



**First  
Presbyterian**  
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

# Service for the Lord's Day

June 13, 2021  
Third Sunday  
after Pentecost

*Welcome to worship! In these early weeks of re-gathering, the church is requiring masks to be worn while in worship to help ensure the safety of the congregation. Singing and saying of prayers is allowed because of masking. There will be a chance to gather outside on the plaza to greet one another following the service.*

## The Gathering

**PRELUDE** Adagio in C Major, K. 356 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** I Will Do a New Thing Audrey Byrd

"I will do a new thing in you;  
whatever you ask for, whatever you pray for,  
nothing shall be denied," saith the Lord!

*(Madeline Ross, soloist)*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Do not consider appearance or height,  
for they are not important to the LORD.  
The LORD does not look at the outward appearance,  
but the LORD looks at the heart.

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

Your hand is upon your people, O God,  
to guide and protect them through the ages.  
Keep in your service  
those you have called and anointed,  
that the powers of this world may not overwhelm us;  
but that, secure in your love,  
we may carry out your will  
in the face of all adversity. Amen.

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

\*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.  
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image,  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

*Our prayers continue in silence.*

\*LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Cantor first, then ALL*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In God we are called and anointed,  
lifted high like the splendid cedar.  
Hear the good news:  
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day  
and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;  
for we can on-ly won-der at ev - 'ry gift you send,  
at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:  
we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up-on your Word,  
we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might-y Lord.

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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** Ezekiel 17:22-24 Pew Bible, pg. 784 (OT)  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM****It's Good to Give Thanks**

Ken Medema

It's good to give thanks to the Lord. By day and by night with the harp and the lute.  
You make me glad. Your works make me rejoice. Yes, it is good to give thanks to the Lord.

Fools don't get it. They never will. Set for destruction, they will be stilled.  
The godly are rooted deep in God's will. Yes, it is good to give thanks to the Lord.

We're planted like trees in the house of the Lord; rooted and green, bearing fruit that is good.  
Still full of sap whether young, whether old. Yes, it is good to give thanks to the Lord.

— based on Psalm 92

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Pew Bible, pg. 259 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****SERMON**

“A Part in God's Story”

Rev. Brenna Dykman

**\*HYMN #250**

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Unison*)*from* The Second Helvetic Confession

**We believe that all things in heaven and on earth,  
and in all creatures,  
are preserved and governed  
by the providence of the wise, eternal and almighty God.  
For David testifies and says:  
“The Lord is high above all nations,  
and God's glory above the heavens!  
Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,  
who looks far down upon the heavens and the earth?”**

**OFFERTORY**

Do Not Be Afraid

Sally Ann Morris

Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Chosen and beloved, you are my own.  
Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you: by your name I called you for my own.

Look up, a new thing I am doing; it springs forth; look and see it grow.  
Through wilderness I'll make a level highway; through deserts, make streams and rivers flow.

The Lord, the Holy One of Israel has promised to lead us on our way,  
and we who love and worship God our Maker will listen to hear the Spirit say:

— Joy F. Patterson, 2004

*Thank you for your faithful support of the church and Christ's ongoing ministry. You may give through the church website at this link: [firstpresportland.ccbchurch.com/goto/giving](http://firstpresportland.ccbchurch.com/goto/giving) or mail your check to the church office: 1200 SW Alder St., Portland, OR 97205. Those attending worship are invited to leave gifts in the offering plates as they leave the sanctuary.*

**\*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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Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH, LM; Genevan Psalter, 1551

**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 #320**

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Rigaudon

André Campra

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**WORSHIP  
LEADERS**

Rev. Brenna Dykman, Interim Associate Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate  
Rev. Zane Buxton, Parish Associate  
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries  
Diane Ponder, Lector

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**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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**SANCTUARY  
FLOWERS**

*This morning, the sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of  
Dr. John and Ruth Van Bruggen by Anna and Bill Myers.*

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**IN MEMORIAM**

*Our prayers and sympathy are with the family and friends of Cora Smith,  
who died on May 25th.*

*“Blessed are they that die in the Lord, for their works do follow them.”*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Zoom Coffee Hour Summer Break**

Zoom coffee hour will be taking a break from meeting each week. We have enjoyed meaningful connection for the last year-and-a-half every Sunday after church using this marvelous electronic medium, but with many people traveling over the summer, we feel it is best to reconvene in the fall. Bless you all!

### **Forum on Plans for Fall**

**On Tuesday, June 22 at noon**, there will be a Forum on Plans for Fall to share and learn more about plans in the church's life as we look ahead to a renewed season of life in the fall. Please attend to learn of the creative initiatives being planned; we hope this forum will help in cross-pollination of ideas across the many areas of the church's life and mission.

