



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

January 24, 2021
Third Sunday
after Epiphany

The Gathering

PRELUDE Prelude on *Pescador de Hombres* Lynn Trapp

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT In God Alone Jacques Berthier / Taizé

In God alone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.
Only in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

The majesty of God's creation is all around us.

Let us lift our hearts in song.

The call of Christ is heard in our lives.

Let us follow in the way of faith.

The wind of the Spirit is blowing.

Let us worship God with joy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Unison)*

Gracious God,

you have called us to follow in your ways of life and peace.

We ask that in these days when the challenges of the world
are so pressing and so immense,

you would guide us in our going out and our coming in,

in our lying down and in our rising up;

that in you, we would find refuge, until at last your day shall dawn.

Through Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Too often, Lord God,
 we have been slow to respond to your call
 to love, serve, and follow,
 holding back from walking the costly path of discipleship.
 Forgive us and, through your Spirit, strengthen us to follow your call,
 that we may gladly show your love in our lives.

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

Who then is in a position to condemn?
 Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
 Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
 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.

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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 62:5-8 Pew Bible, pg. 526 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone Aaron Keyes and Stuart Townend

My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation;
a fortress strong against my foes, and I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse, and lies like arrows pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness, I'll look to God who hears me.

Find rest my soul in God alone amid the world's temptations;
when evil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go, don't set your heart upon them;
the fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven.

O praise God, hallelujah, my delight and my reward;
everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God.

I'll set my gaze on God alone and trust in him completely;
with every day pour out my soul and he will prove his mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too brief to measure,
my King has crushed the curse of death and I am his forever.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:14-20 Pew Bible, pg. 35 (NT)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "Finding a Rock and a Refuge" Rev. Audrey Schindler

HYMN #720

Jesus Calls Us

GALILEE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

from "A Song of Faith"
The United Church of Canada

**We sing of a church seeking to continue the story of Jesus
by embodying Christ's presence in the world.**

**We are called together by Christ
as a community of broken but hopeful believers,
loving what he loved, living what he taught,
striving to be faithful servants of God
in our time and place.**

**We sing of God's good news lived out, a church with purpose:
faith nurtured and hearts comforted, gifts shared for the good of all,
resistance to the forces that exploit and marginalize,
fierce love in the face of violence, human dignity defended.**

COMMISSIONING PRAYER FOR ELDERS AND DEACONS

OFFERTORY **We Will Rise Up and Follow** John Kleinheksel

From the nets of our labors, through the noise and confusion,
from the city or seashore, Jesus summons us all.

We will rise up and follow, Christ before and beside us,
loving pattern to guide us, as we answer the call.

When we faint and grow weary from the bearing of burdens,
with a message of comfort, Jesus summons us all.

When we hear words of hatred spreading fear or false witness,
words that cry to be challenged, Jesus summons us all.

In each moment of courage, steadfast even through trembling;
in the yearning for justice, Jesus summons us all.

Like disciples before us, from the city or seashore,
risking selfless compassion: Jesus summons us all.

— *Mary Louise Bringle, 2004*

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.**

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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

You Walk Along Our Shoreline

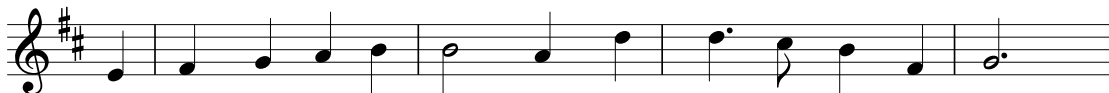
AURELIA



1. You walk a - long our shore - line where land meets un-known sea.
2. You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the earth.
3. We cast our net, O Je - sus; we cry the king-dom's name;



We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.
We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth.
we work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain.



And if you still will fol - low through storm and wave and shoal,
We spread your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face,
You call us, Lord, to gath - er God's daugh-ters and God's sons,



then I will make you fish - ers but of the hu-man soul."
our boat a com-mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.
to let your judg-ment heal us so that all may be one.

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Tune: AURELIA, 7.6.7.6.D; Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Entrata Festiva

David Lasky

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor
Rev. Brenna Dykman, Interim Associate Pastor
Rev. Zane Buxton, Parish Associate
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, 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 Gene Jackson by his wife Lois and family.

IN MEMORIAM

Our prayers are with the family of Margery Van Deusen, as they mourn her passing. "Blessed are they that die in the Lord."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioning for Elders and Deacons

Those being commissioned today include:

Elders to be ordained this year:

*Natasha Brown
Estelle Brunner
Sarah Schwab*

Elders to be installed:

*Vince Carpenter
Olivia Coles
Pete Vanden Bosch
Amy Wood*

Deacons to be ordained this year:

*James Brunner
Dustin Coles
Jess Dallas
Gordon Lindbloom*

Deacons to be installed:

*Jeane Iles
Jim Patterson
Bill Resley
Laurna Shively*

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 the second of a two-part class **Holy Listening; Ted Talks on Racism today, from 9-10 am.** Together we will watch a Ted Talk, then explore and reflect together.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81632238038>

