



# First Presbyterian Church

Moscow, Idaho

Rev. Tricia Tedrow, Pastor Dec. 7, 2025 10:30 a.m.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

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

Prelude "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" arr. Mark Hayes Ian Wendt

Welcome and Announcements

### **ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

✦ Passing the Peace

Advent Candle Lighting

Hannah Gilchrist and Logan Shears

**Disturbing God, we thank you for the witness of John the Baptist. Help us to be open to the changing power of your love, and to be true witnesses to the power of Jesus in our lives. Amen.**

Candle Lighting Song

"He Came Down"

Hymnal #137, v. 1

✦ Call to Worship

One: In this season of crowded stores and unpacked stress,

**All: we will welcome one another as God has welcomed us.**

One: In this time of hurried hellos and curt replies,

**All: we will greet one another with words of hope and peace.**

One: In a culture of increasing isolation,

**All: we will embrace our siblings as God has enfolded us in grace.**

✦ Opening Hymn

"Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old"

Hymnal #77

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Goodness Incarnate, we must confess that we have not lived as your children. We muddy the clear waters of baptism with the detritus of walking over those we claim we love. We sit in our lonely lives feasting on bitterness, when we could be feasting with those we are told not to trust. We wait for all our desires to be taken care of by you, while you hope we would fill the lives of others with your grace and hope.**

**Forgive us, God of this holy season, and help us to be as willing to draw near to others, so we might heal their brokenness, touch their loneliness, embrace their grief, and love them as you did when you came to us so long ago, as well as in these moments, in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

*(silent confession and personal reflection)*

### Assurance of Grace

Here is the good news: speak with the whispers of hope until it silences despair; sing the carols of compassion until all join in the chorus; shower others with wonder and delight and join in God's dance of grace.

**Thanks be to God. We are forgiven! So, let us welcome others with open arms, just as we have been embraced in God's love and laughter. Amen.**

Response to Forgiveness "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Hymnal #88, v. 4

### 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.

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

Sumpin' Special

Julie Everest

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

Psalms Lesson

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Special Music

"In the Bleak Midwinter"  
arr. by Harold Darke; Charlie Owen, soloist

Chancel Choir

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

**One:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“How the World Is Wired”

Rev. Tricia Tedrow

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

Silent Reflection

✦ Choral Affirmation of Faith “Hodie Christus natus est”  
by Niels La Cour

Chancel Choir

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

**GATHERING AROUND THE TABLE**

Celebration of The Lord’s Supper

May the Advent God give you hope.

**May God grant you peace.**

Let us lift our hearts to God who offers righteousness to all.

**We open our hearts to the One who loves justice.**

Children of God, rejoice in the One who call us to live in harmony with everyone.

**Amen and Amen! We give our thanks to God!**

In those days when chaos reigned, creation appeared, Coming God, ... With those who have trouble playing nice, with those who seek to bear fruit, together with one voice, we glorify you:

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God who gives hope to all.**

**All creation gathers your harvest of peace.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

