



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

Please remember to silence your cell phone.



August 15, 2021
Twelfth Sunday
after Pentecost

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. There will be a chance to gather outside on the plaza following worship to greet one another.

The Gathering

PRELUDE

Prelude on *Quem Pastores*
Prelude on *Rockingham*

Healey Willan
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Step by Step

David Strasser

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God of healing and transformation,
we come seeking life in you.

We come with our sorrows, seeking the bread of joy;
we bring our discouragement, and ask for the bread of hope;
we come with our weariness, seeking the bread of your Spirit and strength.

As we come to worship you this day,
come, we pray, and meet us here.

** Please stand if you are able.*

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

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Unison*)

Most holy Friend,
you are the bread of life.
Our minds cannot fathom your eternity;
our souls are hushed as we approach your glory.
We see things only in part; you have eternal wisdom.
We worship your greatness,
we are glad of your patience,
we are grateful for your never-failing love.
Through Christ Jesus, our hope and our joy, we pray. Amen.

* HYMN #652

A Grateful Heart

ROCKINGHAM

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Forgive us that we too often
see our own perspectives as unfailing wisdom
and our occasional kindnesses as love.
Have mercy on us,
for the clumsiness and insecurity that mar our relationships,
and for the apathy
that cannot find the energy to strive for a better world.
Please forgive us for your love's sake,
and grant us wisdom and courage for the living of these days.

Our prayers continue in silence.

* LORD, HAVE MERCY



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

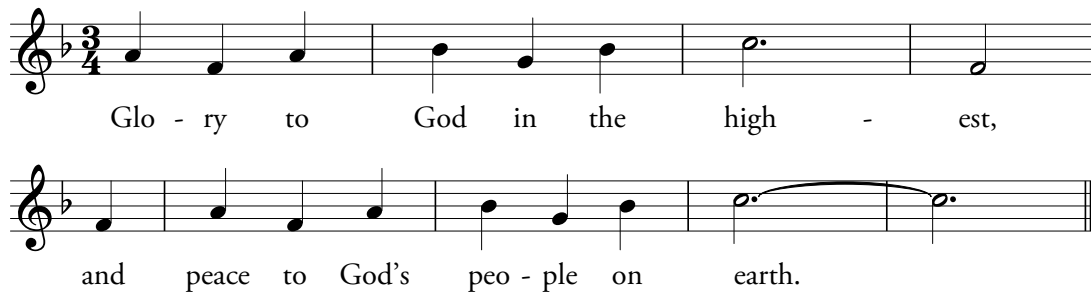
John Merbecke, 1550 (arr. Healey Willan, 1930)

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As far as the East is from the West,
so far does God remove our transgressions from us.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

– Please join in singing the refrain –



Glo - ry to God in the high - est,
and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of the Father.

***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.

MOMENT FOR THE LABOR DAY RETREAT

Amy Wood

The Word

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 111:1-4, 9-10 Pew Bible, pg. 562 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Alleluia! Laud and Blessing Traditional German

Alleluia! Laud and blessing to our God, whose Word is sure;
by whose grace we find redemption, in whose love we live secure.
Righteousness and rich compassion shall attend us all our days;
may God's promise to be faithful echo through our songs of praise!

Alleluia! God sustains us; matchless are the gifts we share:
light in darkness, hope in conflict, answers to our deepest prayer.
Ours to give as we are given: arms to lift when others fall;
images of God's great goodness, faithful servants to God's call.

Alleluia! Holy Parent, all your children now reclaim;
may our lives reflect your justice, heirs to your most sacred name.
Fill our hearts with understanding, brace our weakness by your might;
awesome honor, born in wisdom; your great glory, our delight!

— Michael Morgan, 2011

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3: 3-14 Pew Bible, pg. 98 (NT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Needing the Wisdom of Solomon" Rev. Audrey Schindler

***HYMN #450**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Unison*)

from The Scots Confession

We confess and acknowledge one God alone,
whom alone we must serve,
whom only we must worship,
and in whom alone we put our trust.

By God, we confess and believe all things
in heaven and earth to have been created,
and to be ruled and guided by God's inscrutable providence
for such end as God's eternal wisdom, goodness,
and justice have appointed, to the glory of God.

