



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

Please remember to silence your cell phone.



August 8, 2021
Eleventh 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 Prelude on *I Am the Bread of Life* Lynn Trapp

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT I Love the Lord Spiritual / arr. Richard Smallwood

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and pitied every groan.
Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to God's throne.

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and chased my grief away.
O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.

— Isaac Watts, 1719, *alt.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul is heavy within me;
all your waves have gone over me.

Surely the Lord will grant me loving mercy in the daytime,
and in the night God's song will be with me.

Why are you cast down, O my soul?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise you, my help and my God.

** 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*)

Grant, O Lord,
in times that would leave us discouraged or depleted,
that we may feed on the true and living bread,
finding in you the sustenance for our journey,
through Christ, the bread of life,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

* HYMN #734

Hope of the World

DONNE SECOURS

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Lord God,
we confess that at times the state of the world
leaves us disheartened and disillusioned,
and we neglect to remember that our hope is in you.
We have wandered from your ways,
wasted your gifts, forgotten your love.
In your mercy, forgive us all our sins, remembered and forgotten,
and help us turn to you, our rock and our redeemer.

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.

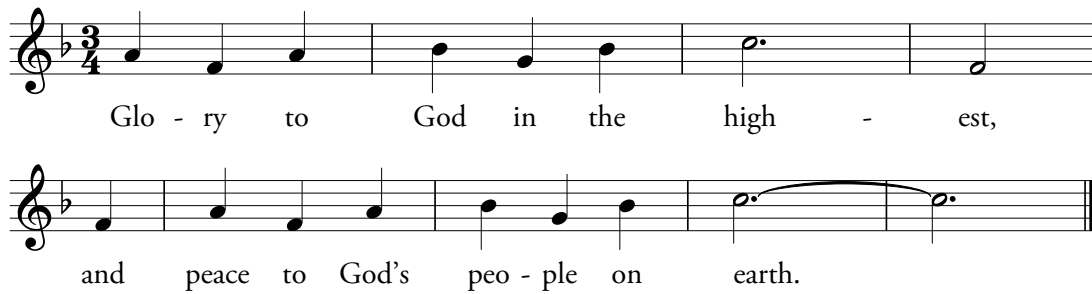
John Merbecke, 1550 (arr. Healey Willan, 1930)

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The proof of God's amazing love is this:
that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.
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.

The Word

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Kings 19: 4-12, 15 Pew Bible, pg. 326 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

– Please join in singing the refrain –

Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord,
the good - ness of the Lord.

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I will bless the Lord at all times, God's praise ever in my mouth;
glory in the Lord forever, and the lowly will hear and be glad.

Glory in the Lord with me, let us together extol God's name.
I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to God that you might be radiant with joy, and your faces free from all shame.
The Lord hears the suffering souls, and saves them from all distress.

— verses from Psalm 34

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 6:35, 49-51 Pew Bible, pg. 98 (NT)
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON “Staying Sustained in Times that Try our Souls” Rev. Audrey Schindler

***HYMN #522** I Am the Bread of Life I AM THE BREAD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Unison*) from The United Church of Canada

We are not alone; we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in the incarnate One, Jesus,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
God calls us to celebrate Christ's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Christ, crucified and risen,
our judge and hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone.

OFFERTORY**Panis Angelicus**

César Franck

Panis angelicus *The bread of angels*
 fit panis hominum. *becomes the bread of humankind.*
 Dat panis coelicus *The heavenly bread*
 figuris terminum. *gives an end to earthly forms.*
 O res mirabilis! *What wonder!*
 Manducat Dominum *Consumes the Lord*
 pauper, servus et humilis. *a poor and humble servant.*

Te trina Deitas unice poscimus, *Triune God, we implore you,*
 sic nos tu visita sicut te colimus. *that you visit us, as we now worship you.*
 Per tuas semitas duc nos quo tendimus *By your ways, lead us who seek*
 ad lucem quam in habitas. *the light in which you dwell.*

(Leah Papay, soprano; Greg Homza, cello)

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 #541 God Be with You Till We Meet Again RANDOLPH

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Rhosymedre Ralph Vaughan Williams

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks, Associate Pastor
Rev. Zane Buxton, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries
Linda Killen, 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 John Hortenstine's 50th Anniversary of being a member
of the Chancel Choir by Sara & Katie Hortenstine.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bridge Pedal this weekend

With the Bridge Pedal event closing some bridges into the city this Sunday, you may need to find an alternate route into the city, consulting the event website: <https://www.providence.org/lp/bridge-pedal/routes>

Meet Artists Maureen Love and Joanna Ceciliani Following Worship Today

The current gallery exhibition entitled **“Seeking Beauty - both with a love of photography & music”** features good friends Maureen Love and Joanna Ceciliani. Both Photographers will be available today from 11:30-1 pm in the gallery to welcome you to their exhibition and discuss their work. *Please note: those attending this inside the church event are advised to keep masked at all times to keep vulnerable members safe.*

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.

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

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 or 503-866-9318..

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 hello@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) 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, hello@firstpresportland.org 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!



‘Arise and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.’
Elijah and the Angel by Bernardino Luini, 1521



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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