Tuesday Women's Book Club

The Tuesday Women's Book Club will meet via Zoom on **Tuesday, February 2nd at 11 am.** Suellen Bergdorf will present the book, *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins. This novel is about the ordeal of a Mexican woman who leaves behind her life as a bookseller to escape from cartel-related violence. She and her son became undocumented immigrants as they fled to the United States. You will be receiving a Zoom invite from Jan Mittlestaedt, our Zoom hostess later this month. Jean Meihoff will chair the February meeting. Want to join us? Please contact Marilyn Weber at: schatzimlw@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebration Works Concert February 6th and 7th

We hope you'll join us for the remaining virtual concerts of the 2020-21 season. Follow this link to find the concert program, streaming link, and more: www.firstpresportland.org/music-arts/celebration-works

Nevertheless, She Persisted: a concert of early music by and about women

February 6th at 2 pm

February 7th at 2 pm

Join sopranos Madeline Ross and Christine Johnson, violist da gamba Adaiha MacAdam-Somer, and harpsichordist Hannah Brewer as they share stories of brave vulnerable women and how they persisted. This concert is presented in partnership with Rose Haven, the only day shelter and community center serving women, children, and marginalized genders in Portland. Learn more about Rose Haven's work at www.RoseHaven.org

Lenten Spiritual Practice Cohorts

FPC is offering a different way to experience Lent this year with a spiritual practice cohort. Participants in the cohorts will learn to cultivate resilient faith, authentic connections, and grow a deeper connection with God by engaging in different forms of ancient and modern spiritual practices. Our themes will be: Journaling - Anam Cara (Soul Friends), Thresholds - Blessings, Landscape as Theophany (God revealed through nature) & Paradox. Cohorts will be offered during the **six Tuesdays of Lent from 9-10 am & 6-7 pm, (beginning on Sunday, February 21st)**. Space is limited to 12 persons per cohort, available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information or to register for a cohort, please e-mail Pastor Brenna at bdykman@firstpresportland.org

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!

Thank You for Your Christmas Joy Generosity!

Individual donations to the 2020 Christmas Joy Offering by members of our congregation as of January 14th totaled \$4,332! Thank you for your generosity! This offering assists church workers and their families with critical financial needs through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions. It also supports young people at Presbyterian schools for students of color, preparing future leaders for our church.

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 dish soap, men's deodorant and razors, lotion, and laundry detergent, and new men's and women's socks. To drop off or coordinate a donations pick up, please contact Pastor Brenna at bdykman@firstpresportland.org

Fair Trade Products For 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 for sale at cost! Nabali olive oils are \$16/bottle. Jenin is \$26/tin. 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!

Open Circle Support for the Rose Haven Shelter

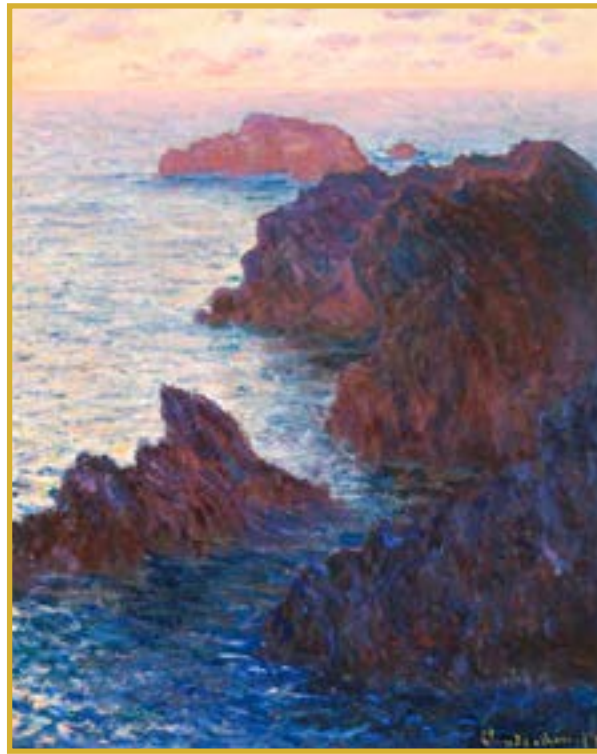
The Rose Haven Day Shelter for Women and Children thanks FPC members for their recent donations of so many urgently needed items. Rose Haven direct donation hours are from 1-3 pm, Monday through Thursday. Rose Haven is located at 627 NW 18th Ave. Visit their website at rosehaven.org for top needed items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

"Ukulele for Absolute Beginners" with Kate Power

Pick a Tuesday: February 2nd, 8th, 15th or 22nd at noon Pacific Time. Play uke and sing songs from first strum. All you need is a ukulele and the will. This online one-session, one-hour class is designed to get adults off to a great start with a fun, accessible instrument. Longtime Portland favorites Kate Power and Steve Einhorn have taught thousands of people to play with this lighthearted method. Give it a try! Learn more here: <https://menucha.org/programs/ukalaliens>

Pocket Sketching with Kath Macaulay: February 3rd, 6th, 10th, 13th and 17th

Five sessions of 2 hours each from 1 - 3 pm PST. Perfect for hiking, biking, sitting in a café or standing in line — take your sketching anywhere, whip it out in a minute, preserve a memory in 25 minutes or less and put away with no clean-up. Learn enough to play for a lifetime! More information and registration: <https://menucha.org/programs/pocket-sketching>



“God alone is my rock and my salvation”

Psalm 62

Claude Monet, Rocks at Belle-Ile, 1886



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

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