



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

October 11, 2020
Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

The Gathering

PRELUDE Solemn Prelude on a theme of Thomas Tallis Gerald Near

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT This Is the Day Anon. (c. 1600)

This is the day the Lord hath made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

(Paul Butler, Chelsea Janzen, Greg McMahon, Madeline Ross)

CALL TO WORSHIP

You, O Lord, are our God; earnestly we seek you.

We thirst for you, as in a dry and weary land.

We have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and glory.

Because your love is better than life, we will sing your praise.

We will give you glory as long as we live.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Unison)*

Gracious God,

when the world's volume is turned up high,
we come not to escape, but to seek your wisdom,
to focus on things that are worthy.

Dial down the distractions in our minds.

Tune our senses to your word
and our hearts to your praise.

In your holy name we pray. Amen.

HYMN #363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

DARWALL'S 148TH

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Gracious God,
like your people of old in the wilderness,
at times we doubt your presence and power.
We have sought the golden calves
that promise abundance and security,
while neglecting your ways.
We have lived too often caught up in worry,
and have struggled to heed your call to find our joy in you.
Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins.

Our prayers continue in silence.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, O Lord.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the words of assurance from the Scripture:
We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE OF PRAISE



We are for-giv-en. We are for-giv-en. Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God. We are for-giv-en. We are for-giv-en.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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SHARING THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we are also to forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you!
Please take a moment to be thankful for God's peace.

The Word

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 32:1-14 Pew Bible, pg. 78 (OT)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake Richard Farrant
Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives:
to decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee now and evermore. Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 4:1-9 Pew Bible, pg. 198 (NT)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Seeking Peace in Anxious Times” Rev. Audrey Schindler

HYMN #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

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 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.

