

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho

May 3, 2026, 11:00 a.m., 5th Sunday of Easter

Catherine Lyle, Pastor; Annie Welle, Piano; Dana Stockman, Choir Director

Jane Fritz, Worship Leader; Kirsten Thompson, Usher

Cynthia Dalsing, Livestream

PRELUDE MUSIC, LIVESTREAM BEGINS

LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOISY OFFERING

RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

The simplest word,
easy to say and quickly forgotten,

can leave a legacy of pain,

or a long-lingering joy.

Yet we fill the air with our words,

oblivious,

or simply dismissive, of their impact,

of the lives changed,

for better or worse,

by our careless chatter.

Forgive us, gracious and creative Word of God.

Teach us the wisdom of careful speech,

the power of blessing,

the healing of forgiving,

the gift of truth-telling;

And give us the courage to speak out,

to do our part in filling the world

with words of life.

*OPENING HYMN #483 “Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

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 119:17-24, John 14:1-14

CHILDREN’S MOMENT “Blank Checks to God”

WORDS OF WITNESS “Did I check my heart first with God’s?” Catherine Lyle, Pastor

*SONG OF RESPONSE #333 “Seek Ye First”

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY Lord in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**
(Lord’s Prayer will be said during communion.)

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

COMMUNION

see brochure

*CLOSING HYMN #361

“How Firm a Foundation”

*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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Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Sing praise to God, who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love,
The God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul is filled,
And every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory!

What God’s almighty power hath made
God’s gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade
God’s watchful eye ne’er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of God’s might,
Lo! all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away,
But through all grief distressing,
An ever present help and stay,
Our peace and joy and blessing;
As with a mother’s tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

Thus, all my gladsome way along,
I sing aloud Thy praises
That all may hear the grateful song
My voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
Both soul and body take your part:
To God all praise and glory!

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness,

And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God’s excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake."