



# First Presbyterian Church

Moscow, Idaho

Rev. Tricia Tedrow, Pastor   Dec. 28, 2025   10:30 a.m.

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

### **PREPARING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP GOD**

Prelude                      “English Carol Medley” arr. Mark Hayes                      Ian Wendt

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

### **ENTERING INTO GOD’S PRESENCE**

✦ Passing the Peace

✦ Call to Worship    by Philip K. Gladden

One: Wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”

**All: On this first Sunday of Christmas, we, too, have come to worship Jesus the Messiah: the son of David, the son of Abraham.**

One: When the wise men saw the child with Mary his mother, they knelt down, paid him homage, and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

**All: On this first Sunday of Christmas, we offer ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you, O God.**

One: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

**All: Glory to God in the highest heaven!**

✦ Opening Hymn    “The First Nowell”    Hymnal #147

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

**Spirit of God, thank you for your presence in our lives and for your work of salvation through Jesus. Today we ask for your help to recognize and follow your leading. We confess that we are not quick enough to hear your voice. We are also troubled by the way powerful men still harm the young and vulnerable. May we not participate or be complicit in these actions. Give us the strength to obey you quickly like Joseph and the depth to lament with those who are grieving. Amen.**

*(silent confession and personal reflection)*

Assurance of Pardon

Philip K. Gladden

The angel said to Joseph, “She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” Indeed, he did and still does. Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Response to Forgiveness

“Raise a Song of Gladness”

Hymnal #155”

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).*

*Following each prayer request, please respond:*

One: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Carol Sing

Congregation Choice

**HEARING GOD’S WORD FOR OUR TIME AND PLACE**

Sumpin’ Special

Julie Everest

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalms Lesson

Psalms 148

New Testament Lesson

Hebrews 2:10-18

Gospel

Matthew 2:13-23

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Take the Child and Flee”

Julie Everest

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### Silent Reflection

### Song of Affirmation

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Hymnal #132

### ✦ Affirmation of Faith

from The Confession of 1967

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

### 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, 1705. Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551 (old hundredth)

### ✦ Dedication of our Tithes and Offerings

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

### ✦ Closing Hymn

“We Three Kings”

Hymnal #151

### ✦ Charge and Blessing

### Postlude

“The Birthday of a King” arr. Mark Hayes

Ian Wendt

*Stephen Ministers will be in 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.*

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✠- Stand as you are able.

Worship Leader – Warren Case  
Usher: - Susan Roberts  
Music Director – Kyle Coleman  
Accompanist – Ian Wendt  
Video – Adelia Hopper  
Sound – Matthew Mikami



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