



**First  
Presbyterian**  
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

# Service for the Lord's Day

December 27, 2020

First Sunday  
of Christmas

## The Gathering

### PRELUDE

Prelude on *Vom Himmel hoch*  
Prelude on *Go Tell It*

Johann Pachelbel  
Charles Callahan

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light Johann Schop (harm. J.S. Bach)

Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light, and usher in the morning.  
You shepherds, shudder not with fright, but hear the angel's warning.  
This child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be,  
the power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.

— Johann Rist, 1641 (trans. John Troutbeck, 1873)

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

**Praise the Lord, all angels; praise God, all hosts!**

Praise the Lord, sun and moon; praise God, all your shining stars!

**Praise the Lord, your highest heavens,  
and your waters above the heavens!**

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

Light of life, you came in flesh,  
born into human pain and joy,  
and gave us power to be your children.  
Grant us faith, O Christ,  
to see your presence among us,  
so that all of creation may sing new songs of gladness  
and walk in the way of peace.

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

When we allow darkness to overcome the light,  
forgive us, Lord.

When hardness of heart keeps us from  
seeing and hearing the needs of others,  
let your grace consume us, O God.

When the wars around us are of no concern,  
forgive us, Lord, and move us to compassion.

When our caring is not extended to action,  
call us to seek justice for our all your children.

*Our prayers continue in silence.*

## LORD HAVE MERCY



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

John Merbecke, 1550 (arr. Healey Willan, 1930)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.

Hear the good news,  
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

**RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

GLORIA

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

Traditional French carol

**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** Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Pew Bible, pg. 692 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

George D. Elderkin (arr. Evelyn Simpson-Curenton)

Hark! the herald angels sing. Jesus, the light of the world.  
Glory to the newborn King, Jesus, the light of the world.  
Joyful all you nations, rise. Jesus, the light of the world.  
Join the triumph of the skies, Jesus, the light of the world.

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.  
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.  
O, shine all around us by day and by night.  
Jesus, the light of the world.

Christ by highest heaven adored; Christ the everlasting Lord.  
Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of righteousness!

— stanzas by Charles Wesley, 1739

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 4:4-7 Pew Bible, pg. 189 (NT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Low Sunday”

Rev. Brenna Dykman

HYMN #119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

*from* The Nicene Creed

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,

and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

OFFERTORY

Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child

African American (arr. Horace Boyer)

Jesus, Jesus, O what a wonderful child. Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild;

new life, new hope the child will bring. Listen to the angels sing:

“Glory, glory, glory!” Let the heavens ring.

*Thank you for your support of the church and Christ's ongoing ministry. You may give through the church website (at this link: [firstpresportland.cbcchurch.com/goto/giving](http://firstpresportland.cbcchurch.com/goto/giving)) or mail your check to the church office: 1200 SW Alder St., Portland, OR 97205.*

DOXOLOGY

THE FIRST NOWELL

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Text: © 1990 by Neil Weatherhogg Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, LM with refrain; English carol

## 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 #134

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

### BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Alleluias *from* Portraits of Bethlehem

Robert C. Lau

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

**WORSHIP  
LEADERS**

**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.

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**SANCTUARY  
FLOWERS**

*Every year poinsettias adorn our sanctuary and are delivered to homebound or ill members of First Presbyterian Church to help brighten their holidays. Thank you to those who chose to help offset the cost of the poinsettias this year by donating in memory of or in honor of a loved one. A greeting card was sent to all those who were honored.*

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**IN MEMORIAM**

We remember Jim Milne, who was active in our church for many years, who died this past week.

*Nothing can separate us from the love of God that is ours in Christ Jesus.  
(Romans 8)*

## 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. Many thanks to those who have already joined in pledging! Please plan to join in with your financial pledge of support. We are grateful for the generous pledges, which will help as we look toward a year when parking garage income will continue to be reduced from past years.