**Zoom link is:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81551616128>

**Meeting ID: 815 5161 6128**

### **Church Officer Nominating Process**

In preparation for the election of Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) members at a Congregational Meeting to be held in the Fall, your help is needed. Please help by sending the response forms in this week's bulletin and eBlast to suggest names for consideration, along with supporting information. You can even suggest your own name if you have an interest in this form of ministry. The form is available on the church website <https://www.firstpresportland.org/2021/church-officer-nominating-process/>. **Sunday, June 27th** is the deadline for reception of suggested names. Thank you in advance, for your thoughtful responses.

### **An On-Line Baby Shower!**

As we anticipate welcoming little ones back to the church nursery, please consider showering the babies of the church with love! We have created an Amazon "Wish List" that includes a variety of items the church nursery needs to help welcome babies and toddlers more fully. From a clock and step-stool, to Bible-Story coloring books, there are a variety of items (many quite inexpensive) that will make a wonderful, cheerful addition to that space. Search for the "First Presbyterian Portland's Baby Registry" on Amazon, or go here: <https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/firstpresbyterianportland-january-2021-portland/1OVXV0ZLLXWU> Thank you in advance for your generosity!

### **Share in Worship, Schedule as a Reader**

If you have a strong voice and would like to read Scripture on a Sunday, please contact Kim Hill [publications@firstpresportland.org](mailto:publications@firstpresportland.org) to schedule to be an in-person reader.

### **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, to sign up please follow this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=s.signup&urlid=60b0a4ca4a92ca2ff2-alder&view=calendar&mo=1> or contact Brenna at [bdkman@firstpresportland.org](mailto:bdkman@firstpresportland.org) We are also in need of body wash, small bottles of liquid laundry detergent, small bags of dry dog food, new men's socks.

### **Children's Ministry Internship: Accepting Applications!**

Are you looking for a meaningful opportunity to share your amazing gifts, grow in faith, and build your resume? Do you like kiddos and have some time available on Sunday mornings? First Presbyterian Portland has an opportunity for you! We are looking for a team of interns (ages 14-19) to work on Sunday mornings with the Children's Sunday School program of the church. The internship is divided into two semesters (September-December and mid-January through May) plus a required orientation gathering in late August. You can apply for either or both semesters.

For more info, please click the application link below or reach out to Pastor Carmen at [cgoetschius@firstpresportland.org](mailto:cgoetschius@firstpresportland.org) Compensation is provided! Please prayerfully consider this opportunity that is open to youth of our church (or other churches!).

### **Applications due July 5th.**

<https://www.firstpresportland.org/2021/calling-all-youth/>

### **WOW! The Impact of NEFP**

NEFP meets the urgent food needs for over 40,000 people each month. During the first five months of the pandemic, NEFP served 250,000 individuals (an increase of 1,300 percent) and distributed 6.5 million pounds of food valued at over \$8 million. View NEFP's food box distribution in action in the Oregon Food Bank video "Addressing Hunger in the Wake of COVID-19." To sign-up for a volunteer shift visit this link: <https://bit.ly/volunteerNEFP> Questions? Please contact Bill Resley [kayak500@gmail.com](mailto:kayak500@gmail.com)

### **Support for the Rose Haven Shelter**

The Rose Haven Day Shelter for Women and Children thanks FPC members for their generous 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/helping/donate-supplies/](http://rosehaven.org/helping/donate-supplies/) for top needed items that are updated weekly. Questions? Contact Cindy Finch [cindyloufinch@yahoo.com](mailto:cindyloufinch@yahoo.com)

## Currently Serving Elders, Deacons and Trustees

Class terms end when a new class is ordained,  
usually by January 31 of the class years noted in the lists below.

