



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

We praise you, God,
for summoning the morning sun to banish darkness;
for restoring hope to those who long for light.
You lead us through the valley of shadow
until we are raised by your presence to new life.
We praise you, O God,
for love more wondrous than the falling of the leaves. Amen.

*** HYMN #666** O Splendor of God's Glory Bright PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*** INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

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

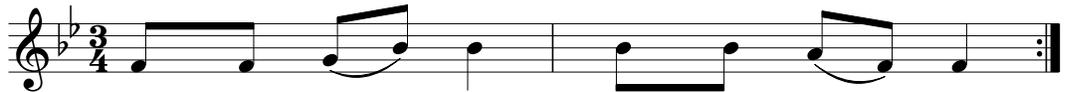
God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you,
and turned aside from your way.
We have failed in love, and
neglected to work for the peace and justice of your kingdom.
We have been impatient with those nearest to us,
and neglected the many needs we see around us.
Forgive our sin, we pray,
and return us to your path of love.

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.

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***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

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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 Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Pew Bible, pg. 453 (OT)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM O Lord, How Do My Woes Increase Orlando Gibbons
O Lord, how do my woes increase,
how many are my miseries, my troubles rise and never cease.
All judge, thou wilt not hear my cries.
— William Leighton, 1613 (*para. Psalm 3:1-2*)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-10
Pew Bible, pg. 218 (NT)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



SERMON "Through a Dark Wood" Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler

***HYMN #299** You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim HANOVER

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Unison*) *from A Brief Statement of Faith, 1991*

We trust in Jesus Christ,
who healed the sick and bound up the brokenhearted.
Unjustly condemned, Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life
and delivering us from death to life eternal.

OFFERTORY

Litany of Peace

Barbara Bridge

– *Please join in singing the refrain* –

God of love, your gift of peace is planted deep within our hearts:

Make me an instrument of your peace.

Make me an instrument of your peace.

God of peace, wherever there is hatred, may we bring your love:

May we bring your hope and gladness where despair and sadness are:

May we seek to understand another with a patient heart:

Faithful God, wherever there is darkness, may we bring your light:

God of mercy, help us to forgive when there is injury done:

Gracious God, whenever people hunger, may we fill their need:

Set us free from all our fear and anger; set us free to love:

— *based on the prayer traditionally ascribed to Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)*

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**

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*)

For this World Communion Sunday, we pray a version of the Lord's Prayer from A New Zealand Prayerbook.

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
Sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For yours are the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

Prelude on *Dove of Peace*

Charles Callahan

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Sending

*HYMN #263	All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name	CORONATION
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	Trumpet Tune in F Major	David Johnson

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks, Associate Pastor
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries
Shelby Walker, Lector

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We join in holding in prayer:

Liz Dean, Ed & Janice Gehrig, Herb Grose, Carl Hammond, Bob Hastings, Fran Hermanson, Myra Rounsavell, Tom Showalter, 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

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are in loving memory of Warren, Edna, Sharon and Robert Everson by Sally and Jon Bates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peace & Global Witness Offering Dedicated Today

Each year our congregation participates in the Peace & Global Witness Offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Your gifts will help more people experience the freedom and dignity that God proclaims for everyone. One-quarter of the amount received remains with our congregation address needs in our local area. Donations to the Offering can be made online through the church website or by mail. Please give generously to support those working to share the dream of peace and reconciliation, as proclaimed by the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ.

Artist's Reception Today Following Worship

In the Chapel Gallery is an exhibition entitled, "Hope in Every Step: the Immigrant Experience." Fifteen artists born outside the United States have their work on display, as well as the compelling personal stories of their journeys to a new home. All invited to join in welcoming them for an Artist's Reception today following worship.

Blessing of the Animals

Next Saturday, October 9, at 10:00 am, Pastor Brenna will lead a Blessing of the Animals service on the plaza. Pets that are comfortable traveling are welcome to attend on leashes or in carriers. If your pet is afraid of car rides, or their behavior is unpredictable around other animals, you can bring a photograph. You can also bring photographs of animal companions who are no longer physically with us, and we will give thanks for their lives during the service.

