

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Boise

November 13, 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

*Organ Hymn*

Raymond H. Haan

WELCOME

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

INTROIT

*I Was Glad*

Melvin West

*I was glad when they said unto me,  
“Let us go into the house of the Lord.”  
Peace be unto you.*

Psalm 122:1

CALL TO WORSHIP (*adapted from Isaiah 54*)

Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed;

**Do not be discouraged, for you will not suffer disgrace.**

For your Maker is your covenant partner; the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer.

**Let us worship the Lord our God with thanks and praise.**

\*HYMN 386

*Come, Worship God*

O QUANTA QUALIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, in the beginning you created us as a the communal image of your covenant love. You call us to love our neighbor and protect the stranger. We are each other’s keeper. And yet we fall prey to other voices and other ways and imagine ourselves in competition for resources, for righteousness, for home...for love. And our kindness turns to bitterness and our generosity turns to hoarding. Soften our hearts again, o Lord, and guide us in mutual mission and co-creation of your beloved community. 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

God of Spirit and life, inspire us in the reading of these words to hear your hopes and dreams for us and all creation. May these readings and meditations of our hearts and minds draw us closer to walking in the way of your Word. Amen.

### FIRST LESSON: RUTH 1:11-18

<sup>11</sup>But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup>Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, <sup>13</sup>would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me.” <sup>14</sup>Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. <sup>15</sup>So she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” <sup>16</sup>But Ruth said, “Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. <sup>17</sup>Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!” <sup>18</sup>When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

### ANTHEM

### *Laudate Nomen Domini*

Christopher Tye

*Laudate nomen Domini,  
vos servi Domini,  
ab ortu solis usque ad  
occasum ejus.*

*O praise the name of God on high,  
you servants of the Lord;  
from morning till the setting sun,  
be ev'rywhere adored.*

*Decreta Dei justa sunt  
et cor exhilarant.  
Laudate Deum principes  
et omnes populi.*

*The laws of God make glad my heart,  
he makes his mercies known;  
All kings and nations now bow down  
to kneel before his throne.  
- from Psalm 112*

### SECOND LESSON: JOB 19: 1-7, 14-15, 21-27

<sup>1</sup>Then Job answered: <sup>2</sup>“How long will you torment me, and break me in pieces with words? <sup>3</sup>These ten times you have cast reproach upon me; are you not ashamed to wrong me? <sup>4</sup>And even if it is true that I have erred, my error remains with me. <sup>5</sup>If indeed you magnify yourselves against me, and make my humiliation an argument against me, <sup>6</sup>know then that God has put me in the wrong, and closed his net around me. <sup>7</sup>Even when I cry out, ‘Violence!’ I am not answered; I call aloud, but there is no justice. <sup>14</sup>My relatives and my close friends have failed me; <sup>15</sup>the guests in my house have forgotten me; my serving girls count me as a stranger; I have become an alien in their eyes.

<sup>21</sup>“Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends, for the hand of God has touched me! <sup>22</sup>Why do you, like God, pursue me, never satisfied with my flesh? <sup>23</sup>O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! <sup>24</sup>O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! <sup>25</sup>For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; <sup>26</sup>and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, <sup>27</sup>whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

**REFLECTION ON THE WORD AND LIFE:**

“Bitter Harvests and Volunteer Messiahs”

**\*HYMN 67**

*My Song Forever Shall Record*

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*adapted from the Confession of 1967*)

**To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God’s reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation and shares God’s labor of healing the enmities that separate us from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to God’s call.**

**OFFERTORY**

*Hymn of Thanks*

Beverly Simpson & Johann Schulz

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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 697

*Take My Life*

HENDON

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE

*Apostolic Benediction*

Melvin West

*May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
And the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
Be with you all. AMEN.*

POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune in A*

David N. Johnson

**LEADING WORSHIP**

Rev. Dr. Andrew Kukla, *Pastor*

Ryan Dye, *Minister of Music*

FPC Chancel Choir

FPC Handbell Choir

Susan Block, *Director*

Rachel Yates, *Liturgist*

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Congregational Meeting** in the sanctuary immediately following today's worship. We will elect new officers and hear a report on the budget.

**Harvest Feast** in Lindsay Hall immediately following Congregational Meeting. All are welcome as we enjoy good food and fellowship.

**Sunday Funday** today at 1pm, FPC youth and families help *Rake Up Boise* - an event where volunteers help rake yards for veterans, disabled and seniors in the community.

**Organ Evensong** today at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary. Conclude your Sunday at FPC with a reflective program of music and the spoken word.

**Advent Cantata**—FPC Chancel Choir, soloists and members of Boise Baroque Orchestra present J. S. Bach's *Cantata No. 140* - "*Sleepers Awake*" for the morning worship service. This is one you don't want to miss!

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