

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho

November 16, 2025, 11:00 a.m., 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

*Catherine Lyle, Pastor; Annie Welle, Piano; Dana Stockman, Choir Director
Dyno Wahl, Worship Leader; Kirsten Thompson & Paula Vincent, Ushers
Mickey Hemingway, Livestream*

PRELUDE MUSIC, LIVESTREAM BEGINS

LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP (written by Jody McKewen and adapted by Rev. Lyle)

When the world is uncertain,

You are my certainty.

When what I thought would last begins to crumble,

You remain unshaken.

Thank You for telling me the truth — not just to warn me,

but to prepare me.

I may not know what tomorrow holds,

but I know that You will be there.

Give me courage, not to run away from hardship,

but to stand in it — knowing You will speak through me,

give me wisdom beyond my understanding, and hold every hair on my head in Your care.

Let me stand firm. Let me trust deeper.

(All) And let me gain life — the kind of life that never ends.

In You alone, Jesus, Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #458 “Earth and All Stars”

*OPENING PRAYER AND RESPONSIVE PEACE OF CHRIST

“It’s Times Like These” written by Paul Dazet

God of Enduring Love, The world feels unstable. So do I. Temples fall. Dreams fracture. Bodies ache. Hearts break. I want to fix it. To flee from it. To numb it. But You stand among the ruins, Steady, scarred, and whispering, “Do not be afraid.” You never promised me comfort. You promised Your presence. So when I want to run, Teach me how to stay. When I want to numb out, Teach me how to feel again. When the noise of fear gets loud, Remind me that endurance is love in motion. Raise in me a new day rising, A brand-new sky to hang the stars upon tonight. Let me keep giving and giving again, Trusting that love is never wasted, That even the smallest act of kindness Is resurrection rehearsed.

And when I finally learn to breathe again, To forgive again, To believe again, Let it be because of You. Because it’s times like these We learn to live again. It’s times like these We learn to love again. Amen.

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....

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 98, Luke 21:5-19 (NLT)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The Magic 8 Ball is fun but is not Wisdom

WORDS OF WITNESS

Trusting in stones leave us all broken Catherine Lyle, Pastor

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #379

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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.

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 #535

"Go with Us, Lord"

*CHARGE, BENEDICTION, FOLLOW THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (*Ephesians 3:20-21*)

We are a congregation of people

Loving, living, learning the joy of faith.

POSTLUDE, LIVESTREAM CONCLUDES

WORDS TO SONGS

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Earth and All Stars

Earth and all stars,
Loud rushing planets
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain,
Loud blowing snowstorm
Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things.
We will sing praises with a new song!

Classrooms and labs,
Loud boiling testtubes
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and fan,
Loud cheering people
Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things.
We will sing praises with a new song!

Steel and machines,
Loud pounding hammers
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams,
Loud building workers
Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things.
We will sing praises with a new song!

Knowledge and truth,
Loud sounding wisdom
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son,
Loud praying members
Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things.
We will sing praises with a new song!

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.
When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. *(Refrain)*

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. *(Refrain)*

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. *(Refrain)*

Go with Us, Lord

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to You.