



First Presbyterian Church

Moscow, Idaho

Revs. Sylvester & Beverly Bullock, Interim Co-pastors

January 12, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Baptism of the Lord

Liturgical Color Green

PREPARING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Ian Wendt, pianist

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission: FOON

Julie Everest

ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

✦ Passing the Peace

✦ Call to Worship

By Beth Merrill Neel

One: This day is God's gift to us

All: A gift of community and Sabbath,

One: A gift of doing nothing more than offering thanks and basking in the divine presence.

All: This time is our gift to God

One: A gift of song, and prayer, and silence,

All: A gift of offering our lives in service to our Maker.

Surrounded by all these gifts, let us worship God.

✦ Opening Hymn

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Hymnal #375

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

By Beth Merrill Neel

God, you call us to beloved community with you and with each other. But we exclude and reject those we deem different. You claim us as beloved, but we turn against each other in anger and hate. You liberate us and lead us in Christ's path of peace, but we build walls and invest in guns and dismiss peace as impractical and unrealistic. Redeeming God, forgive our worldly ways. Call us and claim us once again for the work of building your beloved community. Amen.

(silent confession and personal reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Forgiveness

"Spirit of the Living God"

Hymnal #288

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

Isaiah 43:1-7

New Testament Lesson

Acts 8:14-17

Special Music

"Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone"

Chancel Choir

Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

"I Will Be with You"

Pastor Sly

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Silent Reflection

✦ Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 #609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!.

Text: Brian Wren, 1989. *Geistliche Kirchengsang*, 1623, (lasst uns erfreuen)

✦ Dedication of our Tithes and Offerings

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ Song of Invitation

“How Firm a Foundation”

Hymnal #463

✦ Charge and Blessing

Postlude

*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 – Mary Read
Ushers – Ellen and Andy Johansen
Music Minister – Rev. Sylvester Bullock
Accompanist – Ian Wendt



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**First Presbyterian is a
Stephen Ministry Congregation.**

Video – Adelia Hopper
Sound – Matthew Mikami