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Lisa & Steve Snodderly

OFFERTORY

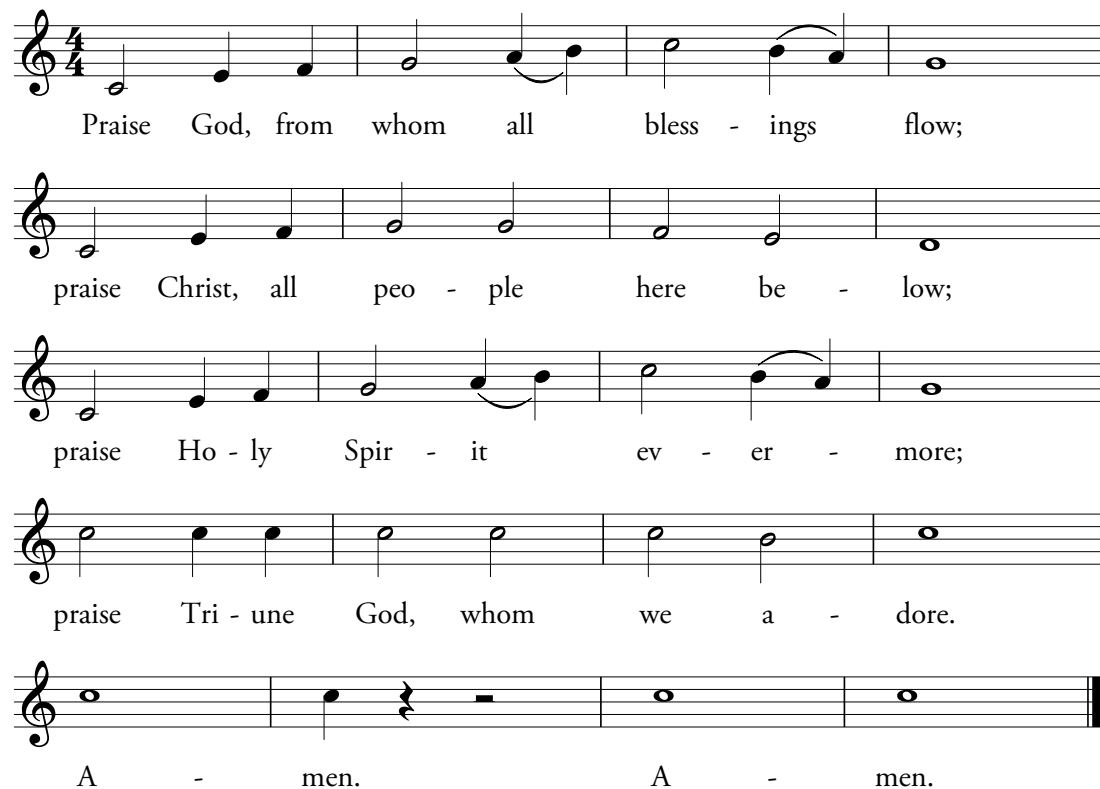
Rejoice in the Lord Alway

Henry Purcell

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice!
Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving,
let your requests be made known unto God.
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Chris our Lord.

Thank you for your support of the church and Christ's ongoing ministry. You may give through the church website (at this link: firstpresportland.ccbchurch.com/goto/giving) or mail your check to the church office: 1200 SW Alder St., Portland, OR 97205.

DOXOLOGY



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;
praise Christ, all peo - ple here be - low;
praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.
A - men. A - men.

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Music: NEW DOXOLOGY [DUKE STREET variant] 8.8.8.8 with amens; traditional Black gospel

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*)

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.

The Sending

HYMN #804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

MARION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in F Major, BWV 556

J.S Bach

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks, Associate Pastor
Rev. Brenna Dykman, Interim Associate Pastor
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate
Rev. Zane Buxton, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We join in holding in prayer:

Robert Chapman, Liz Dean, Ed & Janice Gehrig, Herb Grose,
Carl Hammond, David Hall (caringbridge.org/visit/wdhall), Bob Hastings,
Fran Hermanson, Marlin Icenogle, Anna Myers, Pete Taylor, Margery Van Deusen
and others facing illness and loss.

If you would like your name added to the prayer section of the weekly bulletin, or confidential prayers,
please contact the church office at office@firstpresportland.org or by phone at (503) 228-7331.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

*This morning, the flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory
of John & Ann Smeaton by Janet and David Leatherwood.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

How to Continue Your Giving

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Dial Into Virtual Coffee Hour Today!

Join in Virtual Coffee Hour today from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you, so please dial in to say hello by using this meeting ID 884 3696 2691 or this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436962691>.

Hope in Every Step: The Immigrant Experience

Hope in Every Step is an exhibition sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church, Portland, Oregon under the supervision of the Visual Arts Committee. First Presbyterian Church is a member of the 7x7 Consortium of 7 art galleries in 7 downtown churches. **Online Exhibition preview:** <https://www.firstpresportland.org/music-arts/visual-arts/7x7-galleries-preview-video> **7x7 galleries preview video:** <https://tinyurl.com/7x7Footsteps>
In person exhibition scheduled for September 2021.

Youth Zoom Coffee Hour

Youth grades 6-12th are invited to your own special coffee hour, **Sunday Oct. 11th at 11:30 am**. Jump on, say hi and let us know how the start of the school year is going. All youth who come and stay for our time together will get a special treat! **The zoom link is:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87427566785>

Virtual Scripture Study Moved to Tuesdays

Our Virtual Scripture Study in the evenings will now be held on **Tuesday nights at 7 pm** to avoid conflicting with other church activities. Join us during the month of October for a lively discussion of the book of Daniel. Zoom Link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73059586516?pwd=REVXbEN0OWp4LzFXK2daMW1lUGR4dz09>

Meeting ID: 730 5958 6516 & Passcode: 0E6C10

Vespers Service on the Plaza

On **Wednesday, October 14th** we will be offering a special opportunity for our church family to gather for vespers on our plaza (we'll take advantage of the weather while we can). This short, reflective service will begin at 5:30 pm. Due to state gathering restrictions, we must limit our group size to 25 people. Reservations, masks and social distancing are required for this event. Please contact Gail in our church office to reserve your space (office@firstpresportland.org).

