



# First Presbyterian Church

*Pastor Norman Fowler November 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: I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;

**P: He heard my cry for mercy.**

L: Because he listened to me,

**P: I will call on him as long as I live.**

L: Be at rest once more, O my soul,

**P: For the LORD has been good to you.**

L: O LORD, truly I am your servant;

**P: You have freed me from my chains.**

L: I will offer thanks to you

**P: And call on the name of the LORD.**

**All: Praise the LORD!**

✠ Opening Song

“I Love You Lord”

Insert

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Insert

Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Dear Lord, we express our gratitude to you today. You give us so much we are thankful for. When we are paying attention, we see you have lavished us with blessings in our families and our lives. Yet we confess we are not always thankful. Sometimes we are too distracted or self-absorbed to see what you have given us. Other times we see the pain and suffering, and the war, violence, and abuse in our world. What are you doing, God? We can't be thankful for these terrible things. We confess that when we look at the world, we wonder where you are. And we have trouble believing you are good or that you are at work in the wreck of our world. Help us trust you. Remind us of your faithfulness. Renew our eyes to see your good work around and in us. Help us remember that the good things are as true as the bad ones.

*(silent confession and personal reflection)*

## Assurance of Pardon

Response to Forgiveness "Give Thanks" Hymnal #647

## Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

*Today our prayers will be patterned on Psalm 136. After each statement I make, please respond by saying:*

**P: Your faithful love endures forever.**

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

Old Testament Lesson Habakkuk 3:17-19

Epistle Lesson I Thessalonians 5:14-22

Special Music

“Lover of My Soul”

Praise Team

Their human bones are as fragile as mine. I have my flaws but they have the  
same kind.

I was ashamed ‘cause I couldn’t see that grace says that they’re in the same boat  
as me.

And what I lack, You are full of. And where I’m broken, You are whole.  
And what I’m doubting, You are sure of, so I’ll trust the lover, the lover of my  
soul.

I’m not afraid of the arrows by day, Nor the darkness that comes when the sun  
rolls away.

Lord, You know that my strength never lasts, but You make up for ev’ry weakness  
I have.

What I confess, You will cover. And what I let go, You’ll control.  
Lord, my hope is in no other. I’ll trust the lover, the lover of my soul.

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Sermon Text

1 Kings 17:7-16

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Why Would We Give Thanks?”

Julie Everest

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

Silent Reflection

‡ Sermon Response

“Goodness of God”

Insert

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 Hundredth, LM.

✦ Dedication of our Tithes and Offerings

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

✦ Closing Hymn

“Forever”

Insert

✦ Charge and Blessing

✦ Postlude

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

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✦ - Stand as you are able.

Worship Leader – Kathy Warren  
Greeters – Jon and Mary Jo Van Gerpen  
Music Minister – Rev. Sylvester Bullock  
Accompanist – Ian Wendt  
Video – Adelia Hopper  
Sound – Matthew Mikami



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We are called to.....

- Nurture spiritual growth, strengthen faith in God, cultivate gifts of the spirit, and change lives.
- Develop a personal relationship with God.
- Be God’s love to others through compassionate Christian care and mission actions.
- Glorify God through worship, fellowship, and prayer.
- Express the grace we have received by embracing the value and worth of each one of God’s people and welcome each one into our fellowship.
- Give the gift of the good news of Christ and our faith to others through word and deed.