

UPCOMING DATES

05/18 Worship/Fellowship - Last Children's Church
05/18 Gracen Atkinson's Voice Recital
05/19 Building & Grounds Committee
05/20 FPC hosting RCCM in the Lower Lounge
05/21 ROMEO
05/25 Worship/Fellowship
05/26 Church Office closed for Memorial Day
05/27 Session



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

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

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



Submit Prayer Requests to
iffpcprayers@gmail.com

Virtual Holy Grounds
Wednesdays 1:30
Via ZOOM

Please let the office know
of any:

- Prayer Request or if you would like your name removed from the list;
- Deaths/Births;
- Hospitalizations;

so that we may pray for you and place your name in the prayer requests.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 18, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Building Relationships; Sharing God's Love.

When they [the Jewish Christians] heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, God has granted even the Gentiles repentance unto life."

- Acts 11:18



Rev. Dr. Phillip A. Hagen, Pastor
Leah Zumberge, Director of Music Ministries
Amy Reid, Organist
Kimberly Kvamme, Secretary
Melanie Wetzel, Secretary
Kelly P'Pool, 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.

Question of the Day

How can we praise God each day?

Prelude

Shall We Gather at the River?

Arr. Hugh Livingston

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

Just As I Am

Call to Worship

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;

praise God on high!

Praise God, sun and moon.

Praise God, all you shining stars!

Praise God from the earth,

you sea monsters and ocean depths!

Mountains and all hills,

fruit trees and all cedars,

praise the Lord!

Kings and all peoples of the earth,

princes and all rulers of the earth,

praise the Lord!

Old and young together; all people praise the Lord!

Let us worship God!

Prayer of the Day

***Hymn # 327**

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

***Call to Confession**

*Thank you to our
Westminster Choir
for your talent, time
and beautiful music you
share with us!!*



Session Meeting
May 27 at 7:00 pm

TODAY! Gracen Atkinson Recital

12:00 noon

*Come hear Gracen
Atkinson share his gift
of singing before he
leaves the area to
continue his life's
adventures!*

*Freewill offering
will be taken.*



RCCM MEETING @ FPC

**TUESDAY, May 20, at 10:00 a.m. in the Lower Lounge.
Anyone is welcome to attend!**



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FPC Homepage and you can choose where
you would like to give.**

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BULLETIN BOARD



**Connections Book
Group**

Book for discussion on
June 9, 7:00 p.m. at the
church is

*The Absolutely True Diary
of a Part-Time Indian*
by Sherman Alexie

Books are available in the
church office.

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, You are coming to make all things new. We long for you to make us new. Sin has stained and scarred us and has become so familiar to us. We have worshiped you with our lips, but not with our hearts. We have followed you with our words, but not with our lives. We have developed habits of convenience; our ways have become well-worn.

Forgive us. Make us new. Start afresh with us, so that we might go in the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence is Kept

***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 Lesson Leviticus 19: 9-18 NIV pp. 184-185

Second Lesson John 13: 31-35 NIV pp. 1674-1675

Special Music *Down by the Riverside* Arr. Mary McDonald

Standing in the Need of Prayer

~Westminster Choir

I'm gonna lay down my burden down by the riverside,
down by the riverside.

I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more,
down by the riverside.

It's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standing on the need of prayer.

Not my mother, not my father, but it's me O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.

I wish I could help, but...

Keeping up with food supplies is a constant challenge as more and more people are in need. The pantry is always in need of any and all nonperishable food items, particularly canned vegetables, ramen noodles, macaroni & cheese.

This is a continuation of the Christmas Baskets Project that does not end with Christmas and is dependent on all of us. There are canvas bags available at the east entrance, by the elevator for your donations.

**Thank you to all who have
given food when needed.**



Third Lesson Acts 11: 1-18 NIV p. 1711
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Let Me Explain...” ~Rev. Dr. Phillip A. Hagen

Special Music *Vocalise* ~Rachmaninoff
~Chris Mann - cello

***Affirmation of Faith: - Apostles’ Creed**
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he arose again from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion
of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the
life everlasting. Amen.

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

Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day
our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine
is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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 # 757 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

Benediction

Choral Benediction *Edelweiss Benediction*
Postlude *Song Without Words* ~Mendelssohn
~ Chris Mann - cello
**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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

Thank You To Our Participants In Worship Today
Worship Leader ~ Beth Eloie-Reep
Ushers ~ Kathy McBride & Les McDaniel

PRAYER CONCERNS (Be in Prayer for Monthly):
Kathey Fischer, Elwyn Keyes, Diane Mondell;

Please Hold in Prayer (Long Term):
Cole Wallick, Cathy Spellman, Scott Gruwell,
Joyce Griffiths, 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.

Hello! The Kendall and Boise Presbyteries are excited to announce the name competition for the proposed new presbytery that will be created, if we are approved for merger. We hope you will help us select a new name! The Merger Coordination Task Group (MCTG) invites your vote on the name options listed on the ballot .

Why Are We Voting On A Name?

We will align all our corporate records to this new name, and it will be how we are known within the denomination. Our new name will mark the new thing that God is doing in our midst, bringing two presbyteries together as one.

What’s In A Name?

In addition to our *Book of Order* expectation that the Presbytery has the role of "assisting and supporting the witness of congregations to the sovereign activity of God in the world, so that all congregations become communities of faith, hope, love, and witness" (G.3.0301), the MCTG believes that our name can represent who we have been, who we are, and who we hope to become as we follow Christ’s will. We have been guided in our merger process by Isaiah 43:1-3a, 18-19, and we understand the new presbytery’s purpose to be a hub, clearinghouse, or catalyst for connection among our varied ministries. We’ve approved a “working vision statement” as: “From springs to streams: connecting vital ministry across the Snake River Plain to give witness to the diversity and steadfast abundance of God in the wilderness.”

Who Can Vote?

Every person affiliated with the two presbyteries can vote. You do not need to be a presbytery commissioner or committee member in order to vote. We want our name to appeal to the broadest group of our ministers and church members and friends.

How Do I Vote?

You have lots of options, but **please vote only once!** First Presbyterian Church will pass out and collect paper ballots from our congregation and submit them in bulk to our Stated Clerk. **After you fill out your ballot you can put it in the basket in the office or mail it to Presbytery of Kendall, 325 Elm St., Idaho Falls, ID 83402**

What’s The Deadline?

Please submit your vote between May 1 and May 28

Rachel Yates Transitional Presbyter/Stated Clerk

Boise Presbytery boiseinterimexec@gmail.com

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