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Second Timothy 4:7

**"I have fought the good fight...I have kept the faith."
Today we kick off this year's stewardship campaign at
First Presbyterian Church.
The focus of this year's
campaign is to "Live Our
Faith", and we will dedicate
our pledges on November
15th.**



This year we have faced extraordinary challenges that have affected how we live our faith both individually and as a congregation. Although our stewardship pledges are always essential to the work of our church, this year we face unplanned events including the loss of revenue associated with the parking garage. Please help us to meet these new challenges and prayerfully consider your stewardship pledges. Questions? Please contact the FPC office by email at (office@firstpresportland.org) or call (503) 228-7331

Next Celebration Works Concert

Lluvias de Guitarra: Rain Strings with guitarist Maria Olaya on **Saturday, October 24th at 2 pm** and **rebroadcast on Sunday, October 25th at 2 pm.** Maria will be sharing a concert inspired by the poetry of water throughout the ages on acoustic guitar, in partnership with the Oregon Environmental Council. Our very own *Celebration Works* Music Assistant and FPC soloist, Maddy Ross, will be joining her to sing a few tunes as well!

Stream the Concert here: www.firstpresportland.org/arts-music/celebration-works

Learn more about OEC here: <https://oeconline.org/cleanwater/>

Downtown Youth Collective October Movie Night

Sunday, October 25th at 6 pm, virtually join us and the other downtown churches as we enjoy a Halloween themed movie by zoom. **The link is:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88423164931?pwd=Nk5wbU9VQWRyelhUjMhZ1enpYUT09> or Meeting ID: 884 2316 4931
Passcode: Halloween

FPC Calvin Library: Request Books by Email

If you are looking for your next good book check out the church library online at <https://fpcp.scoolaid.net/bin/home>. Search by title, author or subject just like the public library. Try a few keywords to see what we have. How about prayer, or justice, or women? Consider checking out several books and don't forget to add a few for children. Send your request by email to Bette at pdxbookworm@gmail.com. Your books will be checked-out, placed into a brown bag ready for pick-up at the glass office entry of the church. You will receive an email letting you know of pick-up times.

WOW! The Impact of NEFP & a Call for Volunteers

Since mid-February and the start of Covid, NEFP has fed over 250,000 people and delivered over 6 million pounds of food! And FPC volunteers have been part of that success. Volunteer with us! To sign-up for a volunteer shift <https://tinyurl.com/NEFPVolunteer>
Questions? Contact Bill Resley kayak500@gmail.com

School Supplies Drive

Thank you to everyone who brought in school supplies. As a church we gathered 440 items to be donated to Rose Haven and New Avenues for Youth. Thank you for helping children and youth in Portland start their school year off with the things they need to grow and learn.

Open Circle Support for the Rose Haven Shelter

The Rose Haven Day Shelter for Women and Children continues to serve the needs for those experiencing the trauma of abuse, loss of home, and other disruptive life challenges. Current needs are: (gently used or new) raincoats ALL SIZES, winter coats, plus size jeans and leggings, tents, tarps, sleeping bags, gloves, umbrellas, travel size hygiene products, body wipes, luggage and rolling carts, black hair care products. Check <http://www.rosehaven.org> for updates to the shelter's needs and donations delivery schedule or contact Cindy Finch cindyloufinch@yahoo.com.



“And the peace of God...will guard your hearts and minds”

Wheatfield under Thunderclouds

Vincent van Gogh, 1890

Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam



Mission Statement:

**Glorifying God,
Proclaiming Christ,
Serving Others**

Vision Statement:

At First Presbyterian Church, we commit to building faithfully on our legacy as a Christ-centered community, serving the spiritual needs of a multi-generational congregation, welcoming and accepting all, honoring all voices. Through engaging worship, thoughtful education, warm fellowship and caring outreach, we will develop and sustain disciples for Christ, serving our neighbors near and far.

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