



**First  
Presbyterian**  
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

# Service for the Lord's Day

## The Gathering

November 15, 2020  
Stewardship  
Sunday

### PRELUDE

Prelude on *Beach Spring*  
Prelude on *St. Anne*

John Karl Hirten  
Healey Willan

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTROIT

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.

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 78*

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,  
**your faithfulness to the clouds.**

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountain;  
**your judgments are like the great deep.**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

**We take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

**We lift our voices to sing your praise!**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Unison)*

Almighty God,

you hold the world in your providential care.

Give us faith to be steadfast

amid the tumults of this world,

knowing that your kingdom shall come

and your will be done;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. Amen.



## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Gracious God,

we confess that too often we have wandered from your ways,  
wasted your gifts, forgotten your love.

We are hesitant to give of what you have given us,  
to embrace the joy of serving you.

At times our hearts grow weary when confronting the needs of the world.

Help us to count our blessings,

and for the sake of our Lord who gave his life, to give of ourselves,  
that the world may know your love.

*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

The good news of the gospel is this:  
that while we were yet sinners,

Christ died for us.

**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 Psalm 90:1-10, 12 Pew Bible, pg. 547 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM**

In Every Age

Timothy R. Smith

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You return us to dust, saying, "Return, O children, to earth."  
For to you a thousand years are like yesterday passed, or as a watch of the night.

You sweep us away in a dream. At dawn we are like morning grass  
that rises to the morning sun, then withers and fades.

Teach us to treasure our days. Give wisdom to our hearts.  
Return, O Lord, how long must we wait? Pity your servants.

Fill our daybreak with your love that we may rejoice in song.  
May your gracious eye watch over us and the work of our hands.

— based on Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Pew Bible, pg. 205 (NT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

"Encourage One Another"

Rev. Audrey Schindler

**HYMN #716**

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Unison*)

*from* A Song of Faith  
the United Church of Canada

God is creative and self-giving,  
generously moving in all the near and distant corners of the universe.  
Everything that exists finds its source in God.  
Our first response to God's providence is gratitude.  
We sing thanksgiving.

Finding ourselves in a world of beauty and mystery,  
of living things, diverse and interdependent,  
we sing of God the Creator, Maker and Source of all that is.

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP**

Cam & Midge Birnie

**OFFERTORY #711**

Lord of All Good

TOULON

*The congregation is invited to join in singing*

*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](http://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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PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS & PLEDGES (*Unison*)

God, we have received at your hand grace upon grace.  
It is grace to experience the joy of giving,  
and grace to participate in the mission and ministry of your church  
both within these walls and in the city and the world beyond.  
Use these gifts in a time of great need, we pray.  
We dedicate to you this day our gifts for the coming year,  
and the gifts of our time, prayer, energy, and love.  
May our gifts widen the circle where your love is known.  
In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

*We offer gifts for the work of God's kingdom as a sign of our dedication  
to serving and loving Christ and the world. You may pledge through the church  
website (<https://firstpresportland.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/39/responses/new>)  
or mail your pledge card to the church office: 1200 SW Alder St., Portland, OR 97205.*

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 #846

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccatà Giocosa

Gilbert Martin

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, 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](http://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](mailto: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 Peggy, Linwood, Robin and Linwood III  
by their families, the Browns, Cornells and Allens.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2021 Stewardship Campaign Second Timothy 4:7

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

Today we will be dedicating our pledges for the upcoming year 2021. In this completely unprecedented year of 2020, consider how God has blessed our church's work in this community and the world, and prayerfully consider increasing your pledge. If you were previously contributing to the Capital Campaign, you might consider adding a portion of that amount to your stewardship pledge for the coming year. If you've given but never pledged before, we ask that you reflect on how living your faith can include supporting the Lord's work at First Pres. With our pledge goal of \$740,000 this year, we need everybody in our community of faith to share of their time and talents, and resources.

In these days, we are called to keep the faith, to live our faith! To celebrate Dedication Sunday, please make a commitment to share from what God has given you to the work of Christ's kingdom through our church. Your 2021 pledge is essential to FPC's ongoing life and outreach.



Please mail in your pledge card to First Presbyterian Church, 1200 SW Alder Street, Portland, OR 97205, or **(new this year!) submit your pledge online via this link:** <https://firstpresportland.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/39/responses/new>

**Last week we were glad to have Kathryn Hill do a Moment for Stewardship. This week we will welcome Cam and Midge Birnie!**

Questions? Please contact Marc Lavender, Church Business Administrator at [cba@firstpresportland.org](mailto:cba@firstpresportland.org) or (503) 228-7331 ext. 110.

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

### FPC Annual Meeting via Zoom

**Today after worship**, we'll celebrate Dedication Sunday for the Stewardship Campaign as we **"Live Our Faith."** You are virtually invited to the church's Annual Meeting via Zoom at noon; elect new Elders, Deacons and Trustees, members of next year's CNC, and approve terms of call for installed ministers.

**Join the Annual Meeting at this link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84221887291?pwd=eENkRkJNWFiY0ovQkIkakp1bm10Zz09>

Meeting ID: 842 2188 7291 Passcode: 504464

To learn more, please visit our website for more on the Annual Meeting and Congregational Nominating Committee nominations here: <https://tinyurl.com/Annual-Mtg-and-CNC>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FPC/SOLVE Church Clean-Up, Today!

