



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

April 11, 2021
Second Sunday
of Easter

The Gathering

PRELUDE Two settings of *Puer nobis* Alec Wyton & Thomas Gieschen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Jesus, Stand among Us Friedrich Filitz

Jesus, stand among us in your risen power;
let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.

Breathe the Holy Spirit into every heart;
bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.

Lead our hearts to wisdom till our doubting cease,
and to all assembled speak your word of peace.

— v. 1, 2 *William Pennefather, 1873*; v. 3 *Lydia Pedersen, 1995*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Unison*)

Living God,
long ago, faithful women
proclaimed the good news
of Jesus' resurrection,
and the world was changed forever.
Teach us to keep faith with them,
that our witness may be as bold,
our love as deep, and our faith as true. Amen.

HYMN #236

The Strife Is O'er

VICTORY

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Wondrous God,
we confess that at times
our doubts and fears override our hope and faith.
Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of your love
and instead fall into despair and gloom.
We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus the Christ,
who continues to turn us around and upside down,
who continues to break down the walls of death in our own life.
Forgive us, restore us and renew us.
In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray.

Our prayers continue in silence.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
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Text: Trad. liturgical text Tune: LAND OF REST, 8.7.8.7; American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is God's steadfast love;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far has God remove our transgressions.
Hear the good news:
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

LLANFAIR

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt. Tune: LLANFAIR, 7.7.7.7 with alleluias; Robert Williams, 1817

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 103 Pew Bible, pg. 554 (OT)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Alleluia Jacob Clemens non Papa

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-31 Pew Bible, pg. 115 (NT)
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "On the Other Side" Rev. Brenna Dykman

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 Stood Among Them

Thomas Gieschen

Jesus stood among them and said, "Peace be with you. Do not be afraid.
I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One;
I was dead and behold I am alive forever!"

These things are written
that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
and that believing, you may have life in his name, even life forever.

*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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Brian Wren, 1989 Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, LM with alleluias; Geistliche Kirchengesänge, 1623

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 #254 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright PUER NOBIS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Prelude on *Victory* Richard Proulx

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Rev. Brenna Dykman, Interim Associate Pastor
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate
Rev. Zane Buxton, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries
Estelle Brunner, Lector

**WORSHIP
LEADERS**

We join in holding in prayer:
Liz Dean, Ed & Janice Gehrig, Herb Grose, Carl Hammond,
Bob Hastings, Fran Hermanson, Carolyn McCall, Anna Myers, Pete Taylor
and others facing illness and loss.

**PRAYERS OF
THE PEOPLE**

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.

*This morning, the sanctuary flowers are given in loving
memory of their parents, William and Marjorie Houseworth
and the Rev. Gilbert and Doris van Bever, by Ann and Peter van Bever*

**SANCTUARY
FLOWERS**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today! Neighborhood Group Coffee Hour After Church via Zoom

This is a first-time event, so we encourage you to join in! Connect with your FPC neighbors again, when you'll have a chance to talk with each other and your Neighborhood Deacons in smaller Neighborhood break out groups.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436962691>

Church Email Down This Weekend

Our church office will be conducting server maintenance this weekend, and staff emails will be off line from Saturday until Monday. We thank you in advance for your understanding and patience through this important upgrade

Updates on Ministers:

Rev. Sue Van Stelle, former Director of Youth at FPC, was ordained on March 21st at Rise Presbyterian Church in Tigard. She is soon to be installed as Pastor at Mt. Scott Park Presbyterian Church in Portland.

Rev. Dr. Scott Crane is now serving as the Bridge Pastor at Mt. Tabor Presbyterian, Portland in addition to serving as Pastor at Trout Lake, First Presbyterian Church. Scott's family worship with us at FPC. We wish God's blessing on their new ministries.

Revised timeline for Re-Opening

Our church's Re-Opening task group has been monitoring virus case numbers for our county and region. Regrettably, case numbers have been increasing again, so a decision has been made to delay our planned re-opening until mid-May, so that we can gather more safely, within the criteria set by Session. Our first Sunday for which congregants may make reservations to attend will now be planned for May 16, with reservations beginning on the previous Tuesday. We hope that this new date will be possible, and ask that you pencil it in for now. We will confirm the date as the situation is assessed in early May. Thank you for your understanding as we continue to monitor a changing situation, and for your prayers for a time when we can gather back again together!

Special Congregational Meetings April 18 & May 2

Session is calling a Special Meeting of the Congregation by Zoom at **11:30 am on Sunday, April 18**, for approving the sale of the real estate property known as the McCall House parcel on terms acceptable to the Session of First Presbyterian Church. The McCall House is a separate property near Menucha.

