



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

October 18, 2020
Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost

The Gathering

PRELUDE Chorale, Trio, and Adagio on *Hymn to Joy* Charles Callahan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Introit Iain Quinn

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
come let us adore him.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever; Amen.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 99*

The LORD is king; let the people tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.
Let us praise your great and awesome name. Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Unison)*

Creator God, it is in your image that we were made.
You have stamped us with your likeness and put within us
the ability to unleash good on the world.
May our worship this day refresh us for service anew
that we may go forth as bold disciples;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN #611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee **HYMN TO JOY**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Forgiving God,
we know that we have been created for a holy purpose,
but all too often we turn from that only to reach out
for what the world vainly offers.
We pay homage to earthly powers that ensnare the poor,
weaken the powerless,
and threaten to undermine your vision for a good world.
Forgive us, we pray.
Strengthen us, invigorate us,
give us the will so that your true image might show through us.
For we pray this in Christ's name. Amen.

Our prayers continue in silence.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Cantor first, then ALL

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

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

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

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jeremiah writes:

This is the covenant
that I will make with the house of Israel after those days.
I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts;
and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
People of God, be at peace. For in Christ we are forgiven.
Alleluia! Amen!

RESPONSE OF PRAISE



O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day
and sing the love a - maz-ing that songs can-not re - pay;
for we can on-ly won-der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:
we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up-on your Word,
we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might-y Lord.

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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

Psalm 99:1-9

Pew Bible, pg. 552 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Praise Is Your Right, O God Genevan Psalter / arr. John Hamersma

Praise is your right, O God, in Zion. To you we pay our vows.
When we your people pray, you hear us. All flesh to you will bow.
When our transgressions overwhelm us, you graciously forgive.
How satisfied your chosen servants; within your courts they live.

Your mighty acts work our salvation. All earth waits hopefully.
You have the strength to move the mountains, to calm the stormy sea.
You calm the tumult of the people. Such awesome signs you do
that earth from sunrise to the sunset, for joy cries out to you.

You visit earth in streams and rivers and in the gentle rain.
You settle ridges, soften furrows, and bless the sprouting grain.
You crown the year with ample harvest; where you go new life springs.
All flocks and grains and hills and meadows: Creation shouts and sings.

Praise is your right, O God, in Zion. To you we pay our vows.
When we your people pray, you hear us. All flesh to you will bow.
When our transgressions overwhelm us, you graciously forgive.
How satisfied your chosen servants; within your courts they live.

— English paraphrase of Psalm 65 by Stanley Wiersma, 1980

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22:15-22 Pew Bible, pg. 24 (NT)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“The Image We Bear”

Rev. Spencer Parks

HYMN #716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

from Colossians 1:15-20

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible.
All things have been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.
He is head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning,
the firstborn of the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

We Lift Our Voices

Dwight Liles

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;

Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you.

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

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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 #541

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

RANDOLPH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Gigue on *Hymn to Joy*

Charles Callahan

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WORSHIP LEADERS

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We join in holding in prayer:

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 Sue and Harry Withycombe and Harriet and J. Lauren Naden
by Kathy and her family.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Second Timothy 4:7

"I have fought the good fight...I have kept the faith."

Last week we kicked off this year's Stewardship Campaign at First Presbyterian Church. As we "Live Our Faith", we are asked to prayerfully consider what Stewardship means to us and what gifts and talents we can bring to our church. Our pledges allow us to continue First Presbyterian Church's work and outreach even through these difficult times. One

example is our outstanding music. Although the events of 2020 have changed how we gather, our music has continued to lift us up. It inspires us through our online worship services and the outreach of our *Celebration Works* virtual concert series. This year, we face revenue loss from the garage as we strive to continue the church's mission and ministries. Prior to **Commitment Sunday on November 15th**, please prayerfully consider your part in this year's stewardship effort to sustain the church's life and outreach. Please join in, as together we live our faith! Questions? Please contact the FPC office by email at office@firstpresportland.org or (503) 228-7331.

Stewardship Team: Cam Birnie, Midge Birnie, Doug Blomgren, Alice Estes, Kelly Farrell-Oliverson, Linda Killen, Tim Killen, Steve Primack, George Webb, and Audrey Schindler



How to Continue Your Giving

Thank you for your support of the church, as care and visiting continues, 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.

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>

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=REVXbEN0OWp4LzFXK2daMW1IUGR4dz09> Meeting ID: 730 5958 6516 & Passcode: 0E6C10

Reoccurring Classes and Church Resources: Lectionary Adult Bible Study

Sundays from 9 – 10 am via this link: <https://zoom.us/j/92285138816> ID is 922-8513-8816

FPC Faith Formation Resource Hub

<http://tinyurl.com/fpcfaithformationresources2020>

Virtual Vespers & Sermon Archive:

<https://www.firstpresportland.org/church-life/worship-services/service-live-stream/>

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Next *Celebration Works* Concert

Lluvias de Guitarra: Rain Strings with guitarist Maria Olaya **next Saturday, October 24th at 2 pm and rebroadcast next 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/>

Plein Air Day at Menucha

Want to paint outdoors at Menucha? Or would you enjoy writing, drawing, or another creative endeavor there? Bring your supplies on **Saturday, October 24th** as early as 9 am and depart by 5 pm. The cost is \$50 per person. Sign up at <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/pleinairday>. Lunches and/or overnight stays can be added for an additional cost. Check in when you arrive, get your temperature taken, then the day is yours! Bathrooms in Wright Hall will be available and cleaned every hour, masks must be worn inside Wright Hall. Please observe social distancing throughout your time at Menucha.

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=Nk5wbU9VQWRyelhUjMhZlZ1enpYUT09> 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.

Capital Campaign near Finish Line

We're within a month of completion of the church's three year **Forward in Faith** Capital Campaign and very close to meeting our goals. We're thankful for all the gifts and pledges that have been given, and hope that you if you're yet to complete your pledge, you will make a final gift before the campaign concludes. There will be more information in the November Spire newsletter and highlights from the campaign at the church's annual meeting in mid November. Questions? Please contact Bill Nelson, Jon Bates or Marc Lavender (cba@firstpresportland.org).

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.

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 outdoor and waterproof gear listed here: raincoats ALL SIZES (gently used OK), winter coats, tents, tarps, sleeping bags (gently used OK). Please note: clothing donations will be accepted again in September. Check <http://www.rosehaven.org> for updates to the shelter's needs and donations delivery schedule or contact Cindy Finch cindyloufinch@yahoo.com.

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.



“The Tribute Money”
Titian, 1516



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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