



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

**Service for
the Lord's Day**

Please remember to silence your cell phone.



August 22, 2021

*Thirteenth 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 lower plaza following worship to greet one another.

The Gathering

PRELUDE Two settings of *The Servant Song* Mark D. Himmelman & Jeffrey Honore

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Goodness Is Stronger than Evil John L. Bell

Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.
Compassion is ours; compassion is ours through God who loves us.

— Desmond Tutu, c. 1994

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

**How unsearchable are God's judgments
and how inscrutable God's ways!**

For from and through and to God are all things.

To God be glory forever. Amen.

** Please stand if you are able.*

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

Holy God,
we know that the ways of the world are not your ways.
You call us to rise in the face of adversity.
To meet evil with kindness and hate with love.
Help us to be your faithful people. Amen.

*** HYMN #645** Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above MIT FREUDEN ZART

*** INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

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

Lord of all people,
we confess that it is not always easy
to love our brother and sister in Christ.
We are quick to judge and slow to listen.
Have mercy on us,
O God, in your loving-kindness,
create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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.

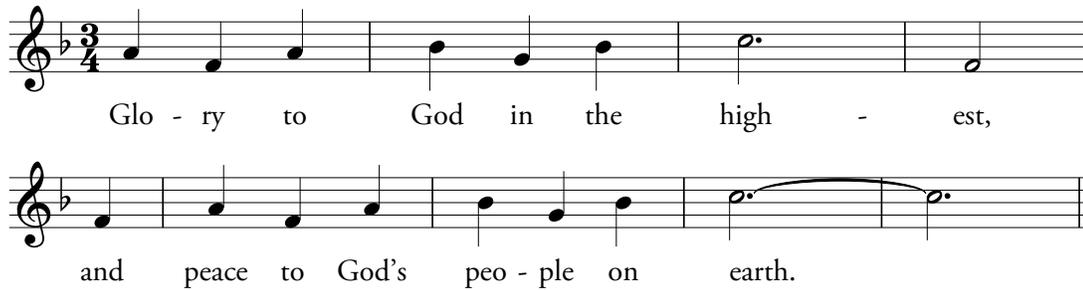
John Merbecke, 1550 (arr. Healey Willan, 1930)

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news!
Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
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 ENDOWMENT

Marilyn Howe

FAITH DEVELOPMENT HIGHER EDUCATION AWARD

Mira Coles

The Word

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 29:11-14 Pew Bible, pg. 731 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

OFFERTORY May God Support You All Your Days Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr.

May God support you all your days, in times of gladness and in need.
May God remember you with grace and bless your every word and deed.

May God confirm your heart's desire and bring to fullness all your plans.
May God's sustaining love inspire your shouts of praise and joyful dance.

May God be near you when you pray, to help you with a gentle hand.
May God forever guide your way and lead you to the promised land.

Our hope is in the Holy One. The swift and strong will surely fall,
but you will stand with God alone, who hears and answers when you call.

— David Gambrell, 2009 (based on Psalm 20)

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.**

Text: © 1990 by Neil Weatherhogg
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 Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace O WALY WALY



1. Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace;
2. Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
3. Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek
4. May we not look for love's re - turn,
5. Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born



where there is hate, may we sow love;
where all is gloom, may we sow hope,
to be con - soled, but to con - sole,
but seek to love un - self - ish - ly,
through death's dark night to end - less day.



where there is hurt, may we for - give;
where all is night, may we sow light;
nor look to un - der - stand - ing hearts,
for in our giv - ing we re - ceive,
Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace



where there is strife, may we make one.
where all is tears, may we sow joy.
but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
to wake at last in heav - en's light.

Text: James Quinn, SJ, 1969; based on a prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, ca. 1220
Tune: O WALY WALY, LM; English folk melody

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Prelude in G Major, Op. 37 No. 2 Felix Mendelssohn

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**WORSHIP
LEADERS**

Rev. Brenna Dykman, Interim Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks, Associate Pastor
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries
Madison Farrell, Annie Dick, Lectors

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 Lynn Hermanson Blum
by Robin Blum Flaig and Bob Blum*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** Today we want to recognize and celebrate our youth and adults who went and served on our 2021 Mission Trip. It was not the trip we were expecting but still they served faithfully and with love and grace. Annie, Daniel, David, Eloise, Emily, Joey, John, Margaret, Margaux, Olivia, Stefen, well done, good and faithful servants!**

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 closer to their daughter. 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.

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 - you can [sign up here!](#) 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.

The Presbyterian Women Ministry (PWM) will be holding a virtual sale between August and Thanksgiving, with proceeds benefitting PWM operating and mission projects. There's still time to donate items to the PWM on-line sale! Send Ann Walsh, ann.walsh@gmail.com, details of what you'd like to donate. "This Week at FPC" on Fridays will have an updated list. There are copies of the list of items in the Glass Office in the PWM box, and a list on the website under "News and Events."

Scripture Readings:

Next week's scripture readings will come from the Lectionary readings: Deut. 4:1-2, 6-9; Ps. 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23. You can find more information on the lectionary here: <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu> The church library has copies of a good study Bible if you're looking for more background: *The New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha: New Revised Standard Version.*

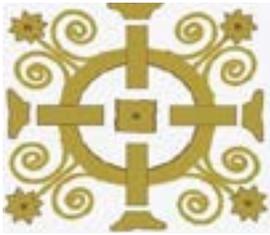
All Church Labor Day Retreat Postponed:

Out of an abundance of caution, the Labor Day Retreat Planning Committee and church leaders determined yesterday that postponing our All Church Labor Day Retreat is the wisest course of action. This week's sharp increase of cases in Oregon and the frightening decrease of available hospital beds is sobering. The Delta variant is a game changer and the risk to many, our unvaccinated children in particular, is not worth the benefits of holding the event at this time.

Refund checks will be issued for all registrants. If you have questions, you may contact retreat chair Lauren Deming at laurendeming511@gmail.com.



Love in Action
by Marek Studzinski



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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