<u>Elder List:</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Deacon List (continued):</u>	<u>Class</u>
Olivia Coles (Youth Elder – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year)	2022	Rebecca Brown Brownell	2023
Rick Lee (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	2022	Will Deming	2023
Bill Nelson (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	2022	Bruce Felix	2023
Fran Page	2022	Molly Spencer	2023
Mary Priedeman (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	2022	Shelby Walker	2023
Steve Primack (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	2022	James Brunner	2024
Russell Smith	2022	Dustin Coles	2024
John Bates	2023	Jess Dallas	2024
Cam Birnie	2023	Jeane Iles	2024
Kendra Hilty	2023	Gordon Lindbloom	2024
Jerry Johnson	2023	Jim Patterson	2024
Amy Meabe	2023	Bill Resley	2024
Steve Snodderly	2023	Lurna Shively	2024
Natasha Brown	2024	<b>Those completing second terms are not eligible for re-election until after a year elapses from the end of their terms. A resignation creates another vacancy. The youth elder is elected for a one-year term, but can be re-nominated.</b>	
Estelle Brunner	2024		
Vince Carpenter	2024		
Sarah Schwab	2024		
Peter Vanden Bosch	2024		
Amy Wood	2024		
<u>Trustee List</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>CNC Member List</u>	<u>Term</u>
Marilyn Howe	2022	Sandy Castles	1 <sup>st</sup>
Chris Rasmussen	2022	Lauren Deming	1 <sup>st</sup>
Steve Brown	2023	Alice Estes	2 <sup>nd</sup>
George Spencer	2023	Shelly Garg	1 <sup>st</sup>
Peter van Bever	2024	Joey Razzano	1 <sup>st</sup>
Mary Kay West	2024	Deborah Resley	2 <sup>nd</sup>
		Jean Smith	2 <sup>nd</sup>
		Mike Starosciak	3 <sup>rd</sup>
		Phyllis Whittington	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<u>Deacon List:</u>	<u>Class</u>		
Grace Babatunde (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	2022	Cam Birnie, Session Member*	
Cathy Chang-Lowe	2022	Amy Wood, Session Member*	
David Hawkins	2022	Jeane Iles, Deacons Member*	
Emily Jo Jensen	2022	Chris Rasmussen, Trustees Member*	
Fonda Lucas	2022		
Dick McFall	2022		
		*Members appointed by the boards, not elected by the congregation.	

## Suggestions for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or CNC Member

I suggest the following person for consideration by the **Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC)** for the office of **Elder, Deacon or Trustee**, or to serve on the **Congregational Nominating Committee**.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

For (check 1 box):                      Elder                      Deacon                      Trustee                      CNC Member

Please tell us about the abilities, characteristics, faith, and/or experience, with examples if possible, of this person that leads you to suggest him/her to the committee. If you know, where has this person previously been active or served in this or another church?

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Forms can be sent by email to Cam Birnie ([c-m-birnie@comcast.net](mailto:c-m-birnie@comcast.net)) or Zane Buxton ([zkbuxton@gmail.com](mailto:zkbuxton@gmail.com)) or mailed to the church (FPC, 1200 SW Alder Street, 97205). You may nominate more than one person by using additional forms or a blank piece of paper.

**Due by June 27, 2021**

**Elders** are ordained and serve on Session for a three-year term. Elders can be elected to a second consecutive term. The Session is the governing body of the church and ensures that the work and worship of the church continues to move toward the vision of the church. Elders should be active, involved members of the congregation who have served in a variety of roles, including leadership. They are to be people of deep faith and wisdom for the spiritual oversight of the church.

**Deacons** are ordained and serve for a three-year term. Deacons can be elected to a second consecutive three year term.

The Board of Deacons is responsible for assisting in the care of the congregation. They serve Communion in Worship and home visits, visit the home bound, assist with memorial services, and coordinate van service on Sunday morning, deliver flowers at Easter and Christmas and much more. They are an active, vital part of our church. Deacons should be active, involved members of the congregation, with a caring heart.

**Trustees** are not ordained but are officers of the church corporation. The trustees meet quarterly and are charged to receive, hold, and manage the financial investments of the church. A trustee serves a three-year term and can be elected to a second consecutive three-year term. Trustees are active members of the congregation and may have served in leadership roles. Trustees generally have professional background in financial management to steward the church's resources.

The **CNC** includes nine active members of the congregation who are elected annually. A member of the CNC is elected to a one-year term and may be reelected to the committee twice for a maximum of three years. The CNC also includes two current Elders, one who serves as chair, and a representative each from the Board of Deacons and from the Trustees.

The CNC nominates candidates for Elder, Deacon, and Trustee positions as well as candidates for the CNC for the following year. The members of the CNC welcome your suggestions to assist us in our task. Current CNC Members are: **Sandy Castles, Lauren Deming, Alice Estes, Shelly Garg, Joey Razzano, Deborah Resley, Jean Smith, Mike Starosciak, Phyllis Whittington, Jeane Iles (Deacon Rep), Chris Rasmussen (Trustee Rep), and Elders, Cam Birnie (Chair) and Amy Wood.** Rev. Zane Buxton is serving as pastoral advisor of the CNC.



So we do not lose heart...  
For this momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory...  
Debra Latham, "Hill Country Sunset," 2018



**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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