



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

October 25, 2020
Twenty-first Sunday
after Pentecost
& Reformation
Sunday

PRELUDE

Prelude on *Chereponi*
Prelude on *Old Hundredth*

Robert J. Powell
Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Lucius Chapin

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.

Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek; be God's our only peace.

Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name;
our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

— *Latin, 8th cent.; trans. Omer Westendorf (1916-1998), alt.*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in every generation.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,
before you formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Unison)*

Out of your great love, you have given us your Word.

You have given us the law,
so we might learn to love you and love others more fully.

Help us to be faithful to you, O God,
and help us to delight in your ways.

May we be ever-faithful,
in our worship and in our daily lives. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Eternal God,
 in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
 Although Christ is among us as our peace,
 we are a people divided.
 We have not loved you with a pure heart,
 nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you.
 Have mercy on us, O God.
 In your great compassion,
 cleanse us from our sin.

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

Hear the good news!
 Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
 He himself bore our sin,
 and set us free to live lives of joy and peace.
 Trust, believe, and live the good news of the Gospel:
 in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
 Thanks be to God!

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 Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Pew Bible, pg. 191 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM**Restless Is the Heart**

Bernadette Farrell

Restless is the heart until it comes to rest in you.
All the earth shall remember and return to our God.

Lord, you have been our refuge through all time, from one generation to the next;
before the mountains were born, or the earth brought forth,
you are God without beginning or end.

To your eyes a thousand years are like a day, no more than a watch in the night.
You sweep us away like a dream, like the grass that springs green in the morning,
but faded by light.

Make us know our life's shortness that we may gain true wisdom of heart.
In the morning fill us with your love.

— based on Psalm 90:1-2, 4-6, 12, 14

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22:34-40 Pew Bible, pg. 25 (NT)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“The Greatest Commandment”

Rev. Carmen Goetschius

HYMN #729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

The 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 rose 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.**

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Doug Blomgren

OFFERTORY

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you for ever, even the spirit of truth.

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 #275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude on *Ein' Feste Burg*

Helmut Walcha

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate
Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor
Rev. Brenna Dykman, Interim Associate Pastor
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,
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 Jerry Hoder
by the Hoder Family, Maurine, Kevin, Patty, John and Ian.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2021 Stewardship Campaign

During this unprecedented year, our congregation at First Presbyterian Church has been shepherded by our pastors, staff and lay leaders. They have provided weekly streaming church services which have guided, uplifted, comforted and encouraged us. Through our monthly Spire and weekly eBlasts, we have been offered many opportunities for social interaction, such as volunteer activities, Zoom book club, bible study and coffee hour. The focus of our 2021 stewardship campaign is to **"live our faith"**, so we prayerfully ask that you remember how essential your pledge is to the ongoing work of First Presbyterian Church. Please help us meet these extraordinary challenges. Virtual pledge form in CCB: <https://firstpresportland.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/39/responses/new>
Last week we were glad to have Jon and Sally Bates do a Moment for Stewardship. This week we will welcome Doug Blomgren.

Questions? Please contact the FPC office by email at office@firstpresportland.org or (503) 228-7331.

Second Timothy 4:7

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

**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

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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! Join this "Zoom Meeting" by using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436962691>

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebration Works Concert Rebroadcast Today at 2 pm

Lluvias de Guitarra: Rain Strings with guitarist Maria Olaya **will be rebroadcast today at 2 pm.**

Maria will share 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 join 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

Tonight 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=Nk5wbU9VQWRyelhUjMhTz1enpYUT09> or Meeting ID: 884 2316 4931 Passcode: Halloween

Sunday School Video Lessons on our Website!

The children's ministry committee has sent out boxes filled with crafts/activities to all the children of the church (5th grade and under) and there are links on our website to three video lessons created by Sunday school teachers. Visit this link for the video lessons: <https://www.firstpresportland.org/church-life/childrens-youth-ministry/>

Kids Cocoa Hour, Next Sunday, November 1st

If you are a 5th grader or younger, you are invited to join Pastor Carmen for a half hour of fun over zoom where we will drink hot cocoa together, see the friendly faces of other kids in our church, and share stories with one another. We are so excited to see you! Have a parent use this login next Sunday, November 1st at 11:30 am to join in on the fun: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88590806543>

The Tuesday Women's Book Club will meet via Zoom on **November 3rd at 11 am.** Jean Meihoff will lead the discussion on *Why Religion?* by Dr. Elaine Pagels. Dr. Pagels has authored many books and autobiographical books deals with her personal grief. She explores how we get through difficult challenges and how religion shapes our understanding. Dr. Pagels is Professor of Religion at Princeton University. Please contact Marilyn Weber schatzmlw@gmail.com with questions. For a Zoom invitation, please contact Jan Mittelstaedt, janmitt@gmail.com

FPC/SOLVE Church Clean-Up, November 15th

Come clean up PDX with us! **Sunday, November 15th** from 1-3 pm, FPC will be partnering with SOLVE to pick up trash around the church. All ages are welcome but anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult from their household. **To register for the event, go to the following link** <https://www.solveoregon.org/opportunity/a0C1I00000RiQmN>

Hope in Every Step: The Immigrant Experience

Hope in Every Step is an exhibition sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church, Portland, Oregon. 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>: <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 November.

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

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

Tuesday Virtual Scripture Study

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73059586516?pwd=REVXbEN0OWp4LzFXK2daMW1UGR4dz09>

Meeting ID: 730 5958 6516 & Passcode: 0E6C10

FPC Faith Formation Resource Hub

<http://tinyurl.com/fpcfaithformationresources2020>

Virtual Vespers & Sermon Archive:

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



“Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” Matthew 22:37-40



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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