

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho

September 21, 2025, 11:00 a.m., 15th Sunday after Pentecost

*Catherine Lyle, Pastor; Annie Welle, Piano; Dana Stockman, Choir Director
Paula Vincent, Worship Leader; Mickey Quinn, Ushers
Sue Helander, Livestream*

PRELUDE MUSIC, LIVESTREAM BEGINS

LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP “A Goodness Worth Pursuing” (found on sacredise.com and adapted)

Goodness isn’t always popular, Jesus;

There are those who doubt that it has value,

that fear, that goodness only leaves us vulnerable

and unable to navigate the complexities of the real world.

But, we believe that the opposite is true,

that it is goodness that must ultimately prevail, and that holds the key to the wholeness and happiness we seek.

And so we pray for goodness to infiltrate every un-good place,

where callous self-interest humiliates and impoverishes others,

where casual disregard for the common good undermines security and neighborliness,

where unexamined or overstated fear addicts to control,

where our obsession with the immediate blinds us to the consequences of our actions.

Teach us the power of the good, the healing of the noble, the life of the praiseworthy, and capture our hearts that we may give ourselves to know your goodness –

the only goodness that is truly worth pursuing.

*OPENING HYMN #407 “When a Poor One”

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY Lord in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**

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.

OPENING PRAYER AND RESPONSIVE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.** Thanks be to God!

*SUNG RESPONSE #577 “Glory Be to the Father”

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen....

CHILDREN’S MOMENT “What do we do when we wake up from a bad dream?”

SCRIPTURE READINGS Proverbs 21:5, Proverbs 21:20, Luke 15:11-16

*HYMN #413 “All Who Love and Serve Your City”

WORDS OF WITNESS “Awakening & Realigning with Simplicity”

Catherine Lyle, Pastor

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #593 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen....

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #367 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

*CHARGE, BENEDICTION, FOLLOW THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

We are a congregation of people

Loving, living, learning the joy of faith.

POSTLUDE, LIVESTREAM CONCLUDES

WORDS TO SONGS

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When a Poor One

When a poor one who has nothing shares with
strangers,
When the thirsty water give unto us all,
When the crippled in their weakness strengthen
others,
Then we know that God still goes that road with us,
Then we know that God still goes that road with us.

When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,
When they hope though even hope seems
hopelessness,
When we love though hate at times seems all
around us,
Then we know that God still goes that road with us,
Then we know that God still goes that road with us.

When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,
When our lips can speak no words other than true,
When we know that love for simple things is better,
Then we know that God still goes that road with us,
Then we know that God still goes that road with us.

When our homes are filled with goodness in
abundance,
When we learn how to make peace instead of war,
When each stranger that we meet is called a
neighbor,
Then we know that God still goes that road with us,
Then we know that God still goes that road with us.

All Who Love and Serve Your City

All who love and serve your city,
All who bear its daily stress,
All who cry for peace and justice,
All who curse and all who bless:

In your day of wealth and plenty,
Wasted work and wasted play,
Call to mind the word of Jesus,
“You must work while it is day.”

For all days are days of judgment,
And the Lord is waiting still,
Drawing near a world that spurns Him,
Offering peace from Calvary’s hill.

Risen Lord, shall yet the city
Be the city of despair?
Come today, our judge, our glory.
Be its name “The Lord is there!”

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu,
Fill us with Your love,
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from
You.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
Silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. *(Refrain)*

Neighbors are rich and poor,
Varied in color and race,
Neighbors are near and far away. *(Refrain)*

These are the ones we should serve,
These are the ones we should love;
All are neighbors to us and You. *(Refrain)*

Loving puts us on our knees,
Serving as though we are slaves,
This is the way we should live with You. *(Refrain)*

Kneel at the feet of our friends,
Silently washing their feet,
This is the way we should live with You. *(Refrain)*