



First Presbyterian Church

Moscow, Idaho

Revs. Sylvester & Beverly Bullock, Interim Co-pastors

December 22, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Joy Offering

PREPARING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude "O Little Town of Bethlehem" arr. Marilyn Ham

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting: Love The Daley Laursens

Light the Candle (Music in Pew Rack)

Light the candle of LOVE today, The Giver of LOVE is here!
Welcome the LOVE we live and die for, But only Christ can give.
Flicker and flame and glow with LOVE, Light up the world around you.
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ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

✦ Passing the Peace

✦ Call to Worship (Luke 1:46) By Teri McDowell Ott

One: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

All: With Mary, our spirits rejoice, and we sing God's praise.

One: Let us honor God with our worship this fourth Sunday of Advent.

✦ Opening Song "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Hymnal #119

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

By Teri McDowell Ott

Soon we will celebrate the Prince of Peace, but we are not a people at peace. We glorify violence and dismiss the pacifist as weak. We dominate and demean, turning dialogue into debate. We wage war with enemies and invest in self-defense before giving non-violent strategies a chance. Lord, forgive us. Help us work towards your peaceable kin-dom, where swords will be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks. Amen.

(silent confession and personal reflection)

Assurance of Pardon (Micah 5:4-5)

“And he will stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord ... And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.” In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Response to Forgiveness “Prepare the Way of the Lord”

Hymnal #95

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*

Following each prayer request, please respond:

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

HEARING GOD’S WORD FOR OUR TIME AND PLACE

Old Testament Lesson

Micah 5:2-5a

New Testament Lesson

Hebrews 10:5-10

Special Music

"Carol of the Bells"

Choir

Gospel

Luke 1:39-55

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

“Mary Sings an Aria”

Pastor Sly

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Silent Reflection

✦ Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed

1.1 We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

1.2 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

1.3 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Page 3 – Book of Confessions – Part Two – The Constitution of the PCUSA)

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 #607

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

Text: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988. Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551 (old hundredth)

✦ Dedication of Christmas Joy Offering

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ Hymn of Invitation

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Hymnal #133

‡ Charge and Blessing

Postlude

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

arr. Danny Calhoun

A Stephen Minister will be at the front of the sanctuary following the postlude to talk with or pray for anyone who has a concern.

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

‡- Stand as you are able.

Worship Leader – Randy Baukol

Greeters – Celeste Brown and
Kyle Williams Brown

Music Minister – Rev. Sylvester Bullock

Accompanist – Ian Wendt

Video – Adelia Hopper

Sound – Matthew Mikami



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