



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

January 3, 2021
Epiphany
of the Lord
& Communion
Sunday

The Gathering

PRELUDE Prelude on *Greensleeves* John Ness Beck
 Prelude on *Bring a Torch* John Ness Beck

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow African American spiritual
 There's a star in the east on Christmas morn. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
 It will lead to the place where the Christ was born. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
 Follow, follow; rise up, shepherd, and follow.
 Follow the star of Bethlehem. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

This day we ponder the question of the Magi,
"Where will we find the Child who has been born?"
We will find the Child in the laughter of children, in the wisdom of the aged.
We will find the Child where those who walked in darkness are given light,
where those in need find love in his name.
We come seeking the One who brings us hope,
where fear is overwhelmed by grace, and all joining in singing glory.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Unison)*

God of endless light, you sent a star— rising from darkness,
guiding seekers and sages.
Overcome the darkness in our lives,
and let the splendor of your dawning light
grow in us and in all the world
until the whole creation shines with your glory;
through Christ our light we pray. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

God of Light, we confess that through our lives,
 we have seen the glimmer of your star to guide us,
 but have turned away to followed other paths.
 We have not loved you with heart and mind and strength,
 or loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 We have been slow to call the powerful to account
 or to help the downtrodden along the way.
 Forgive us, we pray, and guide our path in your holy ways of peace.

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

From God's mercy we have received grace upon grace.
 We celebrate the great good news that came at Christmas:
 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 60:1-6 Pew Bible, pg. 690 (OT)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Lord, Every Nation Jesse Manibusan
Lord, every nation on earth will adore you, O God.
Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Endow our leaders, O God, with your judgment. And with your justice on everyone.
For you govern your people with justice, and your afflicted ones with righteousness.

Justice shall flower in your days, and peace till the moon be no more.
May your kingdom reach from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.

Tarshish and the Isles shall bring tribute, gifts from Seba and Arabia.
All other powers shall pay their homage, and every nation shall serve the Lord.

For you shall rescue the poor when they cry out, and the afflicted when help can't be found.
You shall raise up the lowly and the poor, and those on high shall be cast down.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:1-12 Pew Bible, pg. 2 (NT)
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "We Have Seen the Star" Rev. Audrey Schindler

HYMN #110 Love Has Come BRING A TORCH

Great indeed, is the mystery of our faith:
Christ Jesus was revealed in flesh,
vindicated in the Spirit,
seen by angels,
preached among the nations,
believed in throughout the world,
taken up in glory.
We have seen his star at its rising,
and have come to worship him.

OFFERTORY On This Day Earth Shall Ring
Piae Cantiones (1582) (arr. Gustav Holst)

On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing to the Lord, Christ our King,
born on earth to save us; him the Father gave us.

Ideo [o o], ideo [o o], ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!,
(Therefore, glory to God in the highest!)

God's bright star, o'er his head, wise men three to him led; kneel they low by his bed,
lay their gifts before him, praise him and adore him.

On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring, praising Christ, heaven's King,
born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us.

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

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Lord's Supper

In this service of worship, in which we remember the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples, we invite you to participate in communion at home.

PRAYERS OF GREAT THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING ACCLAMATIONS

(The prayer continues)...we glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy (page 9)

(The prayer continues)...that we might proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Christ Has Died, Christ Is Risen (page 10)

(The prayer continues)...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen (page 11)

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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

Prelude on *Dix*

Charles Callahan

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Sending

HYMN #150

As with Gladness Men of Old

DIX

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccatina on *Gloria*

Richard Elliot

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate
Rev. Zane Buxton, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We join in holding in prayer:

Robert Chapman, Liz Dean, Ed & Janice Gehrig, Herb Grose,
Carl Hammond, David Hall (caringbridge.org/visit/wdhall), Bob Hastings,
Fran Hermanson, Marlin Icenogle, 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 honor of the Deacons for their great care of the congregation.*

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 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, as we have reached our budgeted goal for pledges! 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>

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 - February 21, March 21 and August 8. If you are interested in honoring your loved ones, please contact Gail Rogers in the Church office (503) 228-7331 or via email at office@firstpresportland.org

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

Open Circle Resumes January 7th!

Open Circle welcomes every woman in our congregation to participate in a weekly Bible study and supportive fellowship. We will begin our 2021 meetings at **10:30 am, Thursday, January 7th, on Zoom, with a new Zoom Meeting ID: 834 4311 0822.** We will start a new study, using the book *Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament* by P. Lyn Miller, and will continue in this book through May. To obtain a copy, please order it at www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop or by calling (800) 533-4371 (M-Fri, 9 am to 5 pm, EST). The item number is HZN20100, and the cost is \$10, plus shipping. There are a few books available from an earlier bulk order, if you would like one of them, please contact Marilyn Howe harrietwho92@gmail.com

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>

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

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/>



“Where is the Child who has been born?”
a tapestry by Burne-Jones, The Adoration of the Magi, 1894



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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