



First Presbyterian Church

Norman Fowler, Pastor November 22, 2020 10:30 a.m.

PREPARING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Please feel free to leave a message in the chat section as a way of greeting one another this morning.

Stewardship Spotlight

Mission

Bruce Pitman

Announcements

ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

Psalm 100:1-5

- 1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
- 2 Worship the LORD with gladness;
 come into his presence with singing.
- 3 Know that the LORD is God.
 It is he that made us, and we are his;
 we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
 and his courts with praise.
 Give thanks to him, bless his name.
- 5 For the LORD is good;
 his steadfast love endures for ever,
 and his faithfulness to all generations.

Opening Song

“No Greater Love”

For the city, for the world we pray;
Let Your light shine down, come around and live in us.
For the close and the far away;
Ev'rywhere, You are ev'rywhere.

Chorus

And we lift high the banner of the cross;
There is no greater love than this, no love but this.
Jesus Christ laid down His life for us;
There is no greater love than His, no love but His.

To the city, to the world we go;
Set us free, heal the land; You have promised, God, You can.
To the last and the least we go; ev'rywhere, You are ev'rywhere. (*chorus*)

In the poor, in the broken, in the crowded city streets,
In the towers, in the money, in the strong and in the weak,
In the orphans and the widows, in the churches and the bars;
You are ev'rywhere, God, You are ev'rywhere. (*chorus*)

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you are our God, and we are the sheep of your pasture. We are thankful for your steadfast love and faithfulness. While we want your goodness directed to us, do we fully recognize what it means to call you our king? We struggle with the idea we are also accountable to you. Your word challenges us to accept your direction, and to care for the least among us. Forgive us the ways we challenge your authority and avoid doing your will. Teach us again to know your blessing through the compassion we give to our neighbors. May we use the gifts and graces you have given us. Indeed, may we extend gifts and graces to neighbors, and discover the ways you give our lives meaning and value.

(silent confession and personal reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Forgiveness

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Hymnal #422

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

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Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

*If you have prayer requests, please contact the church office
office@fpcmoscow.org, or Pastor Norman fpcpastornorman@gmail.com*

HEARING GOD'S WORD FOR OUR TIME AND PLACE

Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"The King Returns"

Pastor Norman Fowler

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Silent Reflection

Sermon Response

"The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"

Hymnal #766, vs 1, 3, 4

The church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone.
Where charity and love are found, there can the church be known.

True faith will open up the door and step into the street.
True service will seek out the poor and ask to wash their feet.

If what we have we freely share to meet our neighbor's need,
then we extend the Spirit's care through every selfless deed.

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Offering

*Please 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 #608

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

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Dedication of our Tithes and Offerings

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

Closing Hymn

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

Hymnal #757, vs 1, 5

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

May we in service to our God act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

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Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning.

Worship Leader – Bruce Pitman
Music Minister – Thomas Pearson
Guest Accompanist – Stuart Evans
Video – Jeremiah Nealon
Sound – Matthew Mikami



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