

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Unison*)

Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Savior,
you pour out your power for the powerless
and your salvation for the lost.

By your Spirit empower us to love all
and to minister to all in need.

Remember us in your new creation,
so that we may live in peace with you
in the presence of the Holy One,
to whom be all honor and glory,
through you, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN #264

At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Righteous God,
you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him,
and are slow to acknowledge his rule in our lives.
We give allegiance to the powers of this world,
and fail to be governed by justice and love.
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.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all,
that we may be loyal ambassadors,
fulfilling the purposes of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has rescued us from the power of evil
and claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ,
in whom we have reconciliation.

Hear the good news:

in the name of 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 Psalm 95:1-7a Pew Bible, pg. 550 (OT)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM All People That on Earth Do Well Robert J. Powell

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make:
we are his folk, he dost us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good, his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

— William Kethe, 1561

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1:15-23 Pew Bible, pg. 192 (NT)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON “What Do You Imagine to Be True?” Rev. Zane Buxton

HYMN #661 His Eye Is on the Sparrow SPARROW

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*) *from* The Confession of 1967

The risen Christ is the Savior for all people.
Those joined to him by faith are set right with God
and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community.
Christ is head of this community, the church,
which began with the apostles and continues through all generations.

The same Jesus Christ is the judge of every man and woman.
His judgment discloses the ultimate seriousness of life
and gives promise of God’s final victory over the power of sin and death.
To receive life from the risen Lord is to have life eternal;
to refuse life from him is to choose the death which is separation from God.
All who put their trust in Christ face divine judgment without fear,
for the judge is their redeemer.

OFFERTORY

The Name of Jesus

Craig Courtney

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all!

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes my sorrows, heals my wounds and drives away my fear.
It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;
it satisfies the hungry soul, and gives the weary rest.

Dear name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,
my never-ending treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace.
Jesus, my shepherd, brother, friend, my prophet, priest, and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see you as you are, I'll praise you as I ought.
Till then I would your love proclaim with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of Your name refresh my soul in death.

— Edward Perronet (1779), John Newton (1787)

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.**

Text: © 1990 by Neil Weatherhogg Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, LM; Genevan Psalter (1551)

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 #363**

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

DARWALL'S 148th**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE** Marche Triomphale: Nun danket alle Gott Sigfrid Karg-Elert

(Joseph Pettit, Guest Organist)

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Zane Buxton, 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 Inez & William Leon McPherson and Emma & Edwin Meihoff, parents of Jean and Walter Meihoff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2021 Stewardship Campaign

Second Timothy 4:7

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

The focus of our stewardship campaign this year is "Live Our Faith." After a challenging year we have much to be thankful for, and much to do. We are entering into 2021 with a renewed commitment to our church ministries and our place as a "Heart for the City" in a time of great need.

We dedicated our pledges last week on Commitment Sunday, many thanks to those who have already joined in pledging! Please plan to join in your financial pledge of support. Our pledges allow us to plan for the year ahead and to fund crucial outreach, mission and education programs. Our goal of \$740,000 will undergird the church's life and work. To date with 116 families and individuals pledging, we are at **regular gifts (annual, monthly, weekly) of \$605,522 82% and regular with additional "one time gifts," \$632,522 85% of our goal.** As you prayerfully consider making a pledge, please contemplate increasing your pledge. We welcome you to **mail in your pledge card to First Presbyterian Church, 1200 SW Alder Street, Portland, OR 97205, or submit your pledge online via this link:**

<https://firstpresportland.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/39/responses/new>



Stewardship questions? Please contact Marc Lavender, Church Business Administrator at cba@firstpresportland.org or (503) 228-7331 ext. 110.

Thanks for your faithfulness to First Pres!

Stewardship Team Leaders: Cam & Midge Birnie

Join Us Virtually For Coffee Fellowship Today!