Come clean up PDX with us! **Today from 2-4 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.

### New Sunday Services Streaming Provider

**Last Sunday**, we began using Vimeo as our new streaming provider. If you have bookmarked our old provider's link for streaming services each Sunday, you will need to go to FPC's website, select "ONLINE WORSHIP," then select "Click this link for live streaming." <https://www.firstpresportland.org/church-life/worship-services/> You may wish to bookmark the new link: <https://vimeo.com/event/363044>

### Adult Education Class: Celebrating Advent & Christmas in a Time of COVID

Join in on **November 22nd at 9 am via ZOOM**. Mary gave birth to Jesus during a time of social-political disruption. And this year, as we approach the seasons of Advent and Christmas, many of us wonder how we can celebrate safely and authentically during this Covid-19 epidemic, a time which is further complicated by intense political divisions. For ideas about new ways to celebrate the upcoming holidays, please join our facilitator, Fran Page as she explores these questions and more! **Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84638418753>

### Downtown Youth Collective's Friendsgiving

All youth are invited to grab your dinner and jump on zoom on **November 22nd from 6-7 pm**. We will be playing some games, offer a moment of spiritual reflection, and share our meal together via the magic of the internet. **Zoom link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84271106288>

### Celebration Works' Virtual Concert "If I Were a Bird" December 5th & 6th at 2 pm

Join in on our second *Celebration Works* virtual concert of the season, *If I Were a Bird*, on

**Saturday, December 5th at 2 pm**

**and rebroadcast on Sunday, December 6th at 2 pm.**

Mezzo-soprano Lisa Neher and pianist Stephanie Thompson will perform a concert of music exploring the human condition through the lens of birds, featuring *Winged from Within*, a new work by Portland composer Theresa Koon. We are partnering with Portland Audubon for this concert, in support of their work for birds and their natural habitats in our city.

<https://www.firstpresportland.org/music-arts/celebration-works/>

### 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/>

### Youth Coffee Hour

All youth are invited to join Pastor Brenna from **11:30-12:00 pm on December 6th** for your very own Coffee Hour. Stop by with a warm drink to say hi as we get ready to welcome in the Christmas season. **Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83734055271>

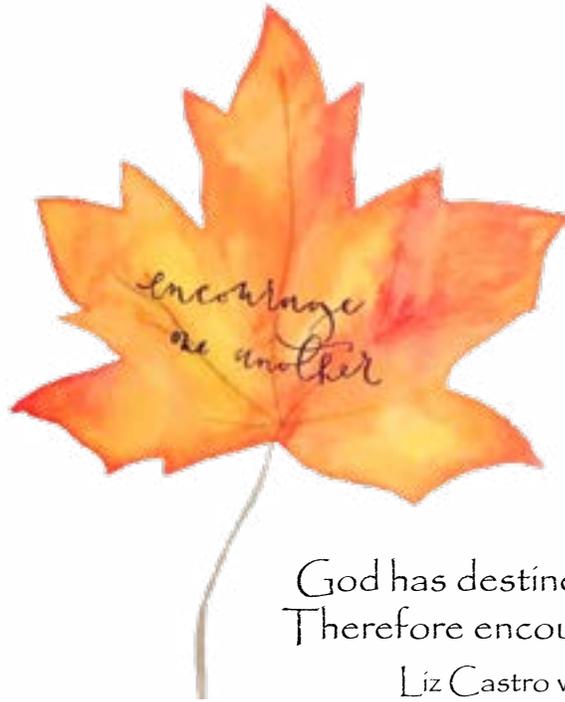
### Poinsettias

Every year poinsettias adorn our sanctuary and are given to home-bound or ill members of First Presbyterian Church to brighten their holidays. You can help off-set the cost of the poinsettias by donating \$15 in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Forms will be available next week on our website [www.firstpresportland.org](http://www.firstpresportland.org) to fill out with names of those remembered or honored and an option for payment online or you may mail a check to First Presbyterian Church, 1200 SW Alder St, Portland, OR 97205 with POINSETTIA in the memo line. (Paper order forms may be found in the glass office at church) **Final order date is Tuesday, December 8th. Then keep an eye out for our December 20th Worship Bulletin when names of those remembered or honored will be published.**

### Karen's Coats

Karen's Coats Drive has begun. Open Circle is collecting new and like-new clean outer clothing. This includes coats, heavier jackets, rain gear, warm hats, scarves, mittens/gloves, boots - for youth, women and men. Collection barrels are in Geneva Hall and near the Church office. Check in at our 13th Street entrance, (located at 610 SW 13th Ave.). Need assistance when you arrive at the church? Please contact Marc Lavender, Church Business Administrator at (503) 941-6325 or [cba@firstpresportland.org](mailto:cba@firstpresportland.org) Wear a mask and practice social distancing. Questions or need assistance with pick-ups? Please contact Cindy Finch [cindyloufinch@yahoo.com](mailto:cindyloufinch@yahoo.com) Four charities will benefit from your generous donations. **This annual tradition is called Karen's Coats in memory of Karen and Harry Keefer who spearheaded this effort for so many years.**

**This year, like so many other things, FPC's Giving Tree will be online. Please check this week's eBlast to learn more or click this link to sign up for the Giving Tree online link:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA4AD28A6FF2-giving>



God has destined us for salvation...  
Therefore encourage one another..."

Liz Castro watercolor, 2014



*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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