

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho

October 25, 2026, 11:00 a.m., 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Catherine Lyle, Pastor; Annie Welle, Piano

Mary Sturgis, Worship Assistant; Sylvia Humes & Victoria Oliver, Ushers

Sue Helander, Livestream

PRELUDE MUSIC, LIVESTREAM BEGINS

LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us gather on the majestic mountains of the Lord!

We come to look out at the horizon of God's promises!

A long time ago, God showed Moses the vast and beautiful land of promise.

Today God continues to open our eyes and see a future filled with a healthy and loving community.

As the seasons change and spiritual leaders pass away, God's faithfulness never fails.

The new covenant of Jesus reinforced the original covenant Moses told, to love our God and our neighbor as we would like to be loved.

Today we remember the brokenness refugees faced in the desert as they left Egypt and the ways God responded with mighty deeds of nourishment, water, and nature nurturing us.

May God remind us to be open to the future and happy memories not yet experienced.

All: Let us worship God, who guides our steps, fulfills promises of old and new, and fills our future with hope! Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #281 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*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

Deuteronomy 34:1-12, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

"Magic Glasses"

WORDS OF WITNESS

"Hope is a Choice, May it be preserved in faith and not our earthly perceptions."
Catherine Lyle, Pastor

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #379

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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 #432 “Song of Hope”

*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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Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. *(Refrain)*

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. *(Refrain)*

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
(Refrain)

Song of Hope

May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and
peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and
race.

Refrain:

Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.