Join in Virtual Coffee Fellowship today from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you, dial in to say hello! **Join this "Zoom Meeting" by using this link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436962691>

Tuesday Night Virtual Scripture Study

Join in Virtual Scripture Study on Tuesday nights at 7 pm. Beginning on Tuesday, November 24th, we'll be starting a study of the gospel of Mark, looking forward to seeing you via Zoom! **Zoom Link:**

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

Meeting ID: 730 5958 6516 Passcode: 0E6C10

Questions? Please contact Shelby:

infodesk@firstpresportland.org

New Sunday Services Streaming Provider

We've begun using Vimeo as our new streaming provider. If you have bookmarked our old provider's link for streaming services each Sunday, please visit 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>

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

Join in **today 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 **today 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>

DEAR Fund Collection

At FPC, we like to help others in the community, including those within our FPC family. The DEAR fund is a small, donations-only account that helps FPC members who face unexpected one-time expenses. Requests for DEAR funds are reviewed and approved by our pastors and kept confidential. We will be taking virtual donations **next Sunday, November 29th**. **Thank you for helping your FPC family in times of need!**

The Tuesday Women's Book Club will meet on Zoom **December 1st at 11 am**. The book **"The Vanishing Half"** by **Bret Bennett** will be led by **Nancy Callison**. The novel takes place between 1940-1990 in the Southern United States. As light-skinned Blacks, the twin sisters were favored, when they left home at age 16 to New Orleans, there is where their paths diverged.

Celebration Works' "If I Were a Bird"

December 5th & 6th at 2 pm

Join us for 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 on **December 6th from 11:30-12:00 pm** 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. Online Poinsettias form: <https://firstpresportland.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/40/responses/new> Fill out with names of those to be remembered or honored. There is 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.**

Blue Christmas Service December 16th at 7:30 pm (streamed from the Sanctuary)

While many look forward to the Christmas seasons with joy and excitement, others come with grief, sorrow, and some with a mix of both. As people of God, it is important to have holy spaces to collectively mourn and find comfort in the midst of our sorrow and pain. Our Blue Christmas Service will be streamed live from the Sanctuary, at **7:30 pm on Wednesday December 16th**. You will find the link on our website. Come you who are tired. Come you who carry sorrow and despair. Come with pain and joy intertwined. Come you who crave hope. Come into the presence of our Lord.

Advent Devotions

The clergy and music staff have prepared a series of five devotions to accompany you on your Advent journey. Each devotion features a scripture passage, a reflection, a prayer, and a musical pairing. These devotions will be available in the December Spire as well as on the church website.

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FPC Giving Tree

This year, like so many other things, FPC's Giving Tree will be online. Please click on the link below, scroll through the gifts, pick one or two and sign-up with your name, email and cell phone. We are supporting several programs including: New Avenues for Youth, Friendly House Senior Citizens, With Love Foster Care Support, EMO Men's Day Center, Life Change Center for Women & Children and Alder House Residents. These organizations are thrilled for our support as they have so many more needs this year. Please try to support local businesses and you may also shop online and have your gift shipped to FPC attn: Brenna 1200 SW Alder St. Portland, OR 97205. FPC's Giving Tree online link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA4AD28A6FF2-giving> Please be sure to label your gift with the name of the Organization as well as recipient name. **"With Love" gifts are due Dec 1 and all other gifts are Dec 8.** To ensure social distancing, please drop off your donations M-F from 10-12 am in the marked boxes located in the parking garage hallway headed towards Geneva Hall. Questions or assistance with donations, please contact Laurina Shively, shivelyLLL@comcast.net

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. To ensure social distancing, please drop off your donations M-F from 10-12 am in the marked boxes located in the parking garage hallway headed towards Geneva Hall. Questions or assistance with donations, please contact Cindy Finch cindyloufinch@yahoo.com This annual tradition is called Karen's Coats in memory of Karen and Harry Keefer who spearheaded this effort for so many years.

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 if you're yet to complete your pledge, you will make a final gift before the campaign concludes.

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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: gloves, boots size 7.5 – 9, plus size clothing size 20 and up (gently used OK), leggings of all sizes (gently used OK) body wipes, blankets, tents, tarps, sleeping bags (gently used OK), umbrellas, luggage and rolling carts (gently used OK). To ensure social distancing, please drop off your donations M-F from 10-12 am in the marked boxes located in the parking garage hallway headed towards Geneva Hall. Questions or assistance with donations, please contact Cindy Finch cindyloufinch@yahoo.com

WOW! The Impact of NEFP

Since mid-February and the start of Covid, NEFP has fed over 300,000 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://bit.ly/volunteerNEFP> 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=REVXbEN0OWp4LzFXK2daMW1UUGR4dz09>

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/>



Christ Who Reigns
Photo from Catholic World Report



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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