



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

January 10, 2021
Baptism of
the Lord

The Gathering

PRELUDE

Prelude on *Lac qui Parle*
Prelude on *Deep River*

Charles Callahan
Jeffery L. Nall

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Take Me to the Water African American spiritual
Take me to the water to be baptized.
I love Jesus, yes, I do.
He's my Savior, yes, he is.
Glory hallelujah to be baptized.

(Chelsea Janzen, Greg McMahon, Madeline Ross)

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 29

God's Spirit speaks to our searching hearts,
calling us to remember our baptism and be glad.
God's voice flows like living waters of grace.
Our new name, 'Beloved,' resounds in our souls.
God's Spirit stirs the waters of baptismal hope,
calling us to bear God's peace to a world in need of light.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Unison)*

Eternal God,
who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your beloved Child,
anointing him with your Holy Spirit:
grant that we, being born anew by water and the Spirit,
may be faithful to our calling as your beloved children;
through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Lord God,
 as Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, he heard your voice,
 affirming, "you are the beloved, in you I am well pleased."
 We confess that we long to hear those words addressed to us,
 but we have wandered from your ways and forgotten your love.
 Forgive us when we allow our fears and worries
 to drown out your voice of love.
 May your words resonate in our deepest heart,
 so that we may know that we, too, are your beloved,
 on whom your favor rests.

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.

Healey Willan, 1928

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As far as the east is from the west,
 so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
 Friends believe the good news of the gospel:
 in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

LAUDA ANIMA

With the saints we lift our voices, God of power, God of might.
All creation shines with glory, singing praises day and night:
alleluia, alleluia, holy, holy, holy light.

Text: © 2011 by David Gambrell Tune: LAUDA ANIMA, 8.7.8.7.8.7; John Goss, 1869

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 29:1-11 Pew Bible, pg. 504 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works Dakota melody

Many and great, O God, are thy works, Maker of earth and sky.
Thy hands have set the heavens with stars; thy fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at thy word the waters were formed. Deep seas obey thy voice.

Grant unto us communion with thee, thou star-abiding One.
Come unto us and dwell with us. With thee are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with thee.

— Joseph R. Renville, 1842; trans. Philip Frazier, 1929, alt.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:4-11 Pew Bible, pg. 34 (NT)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“God’s Beloved Child”

Rev. Audrey Schindler

HYMN #164

Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways

WEST MAIN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
and feeds us with the bread of life.

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life and in death can separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Water of Baptism

David Hurd

What ruler wades through murky streams and bows beneath the wave,
ignoring how the world esteems the powerful and brave?

Water, River, Spirit, Grace, sweep over me!

Re-carve the depths your fingers traced in sculpting me.

Christ gleams with water brown with clay from land the prophets trod.
Above while heaven’s clouds give way descends the dove of God.

Come bow beneath the flowing wave. Christ stands here at your side
and raises you as from the grave God raised the crucified.

— Thomas H. Troeger, 1993

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 Tune: 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

When Jesus Came to Jordan

ELLACOMBE



1. When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,
2. He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,
3. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the sin - less one.
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - ery bond-age break.



He came to share re - pent - ance with all who mourn their sins,
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

Text: Fred Pratt Green © 1980 by Hope Publishing Co.
Tune: ELLACOMBE, 7.6.7.6.D; Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Wirttemberg, 1784

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Prelude in A Major, BWV 536 Johann Sebastian Bach

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**WORSHIP
LEADERS**

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks, Associate 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 sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of
Mary E. and William R. Myers II by Bill and Anna Myers.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2021 Stewardship Campaign

"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 enter 2021 with a renewed commitment to our church, and our heart for

the city in a time of great need. Many thanks to those who have already joined in pledging, as we have reached our budgeted goal! We will still welcome additional pledges and gifts, because

the shortfall in income from the church's parking garage is likely to be greater than anticipated. Further gifts will help the church to reach out in mission and service in the coming year.

Pledges may be mailed 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 or (503) 228-7331 ext. 110.

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>

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>



Avoid Email Phishing Schemes

One of the pitfalls of the internet era is found in phishing schemes, where unscrupulous people impersonate another person to try to perpetrate a scam. Churches, including ours, have had scammers adopt fake email addresses, sometimes purporting to be from ministers or other church staff, asking church members to purchase something, often in the guise of helping those in need. If you receive an email that appears to be from one of our staff asking you to purchase something, please do not click any links and delete the email. You may wish to forward it to our Church Business Administrator, Marc Lavender, at cba@firstpresportland.org

Open Circle Support for the Rose Haven Shelter

The Rose Haven Day Shelter for Women and Children thanks FPC members for their recent donations of so many urgently needed items. Rose Haven direct donation hours are from 1-3 pm, Monday through Thursday. They are located at 627 NW 18th Avenue. Visit their website at rosehaven.org for top needed items that are updated weekly. Questions? Please contact Cindy Finch cindyloufinch@yahoo.com

WOW! The Impact of NEFP

This Christmas Eve, Northeast Emergency Food Program provided food distribution for nearly 2,500 people! 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

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=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/>



The Spirit descended like a dove on him...
"Baptism of Jesus"
William Blake, 1799



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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