

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho

July 26, 2026, 11:00 a.m., 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Catherine Lyle, Pastor; Annie Welle, Piano

Paula Vincent, Worship Leader; Dyno Wahl, Usher; Cynthia Dalsing, Livestream

PRELUDE MUSIC, LIVESTREAM BEGINS

LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God: welcome!

Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

God invites all of us

to be a part of the beloved community,

God invites all of us

to share in the good news:

We are welcome, just as we are.

We are loved, just as we are.

In a love that never ceases,

A creativity that designed the universe,

A hope that cannot be quenched,

A pursuit of reconciliation no matter the cost:

These are the things that are of God,

In gratitude for all of this,

let us worship God.

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

*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 READINGS Genesis 2:15-28, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

CHILDREN’S MOMENT *The Friend Who Forgives* by Dan Dewitt

WORDS OF WITNESS “Tattling Is Not a Spiritual Practice” Catherine Lyle, Pastor

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #2160 “Into My Heart” (*Sing the Faith, sing twice through*)

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 #363 “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

*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.

Into My Heart (*sing twice through*)

Into my heart, into my heart,
come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
come in today, come in to stay;
come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

Out of my heart, out of my heart,
shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus;
shine out today, shine out alway;
shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus.

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

I want Jesus to walk with me; (Walk with me)
I want Jesus to walk with me; (Walk with me)
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. (with me)

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; (Walk with me)
In my trials, Lord, walk with me; (Walk with me)
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. (with me)

When I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me; (Walk with me)
When I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me; (Walk with me)
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. (with me)