



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

April 18, 2021
Third Sunday
of Easter

PRELUDE O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig*, BWV 618 Johann Sebastian Bach
**O Lamb of God, innocent*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Jubilate Deo Jacques Berthier / Taizé
Jubilate Deo omnis terra. *Sing joyfully to God, all the earth.*
Servite Domino in laetitia. *Serve the Lord with gladness.*
Alleluia! *Praise the Lord!*

— Psalm 100:1

(Paul Butler, Chelsea Janzen, Greg McMahon)

CALL TO WORSHIP

When fear and doubts steal through our doors:
God comes beside us, whispering peace.
When we toss and turn late at night:
God draws near to us, with songs of love.
When we stumble in the shadows:
God illuminates the paths of goodness and joy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Unison)*

Gracious Lord Jesus,
you show us your hands,
so we may reach out to mend the broken;
you show us your feet,
so we may walk with those whom the world passes by;
you show us your face,
so we may see you in our sisters and brothers.
Risen Christ:
touch us with your courage and compassion.
In the name of our Risen Lord we pray. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

God of Easter:

Jesus is ready to come and grace us with peace,
but our fears keep our hearts shuttered and locked.

God of full hearts:

your love can change us from frightened people to children of grace.
You can weed doubts from our hearts
and plant in their place seeds of joy.
You can silence the panic of our souls with the peace Christ offers us.
Transform us into Easter people,
through the power of Christ, our risen Lord.

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

What wondrous grace God offers us!

We are God's children,

whose lives have been changed

by the One who loves us and forgives us.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Empowered by His Presence” Rev. Audrey Schindler

HYMN #630

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADER’S HYMN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*) *adapted from* The Scots Confession

Since it was impossible that the sorrows of death
should retain in bondage the Author of life,
our Lord Jesus crucified, dead, and buried,
did rise again for our justification,
and brought life again to us who were subject to death and its bondage.
We know that his resurrection was confirmed by the testimony of angels,
and by the apostles and others, who had conversation,
and did eat and drink with him after his resurrection.

MOMENT FOR MENUCHA

Rev. Spencer Parks

OFFERTORY

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

Richard Shephard

Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ hath broken every chain!
Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, *Alleluia, alleluia!*

He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,
is our Paschal Lamb today! We too sing for joy, and say *Alleluia, alleluia!*

He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross,
lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry. *Alleluia, alleluia!*

He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save;
now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of kings. *Alleluia, alleluia!*

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, today your people feed;
take our sins and guilt away, let us sing by night and day, *Alleluia, alleluia!*

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

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.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*This morning, the sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory
of Henry and Muriel Hortenstine and Frank and Evelyn Beyer
by John, Sara and Katie Hortenstine.*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

*Our prayers are with the family of Jack Grey, as they mourn his passing.
Jack's son Jim, said his father had a good long life and was 95 ½
when he passed away on February 18, 2021.
"Blessed are those that die in the Lord, for their deeds will follow them."*

IN MEMORIAM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today there will not be a coffee hour, as there will be a Congregational Meeting by Zoom following worship to vote on the McCall House sale.

Special Congregational Meetings Today & May 2 for Menucha

Session is calling a Special Meeting of the Congregation by Zoom at **11:30 am today, 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 also be a Menucha update today, April 18, immediately following the Congregational Meeting.

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>

The Session has called 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.

Youth Coffee Hour via Zoom

All youth are invited to zoom in and enjoy a warm drink and catch up with Pastor Brenna **next Sunday, April 25th** from **11:30 am - 12 pm**. We hope to see you there!

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

The Tuesday Book Club

The Book Club will meet via Zoom at 11 am on May 4th. The book discussion will be led by Jean Meihoff, of *The Lost Girls of Paris* by Pam Jenoff, a historical novel about the young British women who were trained to spy on the Germans and relay their information back to London prior to D-Day. Jan Mittelstaedt will be our Zoom hostess and Marilyn Weber our Chair. After the meeting there will be time for a Zoom chat with your book friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Earth Day/Earth Care Course

The Earth Care committee invites you to a series of three 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

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>

Tuesday Night Virtual Scripture Study

Join in Virtual Scripture Study on Tuesday nights at 7 pm. We're looking forward to seeing you on Zoom! <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73059586516?pwd=REVXbEN0OWp4LzFXK2daMW1lUGR4dz09>

Meeting ID: 730 5958 6516 & Passcode: 0E6C10
Questions? Please contact Shelby via hello@firstpresportland.org

Call for Greeters

Are you as excited about the prospect of returning to in-person worship in our sanctuary? One way to express your enthusiasm is to be a Sunday morning greeter, welcoming congregants to worship. Smiling eyes (above your mask) and a few kind words can help those attending feel welcome and appreciated. We will likely need to hold off on handshakes and hugs for just a little while longer. Sign up for a few Sundays now and then, sign up for a month at a time, or whatever fits into your schedule. Interested in serving our congregation in this way? Please be in touch with Kathryn Hill hillka@teleport.com While dates as to when we will have in-person services and request greeters return are still being decided, Kathryn is organizing those interested so we are prepared and ready to go when the time comes, hopefully later this Spring. Thank you in advance for your service to the church!

Support 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>

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FPC Faith Formation Resource Hub

<http://tinyurl.com/fpcfaithformationresources2020>

Virtual Vespers & Sermon Archive:

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



Christ Appearing to His Disciples After the Resurrection
William Blake c. 1795



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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