



**First  
Presbyterian**  
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

# Service for the Lord's Day

## The Gathering

November 8, 2020  
Twenty-third  
Sunday  
after Pentecost

**PRELUDE** Lotus Blossom Billy Strayhorn / arr. Alec Wyton

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus Helen H. Lemmel

O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see?  
There's light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free!

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Psalm 78*

God established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel,  
which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;  
**that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn,  
and rise up and tell them to their children.**

So that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God,  
**but keep his commandments.**

Let us worship God.

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

Lord our God,  
in Jesus Christ you have taught us that love is the fulfilling of the law.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us,  
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,  
that we may love you with our whole being,  
and our neighbors as ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

**HYMN #353**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

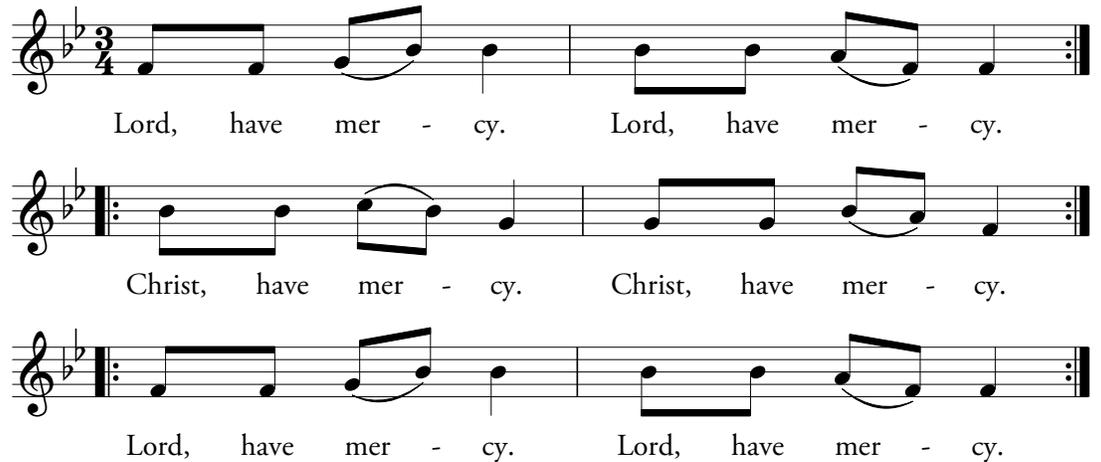
### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Almighty God, you call us to rely upon you for all our needs.  
We confess that we often grasp selfishly for what we think we need.  
You call us to serve only you.  
We confess that we more often chase after things the world thinks important.  
You call us to love neighbor as we would ourselves.  
We confess that our definition of neighbor is often too narrow,  
and our love is given sparingly.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Set our feet upon a firm and right path  
that we may love and serve you faithfully.  
For we pray this in the name of Christ our Lord. 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

Hear the good news!  
The mercy of the Lord  
is from everlasting to everlasting.  
In Jesus 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** Matthew 25:1-13 Pew Bible, pg. 28 (NT)  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**ANTHEM**

**People of the Lord**

Greg Scheer

People of the Lord, listen to my voice.  
Hear the ancient words. Once again rejoice!  
What we have heard, what we have known, let our tongues tell our sons and daughters  
the wonders of our living God, that they may join us in the chorus.

Tell of God's great deeds. Teach God's loving law  
that faith's precious seed in each heart may grow.

May we trust in God, rest in God's strong hand,  
live in God's strong love, follow God's commands.

— based on Psalm 78

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Pew Bible, pg. 215 (OT)  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

“Whom Do You Serve?”

