

# *First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho*

January 4, 2026, 11:00 a.m., 2nd Sunday of Christmas

*Catherine Lyle, Pastor; Annie Welle, Piano; Dana Stockman, Choir Director  
Jane Fritz, Worship Leader; Dana Stockman & Kirsten Thompson, Ushers; TBA, Livestream*

PRELUDE MUSIC, LIVESTREAM BEGINS

LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We acknowledge Your glory, Light of the World, and we gratefully remember Your saving deeds. But, when the world grows dark and threatening,

**We lose faith and we despair;**

When our hopes are delayed,

**We grow disappointed and disillusioned;**

When love and truth become hard and painful,

**We choose expediency and self-interest;**

When You seem distant and silent,

**We become faithless and lethargic.**

Chase from our hearts the darkness, the cynicism and the mocking, fill our minds with memories of bloody crosses and empty tombs, fill our ears with echoes of forgiveness,

**And fill our lives with reflections of glory.**

**All: For Jesus' sake. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN #63 "As with Gladness Men of Old"

\*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....*

SCRIPTURE READINGS John 1:1-18, Ephesians 1:3-11

CHILDREN'S MOMENT "Writing a Love Song"

WORDS OF WITNESS "Beginning with Love" Catherine Lyle, Pastor

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #462 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

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

COMMUNION

\*CLOSING HYMN #29 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

\*CHARGE, BENEDICTION, FOLLOW THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." Celebrate the Peace you have and share it with all your neighbors, Amen.

We are a congregation of people

**Loving, living, learning the joy of faith.**

POSTLUDE, LIVESTREAM CONCLUDES

## WORDS TO SONGS

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### As with Gladness Men of Old

As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led to Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped  
To that lowly manger bed,  
There to bend the knee before  
Him whom heaven and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare  
At that manger rude and bare;  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

### Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
Triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Day-star, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Unaccompanied by Thee;  
Joyless is the day's return  
Till Thy mercy's beams I see,  
Till they inward light impart,  
Cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine;  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, Radiancy divine;  
Scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more Thyself display,  
Shining to the perfect day.

### Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*Refrain:*

Go, tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain,  
That Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light. (*Refrain*)

The shepherds feared and trembled,  
When lo! above the earth,  
Rang out the angels chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth. (*Refrain*)

Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn. (*Refrain*)