



First Presbyterian Church

Moscow, Idaho

Rev. Tricia Tedrow, Pastor Sept. 27, 2026 10:30 a.m.

18th Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP GOD

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Sarah Dossey

✦ Passing the Peace

Prelude

“Sometimes a Light Surprises” arr. Joseph M. Martin

Ian Wendt

ENTERING INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

✦ Call to Worship

One: With powerful words and dramatic gestures,
with a quiet conversation and a gentle touch,

All: we respond to God’s call to offer healing and hope to our world.

One: With courage to face the injustices around us,
with the willingness to go into the brokenness,

All: we fulfill the call of Jesus to engage in faithful obedience.

One: With the patience of a teacher of six-year-olds,
with the gentleness of a nurse helping a patient,

All: we become the Spirit’s refuge for all who live in worry and fear.

✦ Opening Hymn

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Hymnal #630

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Ah, Lord God, we do not know how to speak words of hope, because we listen to the purveyors of fear. We do not know how to be loving because our role models are ridicule and anger. We do not know how to be faithful to you, because at an early

age, we learned to trust the promises of all the false prophets who entice us with their simple thoughts.

But you know how to forgive, God of kindness, so we pray you would pour out your mercy upon us. May faith abide in us, so we may serve others even as you have served us; may hope abide in us, so we may surround the broken with your compassion and grace; may love abide in us, not only in these moments of brokenness, but in every moment of our life with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who abides in us.

(silent confession and personal reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

The good news is that, in our God, we find that safe place for our lives. In God's forgiveness, we are offered the healing we need.

In God's acceptance, we discover the love in which we may abide in every moment of our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response to Forgiveness

"We Are Forgiven"

Hymnal #447

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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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

Exodus 17:1-7

Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

Special Music

"Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether," by Harold Friedell Chancel Choir

New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 13:6-7

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"A Hope That Tells the Truth"

Abra Miller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Silent Reflection

✦ Affirmation of Faith

From A Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Song of Affirmation

"Live in Charity"

Hymnal #205, 3x

Live in charity and steadfast love.
Live in charity; God will dwell with you

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 HUNDRETH)

✦ Dedication of our Tithes and Offerings

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ Closing Hymn

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

Hymnal #316

✦ Charge and Blessing

Postlude

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" 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.

✦- Stand as you are able.

Worship Leader – Kathy Pendegraft
Greeters – Diana Burton, Alan and Miles Love
Usher – Sarah Dossey
Music Director – Kyle Coleman
Accompanist – Ian Wendt
Video – Adelia Hopper
Sound – Matthew Mikami



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