

UPCOMING DATES

10/04 World Communion Sunday ~ Worship and Fellowship
10/04 God and the Machine (Sunday at noon)
10/04 Pastor Bible Study Matthew (Sunday @ 4:00 pm)
10/05 Congregational Life and Deacons Meeting
10/06 Pastor Bible Study Matthew (Tuesday @ 1:00 p.m.)
10/06 Grace Note Bells & Joy Ringers
10/07 ROMEO and Holy Grounds
10/08 Kairos and Westminster Choir
10/09 Guitar Society Concert
10/11 Worship and Fellowship ~ Pastor Appreciation Sunday

The Sunday Service is
on our website:
www.fpcidahofalls.org

Virtual Holy Grounds
Wednesday, September 30
1:30 p.m.

TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CHURCH OR ANY OF ITS
PROGRAMS, USE THIS QR CODE:



Submit Prayer Requests to
ifpcprayers@gmail.com

If you would like a copy of Pastor Phil's
sermon, let the office know and we will
make you a copy.

Virtual Holy Grounds with
"The Question of the Day."
Wednesdays at 1:30 pm

Join with R.O.M.E.O.
(Retired Old Men Eating Out)
Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.

BIBLE STUDIES!

PASTOR BIBLE STUDY ON MATTHEW - TUESDAYS @ 1:00 P.M. (STARTED SEPTEMBER 1)
SUNDAYS @ 4:00 P.M. (STARTED SEPTEMBER 20)
GOD & THE MACHINE CLASS - SUNDAYS @ 12:00 - 1:00 P.M. (STARTED SEPTEMBER 20)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 4, 2026 10:30 a.m.

World Communion Sunday

Building Relationships; Sharing God's Love.



Rev. Dr. Phillip A. Hagen, Pastor
Leah Zumberge, Director of Music Ministries
Amy Reid, Organist
Kimberly Kvamme, Secretary
Melanie Wetzels, Secretary
Gina Avila, Sexton
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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Worship begins as God's people gather, praise God in words and music, and hear about God's love for us.

Prelude *Meditation on "Let Us Break Bread Together"* Arr. John S. Dixon

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

The heavens declare the glory of God!

The skies proclaim God's handiwork.

The day pronounces God's glory without a sound,

The night expounds God's knowledge without a word,
and yet their voice goes out through all the earth.

Let us join our voices with the voice of creation in declaring God's glory!

Prayer of the Day

***Hymn #504** *We Come as Guests Invited*

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Rescuing God, you brought us out of the land of captivity, out of the house of slavery. Forgive us when we willingly return to slavery, making divine the machine of production, crafting idols from the excess of consumption. Forgive us when we consider ourselves so grand that we do not rest and enjoy your presence, defining ourselves by our ability rather than your love. Forgive us when we esteem ourselves so little that we dare not rest and sit with ourselves, exposed, without the cloak of productivity. Forgive us when we deem our species so central that we do not rest and halt consumption, decimating Earth, denying her Sabbath and integrity. Forgive us through Christ, who redeems us from the brokenness of slavery that we might enjoy your presence, creation, and community. Amen.

Silent Confession

We need you! We are conducting a congregational survey of all the church members, friends, and community leaders about our church. Please scan the QR Code in the bulletin to take the survey. If you cannot complete the survey this way then contact the church office and we will help you complete it.



Bean Redeemed

You are invited to have coffee with
Pastor Phil on the second Thursday of every
month at 9:00 at Moose Ridge Coffee Co.
1157 Pier View Dr.
Next: October 8, 2026

Thank You Gina!
Happy Custodian
Appreciation Sunday!!



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 10/10
COMMITTEE MEETINGS 10/13 & 14
PRESBYTERY MEETING 10/17
PRAYER PARTNERS 10/18

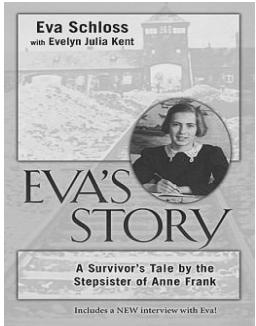


BULLETIN BOARD

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
PRAYER PARTNERS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
HALLOWEEN ON ELM STREET FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

Can you help? Halloween on
Elm Street October 30 - 5:30 - 8:00

-HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS YOU MAY
NOT NEED ANYMORE, Bring to the office
-WRAPPED CANDY, Bring to the office
DECORATED CAR TRUNKS, call the office or
Patrice Stonhill @ (208) 521-3457



connections women's
BOOK GROUP
"Eva's Story" BY
Eva SCHLOSS
BOOK DISCUSSION
OCTOBER 12- 7:00 P.M.

