



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

July 18, 2021
Eighth Sunday
after Pentecost

Welcome to worship! Those who have not been vaccinated are asked to continue masking for worship and in the church buildings. Those who are fully vaccinated may mask or not at their discretion. A socially-distanced space is available in the front pews for those who prefer to mask. There will be a chance to gather on the plaza following worship to greet one another.

The Gathering

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in A František Xaver Brixl
(Joseph Pettit, Guest Organist)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT In God Alone Jacques Berthier / Taizé
In God alone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.
Only in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.
(Members of the FPC Chancel Choir; Greg McMahon, flute)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Neighbors and newcomers, those here in church and those at home,
we gather in worship united in spirit, held in God's steadfast love.
Strugglers and stragglers, pilgrims almost at the end of the journey,
we seek to follow Jesus, the compassionate One.
Builders of bridges in fractured communities,
those who stand on either side of walls of fear,
the Spirit of faithfulness calls us to live as one, as God's people!

** Please stand if you are able.*

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Unison*)

God of aliens and strangers:
make the doors of this church community wide enough
so that all find a welcome, a home, and a haven.

Christ of the near and those who are afar off:
make our hearts wide enough to encompass in love
all whom you've given us to love.

Welcoming Spirit of saints and sinners:
open our arms wide enough so that all--
the guest, the child, the widow, the houseless,
--may be embraced by your love and grace.

Through Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
forever and ever. Amen.

* HYMN #394 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation WESTMINSTER ABBEY

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

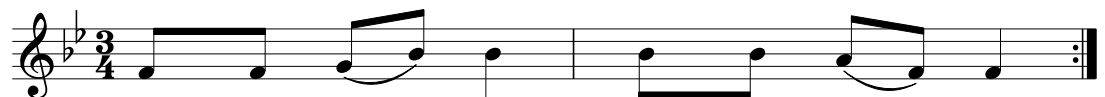
* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Steadfast God,
we confess that we are so busy putting up walls between ourselves and others,
we cannot see the home you are building for all of us.
Help us to let go of ancient hurts,
to reach out to those we have placed at a distance in our hearts.
Help us to see that by your grace,
the dividing walls have been broken down, as your love overcomes every barrier.

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

Do you remember? Once, you were afar off; a stranger and outsider.
But now, in Christ, you have been brought home.
God's steadfast love is everlasting;
God's forgiveness makes us new and whole.
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 Ephesians 2:13-20 Pew Bible, pg. 192 (NT)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Dona nobis pacem cordium Jacques Berthier / Taizé
Grant us peace of heart. Grant us peace.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 Pew Bible, pg. 41 (NT)
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "When Life Intervenes" Rev. Audrey Schindler

***HYMN #169** Dear Lord, Creator Good and Kind REST

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Unison*) *from the Confession of 1967*
We believe that God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation.
The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church
as the community in which we are reconciled to God and to one another.
The Spirit enables us to receive forgiveness as we forgive one another
and to enjoy the peace of God as we make peace among ourselves.

OFFERTORY Lord Jesus Christ John L. Bell
Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all,
trail wide the hem of your garment, bring healing, bring peace.

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 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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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 #182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

*BENEDICTION (*said responsively*)

Now go, to meet each stranger as a friend.
We will share God's steadfast love as we seek to live in faithfulness.
Now go, to share Christ's compassion with everyone you meet.
We will tear down dividing walls and build bridges of hope.
And may God bless you with peace this day and evermore.

POSTLUDE

Prelude in F

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*Today's prayers are adapted from liturgist Thom M. Shuman.

**WORSHIP
LEADERS**

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor
Rev. Brenna Dykman, Interim Associate Pastor
Rev. Zane Buxton, Parish Associate
Joseph Pettit, Guest Organist
Jon Bates, Lector

**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, Myra Rounsavell
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.

