

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho

March 8, 2026, 11:00 a.m.; 3rd Sunday in Lent

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

PRELUDE MUSIC, LIVESTREAM BEGINS

LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE

OPENING WORSHIP INVITATION

*OPENING HYMN “Roll Down, Justice!” (*see attachment*)

OPENING PRAYER POEM “Before It’s Too Late”

I do not know exactly what lies ahead; how far we will have to travel on the road of unrest.

I cannot foretell the number of bombs that will have to explode or the lives that will have to be lost before... Before we understand that we cannot kill each other into the future we think we have imagined. You cannot hate enough to make yourself happy. You cannot destroy enough to make yourself feel secure. You cannot oppress enough to make yourself feel superior. You cannot commit enough evil to make yourself feel holy. I do not know exactly what lies ahead; how far we will have to travel on the road of unrest. I cannot foretell how many rights will have to be taken away, or how much progress will have to be reversed before... Before we understand that we cannot persecute each other into the future we think we have imagined. We cannot neglect each other enough to feel worthy. We cannot starve each other enough to feel full. We cannot silence one another enough to feel heard.

We cannot fragment each other enough to feel whole. I do not know exactly what lies ahead; how far we will have to travel on the road of unrest. I cannot foretell how many baby's bodies will have to float on the sea of greed and vainglory before... Before we understand that we cannot bully our way into the future we think we have imagined. We cannot bury each other deep enough to feel alive. We cannot rape each other enough to feel loved.

We cannot infect each other enough to feel well. We cannot enslave one another enough to feel free. Before it is too late may we understand that the call is coming from inside the house. Before it is too late may we comprehend that the Stench-Rot-Brokenness Emptiness-Insecurity- Woundedness-Disease is from within and not without. Erasing you will not heal me. May we understand before it is too late. God, help us to understand before it is too late. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship together,

Different people, different lives, different histories,

Yet all children of the same Parent,

Created lovingly by the Source of all life!

We gather to reconnect with one another,

Different people, different lives, different histories,

Yet all disciples of one Teacher.

Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.

We gather with different joys and sorrows, different hopes and fears....

Different people, different lives, different histories,

Yet one people with one God, one faith, one baptism.

**All: Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in us, among us,
and through us.**

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 “Agnus Dei”

SCRIPTURE Micah 6:6-8, Matthew 25:31-40

CHILDREN’S MOMENT “This Is the Church” by Sarah Cunningham

WORDS OF WITNESS “Re-Claiming the Gospel” Catherine Lyle, Pastor

*HYMN OF RESPONSE “I Dream of a Church” (*see attachment*)

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 #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

*CLOSING HYMN #420 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

*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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God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory,
On Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us
Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's warring madness,
Bend our pride to Thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places;
Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces,
Pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
That we fail not them nor Thee!
That we fail not them nor Thee!

Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Thy salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving Thee whom we adore,
Serving Thee whom we adore.

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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I Dream of a Church

1. I dream of a church _____ where
2. O God, fill our hearts _____ to

ev-'ry-one is wel-come, I dream of a
reach out in wel-come, . make us to

place _____ we all can call home. I
see _____ your vi-sion once more. Let's

dream of a world where jus-tice is
dream of a world where our hands are

flow-ing with hope and peace grow-ing, _____ where
your hands, we of-fer our-selves, _____ O

God's will is done. Make it so,
God, make it so.

make it so! _____ We

pray for that day, make it so. _____

_____ We dream of a world _____ where

Love reigns a-mong us _____ and your will is

done, O God, make it so! _____

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