

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho

March 1, 2026, 11:00 a.m., 2nd Sunday in Lent

*Catherine Lyle, Pastor; Annie Welle, Piano; Dana Stockman, Choir Director
Jane Fritz, Worship Leader; Mary Bauer & Sylvia Humes, Ushers; Sue Helander, Livestream*

PRELUDE MUSIC, LIVESTREAM BEGINS

LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOISY OFFERING

OPENING WORSHIP INVITATION

RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE

OPENING PRAYER POEM

How can we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land? How long, O God, must we feel like outsiders, strangers in a strange land, a people held captive by fear, abuse of power, prejudice, and unjust institutions? How long, O God, must we be in fear for our children who are growing up in a world of terror and violence? How many people in our country need to be killed by guns until we muster the will and the courage to stop the madness? We long for your justice, for your peace, O God, we long to be released from these shackles of fear and injustice, and until that time, we cry out with the artists, "How long?"

CALL TO WORSHIP "Perfecting"

Perfecting God,

As we walk further into your light

and your Word manifests more deeply within us,

may we come to understand

that absence is not always enough.

The absence of hate is good,

but the presence of love perfects what is good.

The absence of evil is good,

but the presence of righteousness perfects what is good.

The absence of violence is good,

but the presence of peace perfects what is good.

The absence of scarcity is good,

but the presence of abundance perfects what is good.

The absence of discrimination is good,

but the presence of justice perfects what is good.

Transform us as only you can, Perfecting God.

Mold us and make us after your will,

All: while we are waiting, yielded and still. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #525 "Here I Am, Lord"

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

Psalm 13, John 3:1-17

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

“I Am a Child of God”

No matter what people say, say or think about me, I am a child, I am a child of God. No matter what people say, say or think about you, you are a child, you are a child of God.

WORDS OF WITNESS

“Waiting often means saying no till the right choice comes.”

Catherine Lyle, Pastor

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Lord in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**

*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....

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

#505

“Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

COMMUNION

see brochure

*CLOSING HYMN

“Roll Down, Justice!” (*attached page*)

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*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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Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My live to them.
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

Be known to us in breaking bread,
But do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
Thy table in our heart.

There sup with us in love divine;
Thy body and Thy blood,
That living bread, that heavenly wine,
Be our immortal food.

Roll Down, Justice!

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1. There's a voice, strong and clear, ring-ing out far and near,____

"Let jus-tice roll down, let jus-tice roll down!" Like the rush of a stream,

comes a pow-er-ful dream,____ let jus-tice roll down, jus-tice rolls down!

2. Let the earth be re-stored, ev-'ry soul be re-formed;____ let the heal-ing re-new,
3. On this glo-ri-ous day, give us cou-age, we pray,____ that jus-tice rolls down,

cre-a-tion re-born. Here in this sa-cred space with the strength of God's grace,____
let jus-tice roll down! Let the vi-sion take flight and God will de-light____

let jus-tice roll down, jus-tice rolls down!____ Roll____
as wa-ters flow down, jus-tice a-bounds!____

down! Roll down, jus-tice!____ Roll,____ like an ev-er flow-ing stream.

Roll____ down! Roll down, jus-tice!____ Roll____ like an

ev-er flow-ing stream,____ flow-ing stream,____ roll down!____

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