



# First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF PORTLAND

# Service for the Lord's Day

*Please remember to silence your cell phone.*



*Welcome to worship! In response to rising virus numbers and recent guidance, our church is again requiring that all those attending worship and any other events inside the church keep masked at all times to keep vulnerable members safe. A socially-distanced space is available in the front pews on the right-hand side of the sanctuary. We are asking that people not sit in the front row of the balcony to leave the aisle clear for social distancing. There will be a chance to gather outside on the lower plaza following worship to greet one another.*

August 1, 2021  
Tenth Sunday  
after Pentecost  
Communion  
Sunday

## The Gathering

PRELUDE

Vesper Voluntaries, Op. 14

Edward Elgar

*(Joseph Pettit, Guest Organist)*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly American folk hymn melody

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

Assisted hearing devices & large print copies of the sermon and hymns are available from the ushers.

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Give ear, O my people, to our teaching;  
incline your ears to the words we speak today.

**We hope in the promises spoken  
in the name of the Lord.**

We will share parables from of old;  
things that we have heard and known,  
told us by our ancestors in the faith.

**We are a people of holy stories,  
stories every generation needs to hear.**

We will tell this generation and the next  
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and of God's faithfulness.

**For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;  
God is to be revered above all gods.**

Let us praise only our God!

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

Ever faithful God,  
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the Word of his kingdom.  
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

\* **HYMN #65**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

\* **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

\* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Unison*)

O God, maker and keeper of covenant promises,  
we confess that we are inclined  
to focus on the hunger we feel at the moment.  
We also tend to look back at what worked before,  
claiming our version of "Moses fed us with the manna in the desert."  
Even when we experience an unexpected grace in our lives,  
we may not recognize your Spirit at work.  
Help us to see our lives with divinely directed eyes.  
Help us to care for each other,  
recognizing that Jesus wants to offer the bread of life to all. Amen.

*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 one flat (Bb). It consists of three staves. The first staff is for the Cantor, and the second and third are for the congregation. Each staff has a repeat sign at the end.

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## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said: "I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,

and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Hear the good news: as sisters and brothers of Jesus we are indeed renewed.

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 one flat (Bb). It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath.

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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** Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Pew Bible, pg. 62 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*– Please join in singing the refrain –*

This is the bread come down from hea - ven:  
bread for the life of the world.

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God commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven;  
rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven.

God rained food on them like dust, winged birds like the sands of the sea;  
let it fall in the midst of their camp and all around their tents.

So they ate and had their fill; for God gave them all they craved.  
They remembered that God was their rock, God, the Most High, their redeemer.

*— verses from Psalm 78*

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** John 6:24-35 Pew Bible, pg. 98 (NT)

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON

“Mysterious Sustenance”

Rev. Zane Buxton

**\*HYMN #721** Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

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

In every age the church has expressed its witness  
in words and deeds as the need of the time required.  
The earliest examples of confessions are found within the Scriptures. [...]  
Confessions and declarations are subordinate standards in the church,  
subject to the authority of Jesus Christ, the Word of God,  
as the Scriptures bear witness to him.  
No one type of confession is exclusively valid,  
no one statement is irreformable.  
Obedience to Jesus Christ alone identifies the one universal church  
and supplies the continuity of its tradition.  
This obedience is the ground of the church's duty and freedom  
to reform itself in life and doctrine as new occasions,  
in God's providence, may demand.

OFFERTORY What Feast of Love Traditional English folk melody

What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?  
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?  
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?  
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?  
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.  
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!

What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?  
What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?  
This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

— Delores Dufner, OSB, 1993

*Thank you for your faithful support of the church and Christ's ongoing ministry. You may give through the church website at this link: <https://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 Supper

*In this service of worship, in which we remember the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples, we invite those worshipping with us online to participate in communion at home.*

*This morning's communion responses will be sung.*

## PRAYERS OF GREAT THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING ACCLAMATIONS

(The prayer continues)...we glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise.

**Holy, Holy, Holy** (*sung, #562*)

(The prayer continues)...that we might proclaim the One crucified and risen.

**Christ Has Died, Christ Is Risen** (*sung, #563*)

(The prayer continues)...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen** (*sung, #564*)

## 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.

## SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

### COMMUNION MUSIC

Eat This Bread

Jacques Berthier / Taizé

Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to Christ and never be hungry.

Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in Christ and you will not thirst.

Christ is the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Father.

Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, but this is the bread come down from heaven.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

# The Sending

\* **HYMN #494**                      Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts                      QUEBEC

\* **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**                      Postlude in E-flat Major                      John Naylor

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

**WORSHIP  
LEADERS**

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

**PRAYERS OF  
THE PEOPLE**

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*This morning, the sanctuary flowers are given  
in loving memory of Tom Withycombe, Sue and Harry Withycombe  
and Harriet and J. Lauren Naden by Kathy Withycombe and families.*

**SANCTUARY  
FLOWERS**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### QR Code for the Sunday Bulletin

For those joining us in service if you would like to go paperless, we now have a QR 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 QR 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 Join Tom Withycombe's Inurnment Service Today at 12 (noon)** in the contemplative garden area where the beautiful columbarium is located on the Plaza. All are welcome!

### Opera on the Plaza: Today 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! **Tonight at 7:30 pm.** Find more information and get your tickets at [www.renegadeopera.org](http://www.renegadeopera.org)  
Questions? Email Maddy [renegadeoperapdx@gmail.com](mailto:renegadeoperapdx@gmail.com)

### Menucha Homecoming Picnic Next Saturday, 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.

### Sign up Now for the Menucha All-Church Retreat

The wait is over! Register for your spot now at this special all-church Labor Day Retreat happening **September 3-5** at the beautiful Menucha Retreat and Conference Center in the Gorge. This year, to allow everyone to go, FPC is offering three pricing options: "Pay a little more" (if you can afford to help others attend), "Pay the actual cost," and "Pay a little less" (if you are tight on funds). Scholarships are available too! Register and learn more at <https://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 today **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 <https://progressivepilgrimage.com/let-us-plan-your-pilgrimage/> or contact [heather@progressivepilgrimage.com](mailto:heather@progressivepilgrimage.com)

### Northeast Emergency Food Program: How We Can Help!

Learn more about NEFP:

<https://www.facebook.com/NEFPpdx/>

**Volunteer** to come to Pantry in NE Portland to sort, box, hand out food and other necessary items:

<https://emoregon.org/nefp/nefp-volunteer/>

**Donate** to NEFP (Financial or In-Kind):

<https://emoregon.org/nefp/give/>

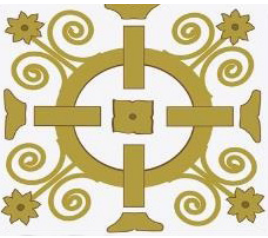
**Pray** for NEFP's continuing successful service to Portland!





## Manna in the Wilderness

Image from Anton Koberger's German Bible - 1483



### *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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