



# First Presbyterian Church

Pastor Norman Fowler

December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 10:30 a.m.

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## **PREPARING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP GOD**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

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

✠ Call to Worship

L: Lord let us hear your voice say

**P: Comfort, O comfort my people,**

L: Speak tenderly of your people's place in the world.

**P: We live constantly with the consequences of our actions, and need your mercy.**

L: The prophetic voice cries out; Prepare the way of the Lord,

**P: May we level, straighten, and smooth such that we prepare a way for your coming,**

L: That Your Glory Lord may be revealed once again,

**P: That we recognize you are at work among us**

**All: Praise the lord.**

✠ Opening Song

"You Are Holy"

Hymnal #705

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

**Lord, do we need to hear a prophet crying in the wilderness? The consequences of our own and others' actions have a real impact in our lives. We know all is not right in our world, our community, and our lives. How do we deal with the 'not right' among us? How do our hearts need to be turned to you? We know we judge too easily and blame too quickly. We need to know your kindness is meant to lead us to repentance. Indeed, we need your forgiveness and to turn to you, our Lord and our God. And in our turning to you re-form us. Let us be those that produce the fruit of righteousness and bear fruit worthy of repentance that prepare your way within our world.**

*(silent confession and personal reflection)*

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Forgiveness

“Come Walk Among Us”

Insert

### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Lighting the Second Advent Candle

The Wells Family

Advent Candle Song “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Hymnal #88

Vs. 7

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), or  
Pastor Norman [fpcpastornorman@gmail.com](mailto:fpcpastornorman@gmail.com)*

*Following each prayer prompt, please respond:*

One: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

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

First Lesson

Romans 2:1-4

Second Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-5

Third Lesson

Luke 1:8-17

Fourth Lesson

Philippians 1:8-11

Fifth Lesson

Luke 3:1-8

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Prepare the Way”

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### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

Silent Reflection

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 God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709. MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551. OLD HUNDERETH LM.

✦ Dedication of our Tithes and Offerings

**GATHERING AROUND THE TABLE**

Communion Hymn

“What Feast of Love”

Insert

Celebration of The Lord’s Supper

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

✦ Closing Hymn “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” Hymnal #82

✦ Charge and Blessing

✦ Postlude

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

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Worship Leader – Mindy Davis

Greeters / Ushers – Jean Currin, Manny Sheibany, Sally Amador, Celeste Brown, Ed Schaper, Ann Ulliman

Music- Praise Team

Accompanist – Ian Wendt

Video – Arturo Bieghler

Sound – Matthew Mikami



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