

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho

July 19, 2026, 11:00 a.m., 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Catherine Lyle, Pastor; Annie Welle, Piano

Dyno Wahl, Worship Leader; Judy Labrie & Dana Stockman, Ushers

Mickey Hemingway, Livestream

PRELUDE MUSIC, LIVESTREAM BEGINS

LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us gather together!

Where every voice is welcomed.

Come follow the voice of wisdom!

We have much to learn from each other.

Come follow the voice of justice and righteousness!

May we eagerly practice what Creator has commanded and love our neighbor.

Leave fear of unworthiness behind –

Leaving behind our old ways.

Leave dismay at inadequacy far away –

Leaving behind our excuses for change.

The HOLY ONE is our righteousness!

Praise the God of compassion!

All: Give thanks to the God who gathers us all in!

*OPENING HYMN #2236 “Gather Us In” (*Sing the Faith*)

*CONTEMPORARY READING AND RESPONSIVE PEACE OF CHRIST

“Start Close In” by David Whyte

Start close in, don’t take the second step or the third, start with the first thing close in, the step you don’t want to take.

Start with the ground you know, the pale ground beneath your feet, your own way to begin the conversation.

Start with your own question, give up on other people’s questions, don’t let them smother something simple.

To hear another’s voice, follow your own voice, wait until that voice becomes a private ear that can really listen to another.

Start right now take a small step you can call your own don’t follow someone else’s heroics, be humble and focused, start close in don’t mistake that other for your own.

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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 Jeremiah 23:1-6, Ephesians 2:11-22

CHILDREN’S MOMENT “When we make peace with people who are different than us, we learn more about God and how God loves each of us!”

WORDS OF WITNESS “Separation serves us by helping us to understand God’s wonders, not to justify hating our neighbor.”

Catherine Lyle, Pastor

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #276 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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

*CLOSING HYMN #322 “Spirit of the Living God”

*CHARGE, BENEDICTION, FOLLOW THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

We are a congregation of people

Loving, living, learning the joy of faith.

POSTLUDE, LIVESTREAM CONCLUDES

WORDS TO SONGS

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Gather Us In

Here in this place new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away,
Wee in this space our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in—the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in—the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young—our lives are a myst'ry,
We are the old—who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in—the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in—the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughter,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wind of compassion
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, lightyears away,
But here in this place the new light is shining,
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in—all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
(*Refrain*)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
(*Refrain*)

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me,
Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.