



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

January 17, 2021
Second Sunday
after Epiphany

The Gathering

PRELUDE

Reverie
Prelude on *We Shall Overcome*

William Grant Still
Wayne L. Wold

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Lord, Speak to Me

Robert Schumann

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart.
And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

— Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872, *alt.*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 139:1-6

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Unison*)

Speak to us, for your servants are listening.
We trust, O God,
that even in times of tumult, you are at work in our midst,
guiding us in the way of truth and righteousness.
Awaken our hearts and minds as well as our ears,
that we might be directed by your Word,
strengthened by your Spirit,
and sent as your faithful witnesses in the world. Amen.

HYMN #35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Saving God,
you came among us in Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
You offer grace and guidance through the voice of your son,
yet we confess we fail to follow his leading.
We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to care for our neighbors.
Teach us to follow your leading and live with faith and gladness.

Our prayers continue in silence.

LORD HAVE MERCY

The musical notation for 'Lord Have Mercy' is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: 'Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -'. The second staff continues the melody, starting with a 6/4 time signature and ending with a 4/4 time signature. It contains the lyrics: '- on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence at the end.

Healey Willan, 1928

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone and a new life has begun.
Trust and 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 139:1-18 Pew Bible, pg. 577 (OT)
The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Mothering God

Tom Trenney

Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.
 Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light,
 grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close,
 so that in faith I root and grow until I flower, until I know.

— *Jean Janzen, 1991*

(Madeline Ross, soprano)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 1 Samuel 3:1-18 Pew Bible, pg. 247 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Speak Lord, for Your Servant is Listening” Rev. Carmen Goetschius

HYMN #729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

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

God’s sovereign love is a mystery
beyond the reach of the human mind.
Human thought ascribes to God
superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ
by showing power in the form of a servant,
wisdom in the folly of the cross,
and goodness in receiving sinful people.
The power of God’s love in Christ
to transform the world discloses that
the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator
who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.

OFFERTORY Guide My Feet African American spiritual (arr. Greg Scheer)

Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don’t want to run this race in vain!

Search my heart ...

Stand by me ...

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 #339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude on *Lift Every Voice*

Wayne L. Wold

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Carmen Goetschius, 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 sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Dave, Suzie and David Castles by their family.

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>

The 2020 Per Capita Apportionment Is \$36.50

The per capita for Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly pays for the administrative structure of our denomination and allows for participation of persons from all areas of the church, large and small churches and makes our representative form of government possible. The per capita is based on the FPC membership roll number; please consider a gift to help offset this amount. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

oom 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

Emergency Food Closet for Alder House Donations

The Emergency Food Closet for Alder House is up and running and we are getting to know and serve our neighbors. We are currently in need of body wash, men's deodorant and razors, lotion, small bottles of dish soap and laundry detergent, and new men's and women's socks. To drop off or coordinate pick up of donations, please contact Pastor Brenna at bdykman@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

Fair Trade Products For Sale

Enjoy your favorite fair trade olive oil products, coffees and chocolates again. All Cnaan Fair Trade olive oil products, Café Justo Fair Trade coffees, and Equal Exchange Fair Trade chocolates, mango chips and cashews are 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 to submit your order, arrange a socially distanced pick-up or delivery. No Internet? Please call Gail in the church office at (503) 228-7331 T-F. Thank you for supporting Fair Trade!

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=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/>



Depiction of Eli and Samuel by John Singleton Copley, 1780



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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