OFFERTORY Grant Us Wisdom to Perceive You Traditional German

Grant us wisdom to perceive you, hearts awakened to receive you,
minds alert to thoughts that grieve you; God of mercy, hear us.

Grant us faithfulness in praying, strength to keep our souls from straying,
sense to cease from disobeying; God of mercy, hear us.

Grant us diligence in doing, patience when your truth pursuing,
eager to receive renewing, God of mercy, hear us.

Grant us courage to proclaim you; Savior of our lives we name you!
May our actions never shame you; God of mercy, hear us.

— Rae E. Whitney, 1989 (based on a prayer of St. Benedict, ca. 529)

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**

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 #307 God of Grace and God of Glory CWM RHONDDA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 557 J.S. Bach

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks, Associate Pastor
Rev. Brenna Dykman, Interim Associate Pastor
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries
Anna Wells, 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 loving memory of Mark and Norm Schindler, and Paul A. Felix,
by Bruce Felix, Audrey Schindler, Lynn Schindler and Trudy Felix.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Farewell Gift for Pastor Zane

Rev. Zane Buxton, [HR], our Parish Associate, has let us know that he and his wife Karol will be moving to Eugene to be nearer their daughter there. His **last Sunday with us will be September 5th** over Labor Day weekend. Following the service that day, please join us on the plaza for a farewell sendoff! You are also invited to join in a parting gift (traditionally called a “purse”) to thank him for his time caring for the congregation. Checks may be made out to the church with “Zane’s gift” in the subject line. We wish them well on this new chapter!

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.

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 <https://menucha.org/labordayretreat>

Disciples Bible Study Begins In September

Have you been looking for an opportunity to participate in an in-depth study of the New Testament? Then the Disciple Fast Track 12-week course is for you. A prior member of FPC, Robert Moyer, has been facilitating these courses through his church in Baker City, Oregon and since the course is fully via ZOOM, it allows for those in a wider geographic area to attend. The Course will begin the week of September 6th (specific day and time to be determined by those signed up to participate). The weekly meetings will last about 90 minutes. Robert will need to know your interest in participation by August 28th in order to give time for you to order the workbook (which can be ordered at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/4ub3rat2>) and for participants to agree upon the specific day of the week for the meetings. To sign up, or for additional information, please contact Robert at robmoyer@charter.net

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: <https://rosehaven.org/helping/donate-supplies/> for top needed items that are updated weekly. Questions? Please contact Cindy Finch cindylooufinch@yahoo.com

The Presbyterian Women Ministry (PWM) will be holding a virtual sale between August and Thanksgiving this year. Proceeds will benefit PWM operating and mission projects for the coming year. There’s still time to donate items to the PWM on-line sale. Just send Ann Walsh, ann.walsh@gmail.com the particulars of what you are willing to donate, how many, cost per item and when your products will be ready. Please help to make this year’s virtual sale a success! Click here for the list of available items: <https://www.firstpresportland.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/PWM-Virtual-Sale-Goes-Live-Aug.pdf>

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://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=s.signup&urlid=60b0a4ca4a92ca2ff2-alder&view=calendar&mo=1> or contact Brenna at bdkman@firstpresportland.org We are also in need of dish soap, full size Shampoo & Conditioner and small bags of dry dog food.

Northeast Emergency Food Program: How We Can Help!

Learn more about NEFP: <https://www.facebook.com/NEFPpdx/>

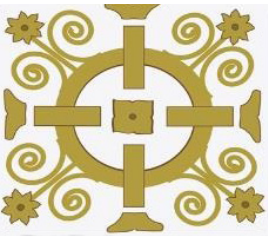
Volunteer to come to Pantry in NE Portland to sort, box, hand out food and other necessary items: <https://emoregon.org/nepf/nepf-volunteer/>

Donate to NEFP (Financial or In-Kind): <https://emoregon.org/nepf/give/>

Pray for NEFP’s continuing successful service to Portland!



“Give your servant an understanding mind”
fresco of King Solomon by Pietro Perugino, c. 1500



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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