Rev. Spencer Parks

**HYMN #691**

Lord, When I Came into This Life

LAND OF REST

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

*from* Romans 8

**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,  
who are called according to God's purpose.  
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Amen.**

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP**

Kathryn Hill

**OFFERTORY** “The Peace may be exchanged.” *from* Rubrics Dan Locklair

*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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**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 #307** God of Grace and God of Glory CWM RHONDDA

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Prelude on *Cwm Rhondda* Paul Manz

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Spencer Parks, Associate Pastor  
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](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 Eric Johnson and John Lusk by Rosalee Johnson.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2021 Stewardship Campaign

#### Second Timothy 4:7

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

The focus of this year's stewardship campaign at First Presbyterian Church is **"Live Our Faith."**

We seek to enter into 2021 with a renewed commitment to our church's ministries and our place as

"a Heart for the City." To do this we are asking everyone to:

*Pray Faithfully,  
Serve Compassionately,  
and Give Generously.*

**We have set a 2021 pledge goal of \$740,000. Please prayerfully consider how**

**you can best support the life and work of our church during these difficult times.** As our Capital Campaign will be concluding in November, we encourage you to consider continuing a portion of that additional giving into the year ahead, dedicated for the coming year to sustain and strengthen the church's programs and ministries to serve in this season.

**As a reminder, Dedication Sunday is next Sunday, November 15th.** 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 happy to have Bill and Deborah Resley offer a Moment for Stewardship. This week we welcome Kathryn Hill!**



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**

### 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](http://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! 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

### **New Sunday Services Streaming Provider**

**Beginning this Sunday, November 8th**, we will begin using Vimeo as our new streaming provider. Please tune in about 5 -10 min early to test the new link.

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 also wish to bookmark the new link for future Sundays:** <https://vimeo.com/event/363044>

**If you need any assistance this Sunday, please call the church office at (503) 228-7331.**

### **Adult Education Class: Celebrating Advent & Christmas in a Time of COVID - Today at 9 am on ZOOM**

Mary gave birth Jesus during a time of social-political disruption and threats. And this year, as we approach the seasons of Advent and Christmas, many of us wonder how we can celebrate safely and authentically during a Covid-19 epidemic, further complicated by intense political divisions. For ideas about new ways to celebrate the upcoming holidays, join facilitator, Fran Page, on Zoom - **Meeting ID: 822 9778 9625**. Together we will explore new possibilities for creating a joyful and meaningful Christmas even this year, in a time of coronavirus.

### **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/>

### **FPC/SOLVE Church Clean-Up, November 15th**

Come clean up PDX with us! **Next Sunday, November 15th** 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. **To register for the event, go to the following link** <https://www.solveoregon.org/opportunity/a0C1I00000RiQmN>

### **Peace & Global Witness Thanks!**

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to this year's Presbyterian Church (USA) Peace and Global Witness Offering. The church office has received \$3270 to date. One-quarter of this amount will be retained by our congregation to support programs in our local community.

### **FPC Annual Meeting via Zoom**

**Next Sunday, November 15th**, we'll celebrate **Dedication Sunday for the Stewardship Campaign as we "Live Our Faith."** You're virtually invited to **the church's Annual Meeting via Zoom at noon after worship**; elect new Elders to join the Session as well as Deacons and Trustees, members of next year's Congregational Nominating Committee, and approve terms of call for installed ministers. Plan for a special time of virtual fellowship! Join the Annual Meeting at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84221887291?pwd=eENkRkJNWfViY0ovQklkRkp1bm10Zz09>  
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>

### **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. Please check in at our 13th Street entrance, (located at 610 SW 13th Ave.), call Marc Lavender, Church Business Administrator at (503) 941-6325 if you need assistance, wear a mask and social distance. Please contact Cindy Finch [cindyloufinch@yahoo.com](mailto:cindyloufinch@yahoo.com) for pick-up assistance. 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.

### **Open Circle Support for the Rose Haven Shelter**

The Rose Haven Day Shelter for Women and Children current needs are gloves, leggings of all sizes (gently used OK), blankets, raincoats ALL SIZES (gently used OK), winter coats, tents, tarps, sleeping bags (gently used OK), umbrellas, luggage and rolling carts (gently used OK) Check <https://tinyurl.com/RoseHavendonations> for updates to the shelter's needs and donations delivery schedule or contact Cindy Finch [cindyloufinch@yahoo.com](mailto:cindyloufinch@yahoo.com)

### **WOW! The Impact of NEFP & a Call for Volunteers**

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://tinyurl.com/NEFPVolunteer>  
Questions? Contact Bill Resley [kayak500@gmail.com](mailto:kayak500@gmail.com)



'Joshua renews the Covenant at Shechem'  
painted by the workshop of Raphael (c. 1517-19)



**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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