



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

July 25, 2021
Ninth 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 Suite from *Messe pour Les Paroisses* François Couperin
(Joseph Pettit, Guest Organist)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT O That I Had a Thousand Voices Traditional Lutheran
O that I had a thousand voices to praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, would then proclaim in grateful songs
to all, wherever I might be, what great things God has done for me!

Let every power in me implanted, arise, keep silence now no more;
put forth the strength that God has granted! Your noblest work is to adore!
O soul and body, join to raise with heartfelt joy our Maker's praise!

(Members of the FPC Chancel Choir)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord of the Feast, you call us to be nourished by love.
Like the loaves and fishes sufficient for all,
your love is poured out to satisfy the hungry heart.
For love that feeds our souls, we offer you our deepest praise.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Gracious God, you have placed within our hearts
a longing for your Word and a hunger for your truth.
Grant that we may know the One whom you have sent
to be the true bread of heaven,
even Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be glory and honor forever and ever. Amen.

**Please stand if you are able.*

*HYMN Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness HYMN TO JOY



1. Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - a - ting light.
2. Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren with a strong yet gen - tle word.
3. Praise the One true love in - car-nate: Christ, who suf-fered in our place.



Praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.
Praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pier - cing, two-edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for ma - ny that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the one who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand.
Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou-sands with the ve - ry bread of peace.
From this well comes liv - ing wa - ter, quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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Tune: HYMN TO JOY, 8.7.8.7.D; Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edwards Hodges, 1842, alt.

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Gracious God,
in the name of Christ,
who gave bread to the hungry,
we remember all
who through our human callousness and sin
now live in want.
Forgive us, we pray,
Show us, who have so much,
what we can do to help those who have so little;
and bless the efforts of those
who work to overcome poverty and hunger,
that all your children may have food enough to eat.

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.

The musical notation is in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff is for the Cantor, and the second and third staves are for the congregation. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Who then is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ; and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: 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.

The musical notation is in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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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 Psalm 145:10-18 Pew Bible, pg. 581 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I Will Exalt My God, My King

Casiodoro Cárdenas (arr. Raquel Mora Martínez)

I will exalt my God, my King; I will praise your name forever.
I will exalt your name forever. Every day I'll praise your holy name.

I will praise your name forever; I will exalt your name forever.
Lord our God, you are great and worthy of the highest praise and honor,
for your greatness is far beyond us; every day I'll praise your holy name.

Each generation to the next will proclaim your works of splendor,
and celebrate your mighty deeds. Every day I'll praise your holy name.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 6:1-15 Pew Bible, pg. 97 (NT)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Sharing Our Loaves and Fishes" Rev. Audrey Schindler

*HYMN #320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

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

Christ as our food sustains us in life.
For even as bodily food and drink
refresh and strengthen our bodies,
so the flesh of Christ given for us, and his blood shed for us,
refresh and strengthen our souls.
As the Lord said: “I am the bread of life;
they who come to me shall not hunger,
and they who believe in me shall never thirst.”

OFFERTORY Take Us As We Are, O God Alfred V. Fedak

Take us as we are, O God, and claim us as your own.
As once you chose to tell your love in human flesh and bone,
so let our lives be used to make your saving purpose known.

Bless us for your service, Lord; no power we devise
will ever give us strength enough or make us truly wise,
yet by your promise we can know the peace your grace supplies.

Break us open to disclose how brokenness can heal,
wherever broken loaves suffice to give a crowd a meal
and graves break open to release new life from death's dread seal.

Give us to the world you love as light and salt and yeast,
that we may nourish in your name the last, the lost, the least,
until at length you call us all to your unending feast.

— Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1995

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

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 #353 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less SOLID ROCK

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Dialogue sur les grand jeux* François Couperin

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WORSHIP
LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor
Rev. Brenna Dykman, Interim Associate Pastor
Rev. Zane Buxton, Parish Associate
Joseph Pettit, Guest Organist
Dale Hess, 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 Norma Welty and in memory of James Welty
by Robert Bulkley and Joyce MacWilliamson.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

QRL for the Sunday Bulletin

For those joining us in service if you would like to go paperless we now have a QRL code available at the check in desk to help you view the bulletin on your wireless device. To use, open your camera and hold over the QRL code. A message box will pop up on your device. Click the box and it will directly take you to the weeks bulletin. No special program is required. We will continue to have paper copies available for those who prefer them.

Please save the date for Tom Withycombe's inurnment service next 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!

Congratulations to Ted & Nancy Magnuson's son Thomas Cole Magnuson and Melissa Marie Pepitone on their marriage at FPC on July 10th. Our best wishes for the happy couple! Follow this link to view the service: <https://vimeo.com/503925676/9a6a567cb6>

Opera on the Plaza: July 29th-August 1st at 7:30 pm
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, the Associate for Youth for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina with a particular emphasis in Recreation Ministry. Registration opens soon. Visit 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 We are also in need so dish soap, full size Shampoo & Conditioner and small bags of dry dog food.

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 need your help in brainstorming to ensure this virtual event will be a success. Responses are requested by next Sunday **August 1st.**

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. Organized by Progressive Pilgrimage, a small travel ministry led by Presbyterian pastor Heather Prince Doss, a good friend and colleague of Pastor Carmen. Stops include the King Center in Atlanta; Montgomery and Selma, AL; Jackson and Money, MS; the Lorraine Motel in Memphis; and more. Group size is limited to 26 participants. 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 cindyloufinch@yahoo.com



Icon of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes



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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