Follow this Zoom link to join the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84206962411>

Meeting ID: 842 0696 2411

***please note:** when joining this Zoom meeting, be sure to update your Zoom account to the most recent version of Zoom. We will conduct this meeting in the same way as our Annual Meeting in November of 2020.*

There will be a Menucha update immediately following the Congregational Meeting on April 18. For the past 27 months, a Session-appointed workgroup has been considering a new corporate structure and other changes for Menucha. You can read details about these proposed changes in the April Spire <https://www.firstpresportland.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/April-2021WV.pdf> **Mark your calendars, there will be a second Congregational meeting at 11:30 am on Sunday, May 2nd** to ask the congregation to approve the disposition of the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center property, on terms acceptable to the Session of First Presbyterian Church, to the new Menucha Retreat and Conference Center Corporation, to facilitate the incorporation of Menucha as its own 501c3 [non-profit] corporation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Earth Day/Earth Care Course

The Earth Care committee invites you to a series of 3 lessons/discussions on the scriptural call which Christians have to steward the world we live in. The series will begin on Earth Day, Thursday, April 22. The sessions will be via Zoom from **6 to 7 pm on April 22, 29 and May 6.**

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82013633831>

Meeting ID: 820 1363 3831

Follow this link to view course materials:

https://www.firstpresportland.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/EarthDay2021_CourseMaterials_Discussion-Life-Abundant.pdf

Call for Digital Photography: Earth Care Team Video to Commemorate Earth Day 2021

The Earth Care Team is launching an annual video to commemorate Earth Day 2021 – and we need your help as we want everyone to participate. Please share your favorite digital images of photography or artwork that you believe captures all the beauty of the earth. They will serve as a backdrop to excerpts of sermon, scripture, and set to beautiful & inspiring music. Please have your submissions in no later than **April 15th. Follow this link to share your images:** <https://www.dropbox.com/request/PKnIhN4IIHdwRpvso9Lv> **Questions? Please contact Chris Nilson at** cnilson@verizon.net

Youth Coffee Hour via Zoom

All youth are invited to zoom in and enjoy a warm drink and catch up with Pastor Brenna on **Sunday, April 28th** from **11:30 am - 12 pm**. We hope to see you there!

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83209376667>

Sunday Volunteers for the Emergency Food Closet:

Over the past few months, the Emergency Food Closet (located in Julia West) for the Alder House residents has been growing! We are also looking to grow our group of volunteers. We are especially in need of folks to help after church from 1-3 pm on Sundays.

For more information, please contact Brenna at bdkman@firstpresportland.org or to sign up visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=s.signup&urlid=60b0a4ca4a92ca2ff2-alder&view=calendar&mo=1614556800>

Open Circle Support for the Rose Haven Shelter

The Rose Haven Day Shelter for Women and Children thanks FPC members of FPC 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 Ave. 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 Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/92285138816> ID is 922-8513-8816

Tuesday Virtual Scripture Study

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73059586516?pwd=REVXbEN0OWp4LzFXK2daMW1lUGR4dz09>

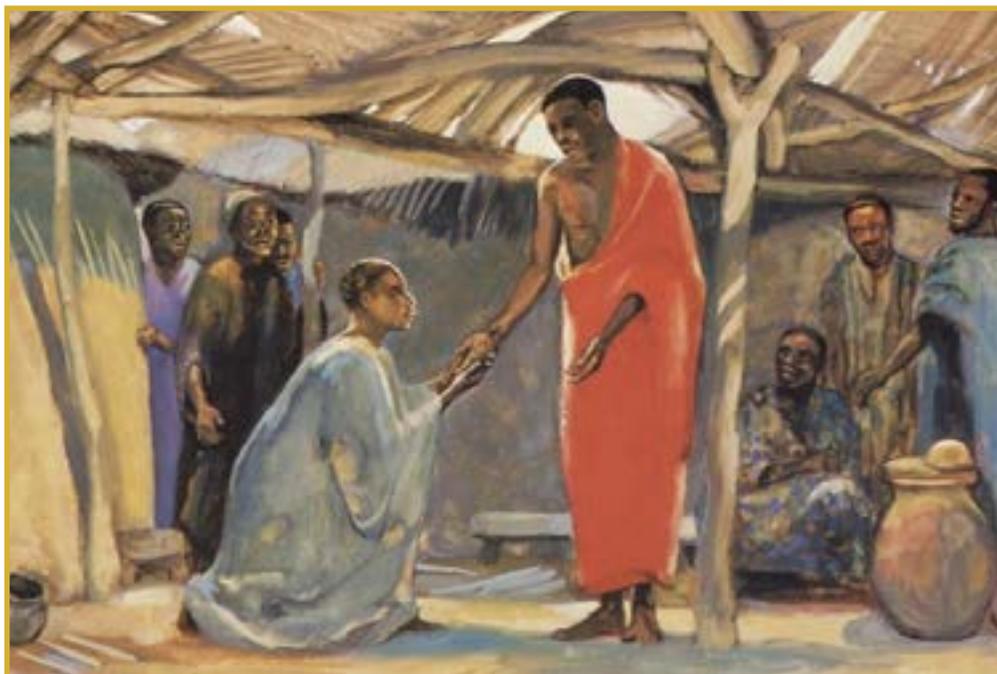
Meeting ID: 730 5958 6516 & Passcode: 0E6C10

FPC Faith Formation Resource Hub

<http://tinyurl.com/fpcfaithformationresources2020>

Virtual Vespers & Sermon Archive:

<https://www.firstpresportland.org/church-life/worship-services/service-live-stream/>



Jesus Appears to Thomas
by JESUS MAFA, 1973



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

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Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor

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