



**First  
Presbyterian**  
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

# Service for the Lord's Day

April 25, 2021  
Fourth Sunday  
of Easter

## The Gathering

**PRELUDE** For the Beauty of the Earth Charles Callahan  
All Things Bright and Beautiful Mary Beth Bennett

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** Ubi caritas Jacques Berthier / Taizé  
*Where charity and love are, there God is.*  
*(Paul Butler, Chelsea Janzen, Greg McMahon, Madeline Ross)*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

We rejoice in the one who leads us beside still waters,  
and gives refreshment to our soul.  
Though we walk through the valley of shadow, we will not fear;  
for the great shepherd of our souls is with us,  
the love and mercy of the Lord are near at hand,  
and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Unison)*

Gracious God,  
you sent Jesus to shepherd us and lead us.  
May we listen for his voice and follow him,  
until we are safely in your fold,  
to live with you forever;  
through Christ our Lord,  
who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

**HYMN #385** All People That on Earth Do Dwell **OLD HUNDREDTH**

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

In Christ,  
you are revealed as the great shepherd of the sheep,  
showing compassion as you lead us beside the still waters.  
While your staff guides us,  
we confess we sometimes stray from your paths,  
and neglect the needs of those wandering  
in the wilderness of sorrow or pain.  
Caught up in our own concerns,  
we neglect your call to bind up those whom life has wounded.  
Strengthen us to show the love, compassion,  
and comfort of Christ, our 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

Though we like sheep have gone astray,  
we now have been returned  
to the shepherd and guardian of our souls.  
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:  
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



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

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery  
which the Scriptures describe in various ways.

It is called the sacrifice of a lamb,  
a shepherd's life given for the sheep.

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ  
has set the pattern for the church's mission.

Christ's life as one of us involves the church  
in the common life of humanity.

Christ's service to humankind commits the church  
to work for every form of human well-being.

Christ's suffering makes the church sensitive to all the suffering  
so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of those in every kind of need.

OFFERTORY *Brother James's Air* James Bain / arr. Mack Wilberg

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of blessedness, e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I pass through shadowed vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me;  
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.  
And in my heart forevermore thy dwelling place shall be.

— *Scottish Psalter, 1650*

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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 #541      God Be with You Till We Meet Again      RANDOLPH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      Postlude in C Major      Henry Thomas Smart

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Rev. Audrey Schindler, Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Brenna Dykman, Interim Associate Pastor  
Rev. Zane Buxton, Parish Associate  
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries  
Shelby Walker, Lector

**WORSHIP  
LEADERS**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*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](mailto:office@firstpresportland.org) or by phone at (503) 228-7331.

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*The Communion Table flowers are given  
in loving memory of Inez and William Leon McPherson  
by their daughters Carol Gilbert and Jean Meihoff and son-in-law Walt Meihoff.  
The Chancel flowers are given  
in honor of Robert Hastings' birthday  
by his wife, Janet, and their children, Paul, Susan and Melissa and families.*

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Join Us Virtually For Coffee Fellowship Today!**

Join in Virtual Coffee Fellowship today after worship until about 12 noon. We look forward to seeing you, and welcome you to dial in to say hello! To join this meeting by Zoom, follow this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436962691>

**Next Sunday, May 2**, there will not be a coffee hour, as there will be a Congregational Meeting by Zoom following worship to vote on the disposition of the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center property.

### **Zoom Orientation for Congregational Meeting**

We will have an introductory Zoom meeting in preparation for the Congregational Meeting on Menucha for anyone who would like additional orientation to Zoom. This will include guidance on how to be recognized to speak in a Zoom meeting, and how the voting function works.

The Orientation will be on **Thursday, April 29 at 11 am**, and will use the same login link as we will use for the Congregational meeting on May 2:

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82192151367>

**Meeting ID:** 821 9215 1367

Please contact the church office (503) 228-7331 or [office@firstpresportland.org](mailto:office@firstpresportland.org) if you need assistance in setting up Zoom.

### **Special Congregational Meeting May 2 for Menucha**

**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 and to facilitate the incorporation of Menucha as its own 501c3 [non-profit] corporation. Follow this Zoom link to join the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82192151367>

Meeting ID: 821 9215 1367

You can read details about these proposed changes in the April Spire <https://www.firstpresportland.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/April-2021WV.pdf>

### **Youth Coffee Hour via Zoom Today!**

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

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Earth Day/Earth Care Course April 29 and May 6

The Earth Care Committee invites you to the second in a series of three lessons/discussions on the scriptural call which Christians have to steward the world we live in. Join in virtually on Thursday, April 29 and again on May 6 from 6 to 7 pm.

This week we will discuss Chapter 2 of the Pope's 2015 encyclical, *Laudato Si*

**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/2021/earth-day-earth-care-course/>

### Earth Care Team Video Commemorates Earth Day 2021

In celebration of **Earth Day 2021**, the Earth Care Committee of First Presbyterian released this video compilation of inspiring words, music and photography from church members and staff capturing the sheer awe, wonder, and blessing of God's Creation. Thank you to all who participated!

**Follow this link to view the video:** <https://youtu.be/ZRKNABKOylc>

### The Tuesday Book Club

The Book Club will meet via Zoom at 11 am **this Tuesday, 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 club friends.

### May Moments for Mission and More!

May is our month for Missions. In Sunday services we will be hearing from local mission partners about their programs and how members might get involved. Then on **May 22nd**, you are invited to join your church family in our annual Day of Service. Please watch the bulletins and e-blast for registration information.

### One Book One Church

FPC is continuing its commitment to learn and grow together about the pervasive injustices of our world. In May, we will be coming together as a church to read *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US* by Rev. Lenny Duncan. Discussion groups will meet for three weeks on **Tuesdays (May, 11, 18, 26)** from 9-10 am and 5:30-6:30 pm. Space is limited so please contact Brenna at [bdykman@firstpresportland.org](mailto:bdykman@firstpresportland.org) to register.

### FPC Higher Education Award Applications Due May 21, 2021

Eligible Applicants: high school seniors or those who are or have been tied to FPC and have been accepted into an accredited 2-yr, trade, license or certification program or full college but have not received this award in the past; not need-based award

Applications: download from FPC's website

<https://www.firstpresportland.org/2021/fpc-higher-education-award/> or contact Pastor Brenna [bdykman@firstpresportland.org](mailto:bdykman@firstpresportland.org)

### 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](mailto:bdkman@firstpresportland.org) or to sign up visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=s.signup&urlid=60b0a4ca4a92ca2ff2-alder&view=calendar&mo=1614556800> We are also in need of individual packaged toothbrush donations!

### 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 by email [hillka@teleport.com](mailto: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!

### 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=REVXbEN0OWp4LzFXK2daMW1IUGR4dz09>

Meeting ID: 730 5958 6516 & Passcode:

0E6C10Questions? Please contact Shelby via [hello@firstpresportland.org](mailto:hello@firstpresportland.org)



Christ the Good Shepherd  
Edward Burne-Jones, 1914



*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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