**SANCTUARY
FLOWERS**

*This morning, the flowers in the sanctuary are given in honor of their
43rd Wedding Anniversary by John and Grace Babatunde.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please save the date for Tom Withycombe's inurnment service on Sunday, August 1st at 12 (noon) which will be in the contemplative garden area where the beautiful columbarium is located on the Plaza. All are welcome!

Opera on the Plaza: July 29th-August 1st at 7:30pm

Madeline Ross, FPC's Soprano and Celebration Works administrator, is excited to welcome Renegade Opera, Portland's unconventional opera company, who will be transforming FPC's plaza into an opera stage! Orfeo in Underland is a modern adaptation of C.W. Gluck's Orfeo ed Euridice, featuring Italian singing, English dialogue, larger-than-life puppets, and an original musical arrangement for chamber orchestra. Join Orfeo as she hallucinates a trial-filled journey to retrieve Euridice from Underland. It's a live theater experience you don't want to miss! Dates: July 29th, 30th, 31st, and August 1st at 7:30 pm. Find more information and get your tickets at www.renegadeopera.org
Questions? Email Maddy renegadeoperapdx@gmail.com

Menucha Homecoming Picnic is August 7th

Bring your lunch, a blanket or chairs, and friends and family who would like to be back at Menucha. Remember to leave any pets at home except Service Animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Menucha will provide sweet treats and drinks. Free event - no fundraising. Live music. Old fashioned outdoor games. Tours of Wright Hall's renovations. Familiar faces, a warm welcome, and a chance to re-connect with this special place.

Come to the 2021 All Church Labor Day Retreat!

Get ready for a church family reunion. FPC's annual Labor Day Retreat is happening September 3 to 5 in the lovely Columbia River Gorge at the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center. Beth Gunn will be our special program speaker. She is the Associate for Youth for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina with a particular emphasis in Recreation Ministry, so she's perfect for Menucha! Join us for fun and fellowship. Let's take this time to reunite and celebrate after the long pandemic separation. Registration opens July 18th. More information at menucha.org/labordayretreat

Volunteers for the Emergency Food Closet:

The Emergency Food Closet (located in Julia West) for the Alder House residents continues to grow! We are also seeking to grow our group of volunteers, to sign up please follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/jk64rmev> or contact Brenna at bdkman@firstpresportland.org

The Presbyterian Women Ministry (PWM) is planning a virtual sale between August and Thanksgiving this year. In the past, a bake sale was held prior to Thanksgiving, to raise funds for PWM operation and missions. For planning, those interested in participating are requested to send the particulars of who, what and when to Ann Walsh ann.walsh@gmail.com to ensure a successful virtual event. We anticipate that jams and jellies may be available early on, while other products like cards and baked goods will be made later. With so many details to consider, we need your help in brainstorming to ensure this virtual event will be a success. Responses are requested by **August 1st**.

Calling All Parents and Grandparents

Do you have children/grandchildren that you occasionally bring to church? Do you want to receive regular updates about events and opportunities at FPC that may be a gift to these little people you love (birth through 5th grade)? Please make sure you are on Pastor Carmen's email list to ensure you receive information about activities and classes that may be of interest to you. There are many wonderful things in store this fall and she wants you to have the calendar for the year so you can plan accordingly. Please reach out to Pastor Carmen to get looped in!

Civil Rights Pilgrimage: November 5-13

Join this 9-day pilgrimage from Atlanta, GA to Memphis, TN to remember, study, and be inspired by key moments in the Civil Rights Movement. The pilgrimage is organized by Progressive Pilgrimage, a small travel ministry led by Presbyterian pastor Heather Prince Doss, a good friend and colleague of Pastor Carmen. Stops on this journey include the King Center in Atlanta; Montgomery and Selma, AL; Jackson and Money, MS; the Lorraine Motel in Memphis; and more. The group size is limited to 26 participants. For more information visit <http://progressivepilgrimage.com/civilrights2021> or contact heather@progressivepilgrimage.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/ for top needed items that are updated weekly. Questions? Please contact Cindy Finch cindylofinch@yahoo.com



“The Rainbow”
J.M.W. Turner, 1835



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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