

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Boise

February 26, 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**

*Prelude on O WALY, WALY*

Joyce Jones

**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

Listen! There is hope to be found here.

**Listen! God calls you by name here.**

Listen! There is love that abides here.

**This world is full of chatter, so may we do our best to listen.**

God is speaking.

**Let us worship.**

**\*HYMN 167**

*Forty Days and Forty Nights*

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, too often we treat your Word like a radio station—something we can tune in and out of when it's convenient. Our minds are full of ads, emails, news updates, and notifications. In the midst of this clutter, we tend to gravitate toward the voices that think like us—easily ignoring the voices being silenced, easily ignoring your voice. Forgive us for failing to listen. Forgive us for getting caught in distractions. Forgive us for forgetting what your voice sounds like. Drain the distractions from our minds and help us turn once again toward you. 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 God, listening is always more easily said than done. We shuffle into this space and try to quiet our minds, but the list of distractions is long. We need your help to listen. So today we ask that you would marinate us in your Word. Crack open our hearts to make room for you. We want to hear you, really hear you, so speak to us now, amen.**

### FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 2:15-17, 3:1-7

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

<sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

<sup>3:1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.



### ANTHEM

### *Grace*

Arr. Mark Hayes

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound;  
That saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
I once was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And that same grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour when I first believed!*

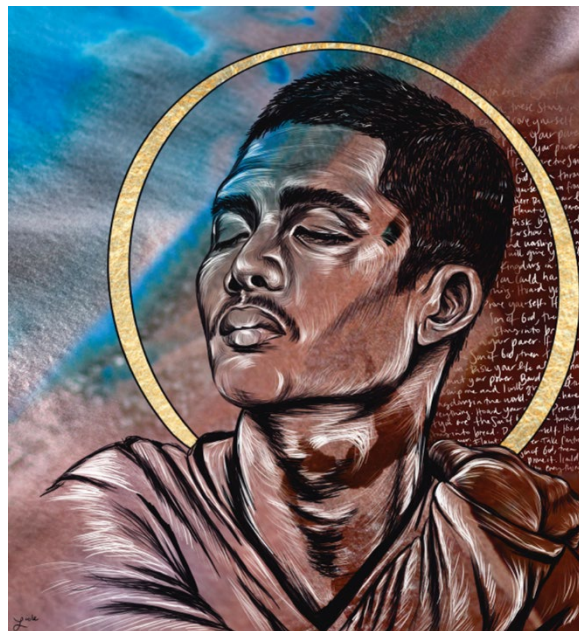
*Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already safely come;  
This grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And surely, grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than since the day we first begun.*

- John Newton (1725-1807)

## SECOND LESSON: MATTHEW 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup>But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.



### REFLECTION ON THE WORD AND LIFE:

“Who Will You Listen To?”

First in a Six-Week Lenten Series, “Seeking”

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn (see insert)

*Who Will You Listen To?*

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**In a world full of noise, we believe that God is speaking. In a world full of chaos, we believe that God is singing. In a world full of temptation, we believe that God is healing. Church, who will you listen to? We will listen to God—our Creator, Friend, and Guide. Church, what will you listen for? We will listen for water in the desert, for the wind of the Spirit, for the laughter of children, for the sound of open doors, and for God’s voice, who calls us beloved. Amen**

### OFFERTORY

*Chorale Prelude: Abridge*

C. S. Lang

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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 174**

*Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*

MADELEINE

**\*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**

*How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou*

Marcel Dupré

**LEADING WORSHIP**

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

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