clouds and shadows; splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word;  
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.  
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the law and prophets meet:  
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,  
we like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.  
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,  
that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

#### REFLECTION ON THE WORD AND LIFE:

“Go to the House of the Lord”

First in an Advent Series “For Out of Zion Shall Go Forth Instructions”

\*HYMN 191

*We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*

BREWER

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Nicene Creed*)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

*From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*

Johann Pachelbel

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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 105**

*People, Look East*

BESANÇON

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE**

*A Carol*

Roland E. Martin

*Once for a shining hour, Heav'n touched earth,  
Hope was born anew, And peace reigned in the world.*

**POSTLUDE**

**Fughetta on *People Look East***

Richard Shephard

**LEADING WORSHIP**

Rev. Dr. Andrew Kukla, *Pastor* Ryan Dye, *Minister of Music*  
FPC Chancel Choir Dena Duncan, *Liturgist*

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Sunday, December 4 at 10:45 a.m.** - FPC Boise will present Johann Sebastian Bach's Advent Cantata *Wachet auf, uns ruf di Stimme*, BWV 140, as part of the Sunday morning worship service. Under the direction of Minister of Music Ryan Dye, the Chancel Choir will be joined by members

of The Boise Baroque Orchestra as well as noted soloists Amanda Gardner-Porter, soprano, Curtis Crafton, bass, and Bray Wilkins, tenor. First performed on November 25, 1731, during Bach's tenure as cantor of the St. Thomaskirche in Leipzig, this popular church cantata is based on Jesus' Parable of the Ten Virgins in Matthew 25.

**Sunday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m.** - *Critical Mass Vocal Artists*, under the direction of Dr. Michael Porter, presents a concert entitled "Sounds of Winter" to ring in the holiday season. Selections include "Still, Still, Still," "O magnum mysterium," "Ave Maria," "Away in a Manger," and much more!