IDAHO GUITAR SOCIETY PRESENTS



Fall 4 Guitar
IGS Fourth Annual Concert Series
Enjoy an evening of guitar music that includes Baroque to
Modern Classical performed by Ryan Nitz, Latin American
performed by Diana Schaible, Creative compositions
performed by Craig Green, and original modern
compositions performed by James Reid.

October 9 at 7:30 pm First Presbyterian Church

***Words of Assurance**

***Response #581** *Glory Be to the Father*

Time With Young Disciples

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

We ask God's Spirit to help us understand how God wants us to live.

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 NIV pp. 118-119

Second Reading Philippians 3: 4-14 NIV pp. 1828-1829

Special Music *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* Arr. Jefferey A. Hall
~Joy Ringers

Third Reading Matthew 21: 33-46 NIV pp. 1533-1534
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Squatters in the Kingdom..." Rev. Dr. Philip A. Hagen

***Hymn #521** *In Remembrance of Me*

***Affirmation of Faith** The Second Helvetic Confession
(On Christian Ministry)

We believe that God uses ministers to gather, establish, rule and
preserve his Church. God does not speak to us by angels, but
through human voices. Therefore, the true ministry of the Church is
not an empty title, but a high and holy office instituted by Christ
himself. When the Word of God is preached in the Church by pastors
lawfully called, we believe that the very Word of God is preached,
and received by the faithful. Amen.

Invitation To The Offering

Offertory *Fairest Lord Jesus*
~Rory Stonhill, piano

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #606

Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer

Communion (please see insert)

WE ARE SENT OUT INTO THE WORLD

We receive God’s blessing as we go out to be God’s people in the world.

***Hymn** *Alleluia*

¹Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, ²He’s my Savior, He’s my Savior,

Alleluia; Alleluia, Alleluia, He’s my Savior, He’s my Savior,

Alleluia, Praise the Lord! He’s my Savior, He’s my Savior,

He’s my Savior, Alleluia!

Benediction

Postlude *Postlude on “Lobe den Herren”* Arr. John Dixon

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

*Come join our congregation for a time of fellowship and refreshments downstairs in the **Lower Lounge** after worship.*

Thank You To Our Participants In Worship Today

Worship Leader ~ Becky Maus

Ushers ~ Linda and Don Pound

PRAYER CONCERNS (Be in Prayer for Monthly):

Patsy Atkinson, Cathy Chisholm, Bruce Schnitzler, Kathy Trillhaase, Lyman Martin, Don Hagrman, Kathey Fischer, Diane Mondell.

Please Hold in Prayer (Long Term):

Jerry Perks, Linda Haffner, Scott Gruwell, Bruce Schnitzler.

All those struggling with the disease of addiction and loved ones serving in the military. Special prayers for our world in this trying time.



DINNER ~ 5:15 – 6:00 P.M.

CHILDREN’S CHOIR & ADULT BIBLE STUDY ~ 6:00 – 6:50 P.M.

TEEN BIBLE STUDY ~ 6:15 – 7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY Sept. 17 through Nov. 19, 2026

\$2.50 for Adults per week or \$25.00 per ten weeks

Couples \$5.00 per week plus \$1.00 per kid meal or

Couples \$50.00 per ten weeks and \$10.00 for kid per ten weeks.

Pick up registration form in the office or at Kairos on Thursday nights.

Fall Adult Kairos Classes:

Parenting with Love and Logic by Foster Cline, M.D. & Jim Fay
taught by District #93 counselor, Steve Dewey

Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis taught by Jan Brown & Friends

Information and Sign-up Sheet on office counter. Child Care Available.



Agape Fellowship will meet on Thursday, October 15th at 1:00 p.m. in the lower lounge.

Speaker: Chloe with the Museum of Idaho

Devotions by Ruth Schweitzer, Hostess is Karen Scott

Hope you can join us!

Communion



Invitation to the Table

Opening Words

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

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When we were unfaithful to you, you kept faith with us, your love remained steadfast. When we were slaves in Egypt, you broke the bonds of our oppression, brought us through the sea of freedom, and made covenant to be our God. By a pillar of fire you led us through the desert to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. You spoke of love and justice in the prophets, and in the Word made flesh you lived among us, manifesting your glory. He died that we might live, and is risen to raise us to new life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and arch-angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

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By your power he broke free from the prison of the tomb, and at his command the gates of hell were opened. The one who was dead now lives. The one who humbled himself is raised to rule over all creation, the Lamb upon the throne. The one ascended on high is with us always, as he promised.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying, you destroyed our death; rising, you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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The Words of Institution

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- Fun House
- Hot dogs/drinks freewill offering

All Activities are FREE
Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Community Food Basket
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