

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho

December 28, 2025, 11:00 a.m., 1st Sunday of Christmas

*Catherine Lyle, Pastor; Annie Welle, Piano; Dana Stockman, Choir Director
Paula Vincent, Worship Leader; Jane Fritz & Sylvia Humes, Ushers
Don Helander, Livestream*

PRELUDE MUSIC, LIVESTREAM BEGINS

LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

HYMN #53 "What Child Is This" (*refrain only*)

We light these candles for those who need it most.

For all who need more Hope.

For all who yearn for Peace.

For all whose Joy lays dormant.

For all who need the salve of Love.

For all of who need this Child of Possibility.

Our question for today at the scene of the nativity is this: "How do the messages of this child reverberate into our time, our lives, our world?"

All: What child IS this? This, this, is Christ the King who reigns with hope, peace, joy, and love forever.

*OPENING HYMNS #22 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" (*verses 1, 2*)

#23 "Angels We Have Heard of High" (*verses 1, 3*)

*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....

CHORAL ANTHEM "Christ Child, Christ Child"

SCRIPTURE READINGS Matthew 2:1-12

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *The Last Straw* by Fredrick H. Thury

WORDS OF WITNESS "Warm-up is over, let's get back in there!"

Catherine Lyle, Pastor

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #56 "The First Nowell" (*verses 1-5*)

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

*THE DOXOLOGY #36 "In the Bleak Midwinter" (*verse 4*)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #40 "Joy to the World!"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

May the Sovereign of Love, the Child of Grace, the Spirit of Resistance to Injustice be with you now and as you go. Amen.

*FOLLOW THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

We follow Christ's light, for we are a congregation of people,

Loving, living, learning the joy of faith.

*POSTLUDE, LIVESTREAM CONCLUDES

WORDS TO SONGS

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What Child Is This (refrain)

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *(Refrain)*

Angels, from the Realms of Glory (vs 1, 2)

Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

The First Nowell (vs 1-5)

The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they
lay;
In fields where they lay akeeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Refrain:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant light: *(Refrain)*

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
(Refrain)

Angels We Have Heard on High (vs 1, 3)

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
(Refrain)

Refrain:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo;
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

This star drew nigh to the northwest;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
(Refrain)

Then entered in those wise men three,
Full reverently upon the knee,
And offered there, in His presence,
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.
(Refrain)

In the Bleak Midwinter (vs 4)

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man,
I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him:
Give my heart.

Joy to the World!

Joy to the world, the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns:
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.