



# First Presbyterian Church

Pastor Norman Fowler

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 10:30 a.m.

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## PREPARING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

✦ Call to Worship

L: The Lord is our shepherd,

**P: We shall not want.**

L: Our God takes us to lush pastures;

**P: And leads us to refreshing waters;**

L: God restores our souls.

**P: Our Lord leads us on right paths.**

**All: Praise the Lord**

✦ Opening Song

“Here I Am to Worship”

Insert

“Come as You Are”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Lord, we realize you are our good shepherd, you and walk with us through even the darkest times in our lives. Yet, in our daily lives we continue to wonder about other people and their influence on our lives. We have our way of own seeing and our own criteria for how things should be done. We perhaps too easily determine who are the good people and who are the bad people. How easy it is to make these judgements in ways that serve our own needs, desires, and preconceived notions. Do we miss your work and your will being done because of our judgments? Forgive us if we dismiss the good you bring into the world due to our limited and self-serving perspectives. Help us see Jesus' desire to heal all people. Help us not only remove barriers but participate in his healing work. Help us live as children of light—illuminating all that is good and right and true.

*(silent confession and personal reflection)*

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Forgiveness

Hymnal #801

“The Lord's My Shepard, I Shall Not Want”

Vs. 1&5

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

*Place your written prayer requests in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.*

*For other concerns, contact the church office [office@fpcmoscow.org](mailto:office@fpcmoscow.org), or*

*Pastor Norman [fpcpastornorman@gmail.com](mailto:fpcpastornorman@gmail.com)*

*Following each prayer request, please respond:*

**One:** Lord, in your mercy,

**All:** Hear our prayer.

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD FOR OUR TIME AND PLACE**

First Lesson

Psalm 23

Second Lesson

Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel

John 9:1-41

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Misguided Judgements”

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## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

Silent Reflection

✦ Sermon Response “Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness” Hymnal #314

Offering

*Please place your offering in the plate, mail your offerings to the church office,  
405 South Van Buren St., Moscow ID 83843 or give online at this link: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=982246>*

✦ Song of Gratitude (Doxology)

Hymnal #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above,  
ye, heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Text: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709. Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551 (OLD HUNDREDDTH)

✦ Dedication of our Tithes and Offerings

## **FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

✦ Closing Hymn

“Faith Begins by Letting Go”

Hymnal #684

✦ Charge and Blessing

✦ Postlude

*Please join us in the Chapel Room for refreshments after the service.*

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Worship Leader – Kathy Pendegraft  
Greeters / Ushers – Anne and Mark Ulliman, Karen Huntington  
Music Minister – Michelle Drake  
Accompanist – Ian Wendt  
Video – Arturo Bieghler  
Sound – Matthew Mikami



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