Presbyterian Women (PWM) Virtual Bake Sale

An updated list is available in the Glass Office in the PWM box, as well as on the FPC website under "News and Events." The list changes weekly, and continues until Thanksgiving, so please check for updated information! All proceeds benefit PWM operating and mission projects

Refugees Support

In light of the ongoing events unfolding in Afghanistan, FPC's Mission Committee is exploring ways to assistance refugees who will be arriving into our community. In October will we be supporting the work of the Refugee Care Collective to putting together Restart Kits to help these families who come with nothing, set up a new life in Oregon. Please watch the bulletin and e-blast for further details on how to help. Other ways to support refugees can be found on our Mission Partner EMO website:

<https://emoregon.org/soar/>

Gail Rogers is Retiring

For the past 12 years, Gail Rogers has been our church staff person in the front office, greeting members and visitors with warmth, fielding questions on the phone, arranging the mailing of newsletters and all kinds of church correspondence, and conveying the care of the church to all who pass through our doors. It is with sadness that we received the news of her plans to retire at the end of October; she will be much missed. Those wishing to contribute to a farewell gift may do so by sending a check to the church. We join in wishing Gail all the best in her next chapter!

Sunday Morning Doors

If you are without a passkey and intend to arrive to the church early on Sunday mornings, please use the Geneva Hall entrance from the parking garage. Doors will be open at 8:30 am.

Scripture Readings:

Next week's scripture readings will come from the Lectionary readings: Job 1-9; 16-17 and Psalm 22:1-15. 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*.

FPC Communications Guidelines

Bulletin: Announcements are due every Monday. Word count should be 75 words or less (so we can fit everyone in). Please include "Bulletin" in the subject line of your email.

Spire: Articles are due by the second Monday of every month. Word count should be 200 words or less. Please include "Spire" in the subject line of your email.

Weekly eBlast: In order to keep the eBlast at a readable length, priority will be given to submitted bulletin announcements that are relevant to that particular week/ upcoming Sunday.

Please send submissions and/or questions to Jennifer at communications@firstpresportland.org.

Lectors Needed for October/November/December

Willing and able to lend your voice to a Sunday reading? Lectors are needed for various Sundays through December. Send a note to Jennifer in the office: communications@firstpresportland.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Celebration Works 2021-2022 Concert Calendar

Celebration Works is back for another season, thanks to the generous support of our community! Thank you! We are excited to offer these concerts in person and online at: <http://firstpresportland.org/music-arts/celebration-works/> If we are unable to meet safely in person, we will present the concerts virtually. We hope you can join us for another season of transformative, inspiring, and invigorating music in our beautiful sanctuary!

Sunday, October 24, 2021 | 2 pm

Migration

Chamber trio Meadowlark (flutist Janet Bebb, oboist Ann van Bever, and cellist Betsy Goy) will be joined by pianist Susan McDaniel and violist Ben Neubauer in music for unusual combinations of instruments.

Sunday, February 13, 2022 | 2 pm

A Valentine's Cello-bration!

Celebrate Valentine's Day and your love of everyone's favorite instrument with a concert of cello duets with wife/husband duo and Oregon Symphony members Marilyn de Oliveira and Trevor Fitzpatrick!

Sunday, March 27, 2022 | 2 pm

Calling Home

Vocal sextet In the Pocket will present a diverse program of classical and popular unaccompanied choral music exploring what it means to find home.

Sunday, May 15, 2022 | 2pm

Heaven/Heavens

Organist Katherine Burk performs a varied program of music inspired by images and ideas of what lies beyond our earthly realm.

Adult Education: Parables of God's Love from Children's Literature

Children's literature can be an outstanding source of contemporary metaphors about God's relationship to us and our relationships with each other. Just as the Children's sermon, captures and illuminates the "Big Idea" of the Sunday scripture --- So too, children's stories, can provide profound insights into the nature of God and God's intentions for us.

In this seven-week course, the instructors will describe Christian understandings that can be drawn from several favorite children's books. Each class is designed to capture our imaginations, deepen our faith and help us more confidently pass stories of our faith on to the next generation. We hope you can "zoom-in" for the whole series, but if you miss a class, don't worry - each class stands alone.

This course will be offered Sundays from noon to 1:00 pm on Zoom. The link for the course is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82086707479>

This same link will be used for all 7 classes.

October 3 & 10

"The Gospel According to Frances": The first four classes will explore books by Russell Hoban---including: "Bedtime for Frances," "Bread and Jam for Frances," "A Birthday for Frances," and "A Bargain for Frances."
Taught by Dale Hess and Fran Page.

October 17

"As I Have Loved You": "The Runaway Bunny" by Margaret Wise Brown, and "Corduroy" by Don Freeman.
Taught by Fran Page.

October 24

"Last Stop on Market Street" by Matt de la Pena.
Taught by Pastor Carmen Goetschius.

October 31

"When God Made Light" by Matthew Paul Turner.
Taught by Pastor Brenna Dykman.



“Job and his Family,” by William Blake, 1828



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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