

## Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Boise

January 28, 2024 • 10:45 a.m.

*This Sanctuary space should be welcoming and comfortable to all—kids make noise, adults fellowship—please do! We also appreciate that for many of us the prelude and postlude are a meaningful preparation and abide in the charge of worship as we go into the world. We ask you to respect the intentions and diverse needs of this time and space.*

*Bold-faced type are words the congregation speaks together.*

*The \* invites you to stand in body or spirit.*

### GATHERING

#### PRELUDE

*How Great Thou Art*

Robert A. Hobby

#### WELCOME

This is the day the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

#### INTROIT

*Almighty God*

Richard Shephard

*Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence.*

*Give us pure hearts and steadfast will to worship you in spirit and in truth.*

*Through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 111)

Praise the Lord! We give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart

**Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**

Awe of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

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

#### \*HYMN 634

*To God Be the Glory*

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#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, you coaxed the world into being by will and word. You put at the center of our lives gardens of goodness and all manner of potential. You are constantly doing a new thing, springing forth in the wastelands of our world. But we are tired and we are jaded. The world of vibrant colors has become shades of grey, and far too often we are simply living out our days in habits and routines that have long lost their luster. Open our eyes again, God, to your wonders. Spark our imagination and kindle our love. 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

God, by the power of your Holy Spirit may this word come alive in our hearts—capture our imaginations and guide our love, that our every act may be formed in the goodness of your creative power and unfailing grace. Amen.

## FIRST LESSON: JEREMIAH 8:22-9:2

<sup>22</sup>Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?  
Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

<sup>9:1</sup>O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears,  
so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

<sup>2</sup>O that I had in the desert a traveler's lodging place,  
that I might leave my people and go away from them!  
For they are all adulterers, a band of traitors.

## SECOND LESSON: ECCLESIASTES 1:1-11

The words of the Teacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. <sup>3</sup>What do people gain from all the toil at which they toil under the sun?

<sup>4</sup>A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever. <sup>5</sup>The sun rises and the sun goes down, and hurries to the place where it rises. <sup>6</sup>The wind blows to the south, and goes around to the north; round and round goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns. <sup>7</sup>All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full; to the place where the streams flow, there they continue to flow. <sup>8</sup>All things are wearisome; more than one can express; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, or the ear filled with hearing.

<sup>9</sup>What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done; there is nothing new under the sun. <sup>10</sup>Is there a thing of which it is said, "See, this is new"? It has already been, in the ages before us. <sup>11</sup>The people of long ago are not remembered, nor will there be any remembrance of people yet to come by those who come after them.

## ANTHEM

### *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

arr. James Kirby

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to the throne thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing;  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King, Praise the everlasting King.*

*Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress;  
Praise God still the same as ever, slow to chide and quick to bless;  
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious now God's faithfulness, Glorious now God's faithfulness.*

*Angels in the heights adoring, you behold God face to face;  
Saints triumphant, now adoring, gathered in from every race.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace, Praise with us the God of grace!*

### THIRD LESSON: MARK 1:21-28

<sup>21</sup>They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

### REFLECTION ON THE WORD AND LIFE

“Called... to Imagine”  
Fourth in a Six-Week Series, “Called

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Hymn 724

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

ANGEL’S STORY

\*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 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!”**

OFFERTORY

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

arr. John Carter

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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 and place it in the donation box in the Narthex so we may 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 625**

*How Great Thou Art*

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**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE**

*Send Me*

Rachel Aarons

*Here am I, send me.*

- Isaiah 6:8

**POSTLUDE**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

arr. Curt Oliver

The flowers in worship today are given by the Deacons to the Glory of God

## LEADING WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Andrew Kukla, *Pastor*  
Sarah Bailey, *Liturgist*  
Luann Fife, *Pianist*

Ryan Dye, *Minister of Music*  
FPC Chancel Choir

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, February 3 at 7:30 p.m.—*I Cantori* vocal ensemble** from Walla Walla University, under the direction of Dr. Kraig Scott, presents an evening of beautiful choral music.  
Free Admission.

**Sunday, February 4 at 10:45 a.m.—*I Cantori* vocal ensemble** from Walla Walla University will lead as the guest chancel choir in worship.

**Saturday, February 10 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, February 11 at 2:00 p.m.—*Boise Baroque Orchestra*** presents their winter concert *Bach to the Future*. J. S. Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto No. 2* will be paired with music from contemporary composer, Damien Geter. For more information and tickets, visit [boisebaroque.org](http://boisebaroque.org).

**Thursday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m.—*Boise State University Choirs*** present *Spring Choral Collage* under the direction of Dr. Michael Porter.