

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho

July 12, 2026, 11:00 a.m., 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Catherine Lyle, Pastor; Annie Welle, Piano

Mary Sturgis, Worship Leader; Jane Fritz & Dyno Wahl, Ushers

Mickey Hemingway, Livestream

PRELUDE MUSIC, LIVESTREAM BEGINS

LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOISY OFFERING

RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Breaking-Open God,

you call us

to let the seeds of your love be planted anew

in us again and again.

Open us to letting go of how we think things are,

and allow us release as we are broken open

into new life.

Calm our fears,

and animate our spirits for this

time of discovery. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #420 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

CONTEMPORARY READING AND RESPONSIVE PEACE OF CHRIST

"Rebirth," by poet Alex Elle

there will be moments when

you will bloom fully and then

wilt, only to bloom again.

if we can learn anything from

flowers it is that resilience is born

even when we feel like we are

dying.

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 Matthew 14:22-31a, John 12:20-26

CHILDREN'S MOMENT "When we create, where do we begin?"

WORDS OF WITNESS "We must decide to walk by faith into something new with ancient universal love, even when it hurts."

Catherine Lyle, Pastor

*SONG OF RESPONSE #2137 "Would I Have Answered When You Called?" (*Sing the Faith*)

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY Lord in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**

The 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 #2235-b

“We Are Marching” (*Sing the Faith*)

*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 Christlike 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.

Would I Have Answered When You Called?

Would I have answered when you called,
“Come, follow, follow me!”?
Would I at once have left behind
Both work and family?
Or would the old, familiar round
Have held me by its claim
And kept the spark within my heart
From bursting into flame?

Would I have followed where you led
Through ancient Galilee,
On roads unknown by ways untried,
Beyond security?
Or would I soon have hurried back
Where home and comfort drew,
Where truth you taught would not disturb
The ordered world I knew?

Would I have matched my step with yours
When ancient Galilee,
On roads unknown, by ways untried
Beyond security?
Or would I soon have hurried back
Where home and comfort drew,
Where truth you taught would not disturb
The ordered world I knew?

O Christ, I cannot search my heart
Through all its tangled ways,
Nor can I with a certain mind
My steadfastness appraise.
I only pray that when you call,
“Come follow, follow me!”
You’ll give me strength beyond my own
To follow faithfully.

We Are Marching

We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God,

We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God,

We are marching, marching,
We are marching, ooh, ooh!
We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching,
We are marching, ooh, ooh!
We are marching in the light of God.