

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Boise

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER AND DENIM DAY

April 21, 2024 • 10:45 a.m.

*Bold-faced type are words the congregation speaks together.
The * invites you to stand in body or spirit.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Saraband and Interlude* Herbert Sumsion

WELCOME This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

INTROIT *Almighty God* Richard Shephard

*Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence.
Give us pure hearts and steadfast will to worship you in spirit and in truth.
Through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus is our shepherd. He lays down his life for his sheep.
Jesus is our shepherd. He knows us, and we belong to him.
Jesus is our shepherd. He speaks, and we listen for his voice.
Jesus has gathered us, his sheep. Let us worship the Lord our God.

*HYMN 247 *Now the Green Blade Rises* NOËL NOUVELET

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we talk about love, but our actions betray us.
We talk about love, but we do not feed the hungry.
We talk about love, but do not lay down our lives for the oppressed.
We talk about love, but do break down walls and create bridges.
We talk about love, but we do not sacrifice for the well-being of neighbors.
We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. O Lord, have mercy on us...

[Silent prayer, followed by:]

Forgive us, O God, and move us to trust, that we may boldly live your grace and love;
through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE / PASSING THE PEACE

HEARING THE WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN / CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

We invite children to come forward for a moment in worship designed for them. Following that, they may go to Children's Chapel and return to the worship service during the hymn following the sermon.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord God, good shepherd, by the leading of your Spirit, help us to listen for your voice and follow in your paths all the days of our lives; in Jesus' name, amen.

GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 10:11-18

¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

ANTHEM

Pilgrim Song

Trad. American
arr. Ryan Murphy

*My brethren, I have found a land that doth abound
with fruit as sweet as honey;
The more I eat, I find, the more I am inclined
to shout and sing hosanna.*

*Perhaps you think me wild, or simple as a child;
I am a child of glory;
I am born from above, my soul is filled with love;
I love to tell the story*

*My soul doth long to go where I may fully know
the glory of my Savior;
and as I pass along I'll sing the Christian song,
I'm going to live forever.*

*My soul now sits and sings and practices its wings,
and contemplates the hour
When the messenger shall say, 'Come quit this house
of clay,
and with bright angels tower.'*

SECOND LESSON: 1 JOHN 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

REFLECTION ON THE WORD AND LIFE: "What is Love?"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn 300

We Are One in the Spirit THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (excerpt from The Confession of 1967)

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. They are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for humanity. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work. The risen Christ is the Savior for all. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as God's reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations. The same Jesus Christ is the judge of us all. His judgment discloses the ultimate seriousness of life and gives promise of God's final victory over the power of sin and death. To receive life from the risen Lord is to have life eternal; all who put their trust in Christ face divine judgment without fear, for the judge is their redeemer.

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Meg Short from FACES OF HOPE

OFFERTORY

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

Heather Dye, soprano Anthea Fisher, mezzo-soprano

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***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY & LORD'S PRAYER

We invite you to fill out a written prayer request and place it in the donation box in the Narthex so we may keep you and yours in prayer and follow-up as requested.

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.

SENDING

***HYMN INSERT**

O God, Within the Psalms

TERRA BEATA

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE**

Send Me

Rachel Aarons

Here am I, send me.

- Isaiah 6:8

POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

LEADING WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Andrew Kukla, *Pastor*

Denna Duncan, *Liturgist*

Ryan Dye, *Minister of Music*

FPC Chancel Choir

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 27 at 7:00 pm—Con-Graz Benefit Concert. FPC Choral Scholar, Anthea Fisher, is joined with fellow vocalists in a benefit concert for her upcoming summer music study abroad in Graz, Austria.

Saturday, May 4 at 7:30 pm—Critical Mass Vocal Artists, under the direction of Dr. Michael Porter, present *The Underground Railroad* - a concert of African Spirituals influenced by Colson Whitehead's best-selling book.

Sunday, May 5 at 7:00 pm—Boise Music Week's *Community Worship Service* at First Presbyterian. This ecumenical service will feature the choirs of The Cathedral of the Rockies, First Presbyterian, Critical Mass Vocal Artists, Combined Choirs from the Eagle 8th and 9th Wards, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Chords on Delivery Barbershop Quartet, Glory Brass and homily by the Rev. Dr. Meggan Manlove, Bishop of the Northwest Intermountain Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

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O God, Within the Psalms

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2024

Terra Beata

Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915;

harm. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1926, alt.



1. O God, with-in the Psalms are pic-tures of your love:
2. And in the Psalms we see a Shep-herd's love ex-pressed.
3. Yet as we look a-head, we fear the things we see.
4. We see with-in the Psalms a world where na-ture sings.



There, young trees grow as wa-ters flow and moun-tains rise a-bove.
Lord, you pro-vide and lead and guide, and we—your sheep—are blessed.
As earth cries out through storm and drought, we won-der what will be.
Help us to share, and work, and care for all your grow-ing things.



The crea-tures with their young, the birds that fill the air,
You give us food to eat, and wa-ter—safe and clear.
We take more than our share; we plun-der and de-stroy.
O Shep-herd, we've been blessed; may we be bless-ings, too.



the gen-tle rain, the har-vest grain pro-claim your love and care.
Yes, we're re-stored, O Shep-herd Lord, by all you give us here.
God, we con-fess we've made a mess of things that bring you joy.
This is our prayer: May we take care of this good earth with you.



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