Our goal of \$740,000 will undergird the church’s life and work. **To date with 145 families and individuals pledging, we are at regular gifts (annual, monthly, weekly) of \$737,582 or 99% of our goal. Thank you again for your faithfulness to First Presbyterian!**

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>

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

**Stewardship Team Leaders: Cam & Midge Birnie**

**Coffee Hour Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436962691>

#### Youth Coffee Hour Today

All youth are invited to join Pastor Brenna virtually **today from 11:30 am -12 pm** for a post-Christmas season check in.

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83734055271>

#### Holy Listening; Ted Talks on Racism

To continue our learning and exploration on racial justice, FPC invites you to a two-part class Holy Listening; Ted Talks on Racism **Sunday, January 17th & 24th, from 9-10 am**. Together we will watch a Ted Talk video on race from the perspective of a person of color; listening to their experiences, expertise, and examination of racism. We will then explore and reflect together. **Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81632238038>

### Fair Trade Products Sale!

Enjoy your favorite fair trade olive oil products, coffees and chocolates again. All Canaan Fair Trade olive oil products, Café Justo Fair Trade coffees, and Equal Exchange Fair Trade chocolates, mango chips and cashews are now for sale at cost! Nabali olive oils are \$16/bottle. Jenin is \$26/tin. Infused Chili olive oils are \$10/bottle. Tapenades are \$8. Couscous and Freekeh are \$5/box, and Za’atar is \$2.75/box. All coffees are \$10/lb. And all chocolates are \$2.75/bar! This Fair Trade sale will continue until all products are sold. Please contact Rev. Brenna [bdykman@firstpresportland.org](mailto:bdykman@firstpresportland.org) to submit your order, arrange a socially distanced pick-up or delivery. No Internet? Call Gail in the church office at (503) 228-7331 T-F. Thank you for supporting Fair Trade!

### 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. 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](mailto:cindyloufinch@yahoo.com)

### WOW! The Impact of NEFP

Since the start of Covid, NEFP has fed over 300,000 people and delivered over 7 million pounds of food! FPC volunteers have been part of that success. To sign-up for a volunteer shift visit this link: <https://bit.ly/volunteerNEFP> Questions? Please contact Bill Resley [kayak500@gmail.com](mailto:kayak500@gmail.com)

### Sanctuary Flowers

Would you like to purchase flowers to adorn the sanctuary during worship in honor or in memory of your loved ones? There currently are available spaces on the 2021 calendar - January 3, February 21, March 21 and August 8. If you are interested in honoring your loved ones, please contact Gail Rogers in the Church office at 503-228-7331 or via email at [office@firstpresportland.org](mailto:office@firstpresportland.org)

### Reoccurring Classes and Church Resources:

#### Lectionary Adult Bible Study

Sundays from 9 – 10 am via this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/92285138816>

#### 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/>





# Holiday Poinsettias

## *Given in Memory of:*

## *By:*

Gail Achterman  
 Abigail A. Adeniyi  
 Nancy Aldrich  
 Jill Behrman  
 Monte Brooks  
 Martha Brooks  
 Loretta C. Bulkley  
 Rev. Robert D. Bulkley, Sr.  
 Richard Butler  
 Anna Carpenter  
 Dr. Edd W. Crawford  
 Mary E. Crawford  
 Warren, Edna, Sharon &  
 Robert Everson  
 Paul Felix

Sharon Ziel  
 Grace Babatunde  
 Greg & Susan Aldrich  
 Kathy Withycombe  
 MaryKay West  
 MaryKay West  
 Jeane Iles  
 Jeane Iles  
 Richard Lee  
 Vince Carpenter  
 Jeanne Bradley  
 Jeanne Bradley  
 Jon & Sally Bates

Malcolm & Nancy Fifield  
 George Floyd  
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Fogelquist  
 Kelly Forrester  
 Florence E. Green  
 Rev. G. Henry Green D.D.  
 Henry & Muriel Hortenstine

Trudy Felix, Audrey  
 Schindler & Bruce Felix  
 Lisa & Steve Snodderly  
 Richard Lee  
 Ross Fogelquist  
 Marie Forrester  
 John Green  
 John Green  
 John, Sara & Katie  
 Hortenstine

