

Welcome to FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 28, 2022—10:45 a.m.

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

Prelude *Voluntary on* AUSTRIAN HYMN Robert A. Hobby

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

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 119)

Happy are those who walk in the law of the Lord.

O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

We will praise you with an upright heart.

With my whole heart I seek you; Blessed are you, O Lord.

***Hymn 327** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Prayer of Confession (*spoken together and silent*)

God of Life, you consecrated us and make covenant with us. You will be our God and we will be your people. You have given us a law and a way; prophets and priests, teachers and healers who live your love among us. And yet...we find it all too easy to close our hearts to one another, to lose patience with those around us, to turn to judgment and self interest. God, we need you, and we need each other, though we are loath to admit it. 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

Special Music *Ain-a That Good News!* arr. John Carter

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, your word is a light in darkness and a source of blessing. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us; enliven our hearts and minds as we hear your word for us today. Amen.

Listen to the Word:

Exodus 34:1-11a

The LORD said to Moses, "Cut two tablets of stone like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets, which you broke. ²Be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai and present yourself there to me, on the top of the mountain. ³No one shall come up with you, and do not let anyone be seen throughout all the

mountain; and do not let flocks or herds graze in front of that mountain.” ⁴So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones; and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone.

⁵The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, “The LORD.” ⁶The LORD passed before him, and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, yet by no means clearing the guilty, but visiting the iniquity of the parents upon the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.” ⁸And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped. ⁹He said, “If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, I pray, let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.”

¹⁰He said: I hereby make a covenant. Before all your people I will perform marvels, such as have not been performed in all the earth or in any nation; and all the people among whom you live shall see the work of the LORD; for it is an awesome thing that I will do with you. ¹¹Observe what I command you today.

Reflection on the Word and Life:

“As You Are, O God, So Shall We Be”

***Hymn 81**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

***Affirmation of Faith** (adapted from The Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples 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 and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

Minute for Mission—Personnel Committee

Offertory

Voluntary on LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Donald Busarow

*You can make an online donation to the mission and ministry of FPC Boise at
www.fpcboise.org/donate or by mailing cash or check to the church office.*

*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.

*Hymn 297

In Christ Called to Baptize

ST. DENIO

*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

Voluntary on ST. DENIO

Michael Burkhardt

Leading Worship

Rev. Dr. Andrew Kukla
Ryan Dye, Minister of Music
Don Bott, liturgist

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

Upcoming Events at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 11 is *Kick-Off Sunday* — A time to learn where you want to get engaged for the coming year. Following this Sunday we resume youth group, Bible study, choir and all the things! Also enjoy hamburgers and hotdogs on the front lawn (and throughout the building).

Sunday, September 11, at 4 p.m. — *Organ Evensong*