Mildred Icenogle  
 John & Mae Killen  
 Betty Jo Lee  
 Keith Lee  
 Erich W. Merrill, Sr.  
 James & Mildred Millington  
 Bob & Sara Naden  
 Harriet & J. Lauren Naden  
 Virginia Naden  
 Doris Patterson  
 Kathy Patterson  
 Rev. Wilbur Patterson  
 Linda Pedigo  
 Ted J. Peterson  
 Mark Schindler

Jan & Dave Halsey  
 Tim & Linda Killen  
 Jerry & Sally Fish  
 Richard Lee  
 Erich & Laura Merrill  
 Sharon Ziel  
 Kathy Withycombe  
 Kathy Withycombe  
 Kathy Withycombe  
 Jim Patterson  
 Jim Patterson  
 Jim Patterson  
 Kelly Farrell-Oliverson  
 Brenda J. Peterson  
 Audrey Schindler, Lynn  
 Schindler & Bruce Felix  
 Lynn Schindler, Audrey  
 Schindler & Bruce Felix  
 Tim & Linda Killen  
 Janet & David Leatherwood  
 Chuck Shaw  
 Chuck Shaw  
 Janet & David Leatherwood  
 Janet & David Leatherwood  
 Lisa & Steve Snodderly  
 Erich & Laura Merrill  
 MaryKay West

Norm Schindler

Jo Schmidt  
 Mary & Bruce Schumann  
 Margaret R. Shaw  
 Kenneth W. Shaw  
 Ann & John Smeaton  
 Minnie & David Smeaton  
 Max & Alice Snodderly  
 Irma Merrill Stafford  
 Morgan West

## *Given in Memory of:*

## *By:*

Gov. & Mrs. James Withycombe  
 Jim Withycombe  
 Jody Withycombe  
 Sue & Harry Withycombe  
 Tom Withycombe  
 Eleanore Ziel  
 Theodore & Patricia Ziel  
 Erin Ziel

Kathy Withycombe  
 Kathy Withycombe  
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 Kathy Withycombe  
 Sharon Ziel  
 Sharon Ziel  
 Sharon Ziel



# Holiday Poinsettias

## *Given in Honor of:*

## *By:*

Suellen Bergdorf  
 Amy Jo Butler  
 Victoria DuCharme  
 Pastor Brenna Dykman  
 The Bates, Paramore &  
 Everson Families  
 Madison Farrell  
 Connor Farrell  
 Avery Lise Fish  
 Pauline Merrill Foster &  
 Chris Foster  
 Carl Hammond  
 Janet Hastings

Erich & Laura Merrill  
 Richard Lee  
 Christy DuCharme  
 Melissa Dailey  
 Jon & Sally Bates

Robert Hastings

Erik Oliverson & Kelly  
 Farrell-Oliverson  
 Erik Oliverson & Kelly  
 Farrell-Oliverson  
 Jerry & Sally Fish  
 Erich & Laura Merrill

Nancy & Marlin Icenogle  
 Maxine Lee  
 Carolyn & Mac McCall  
 Lois G. Peterson  
 Rosemary Pullin  
 Rev. Audrey Schindler  
 Jack Schmidt  
 Carolyn & Willard Shively  
 Laurna & Willard Shively  
 Ann, Max, & Lydia Snodderly  
 The Pastoral Staff  
 James Stafford  
 Irma Merrill Stratton  
 Pete & Bonnie Taylor  
 Norma Welty  
 Jackie West  
 Kathy Withycombe

Jean & Walt Meihoff  
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 Jan & Dave Halsey  
 Richard Lee  
 Willard & Laurna Shively  
 Brenda J. Peterson  
 Willard & Laurna Shively  
 Tim & Linda Killen  
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 Tom & Sue Moore  
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 MaryKay West  
 Willard & Laurna Shively





“Presentation in the Temple”  
Father Georges Saget, Simeon's Song



**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.

## PRINCIPAL CHURCH STAFF

### Pastoral

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor

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