



**First  
Presbyterian**  
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

**Service for  
the Lord's Day**

*Please remember to silence your cell phone.*



September 19, 2021

*Seventeenth 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

Two settings of *Jesus Loves Me*

Charma Davies Lepke & Charles Callahan

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTROIT

We Are All God's Chosen People

Stephen Nix

We are all God's chosen people, children of a perfect Love.

O yes, there's no one less, there's no one greater. We are all God's chosen ones.

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Our world offers many wide avenues  
and beautiful boulevards to walk;

**Our God invites us to walk the road  
of service and sacrifice.**

Our society suggests we put down our roots  
in the shallow soil of self-concern.

**Our God seeks to plant us on the banks of hope,  
watered by rivers of grace.**

Come, let us worship our God,

**Who calls us to follow in Christ's way of love.**



*\* Please stand as you are able.*



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

Great and Gracious God,  
you have willed that the last shall be first,  
and made a little child the measure of your kingdom.  
Give us wisdom from above,  
so we may understand that, in your sight,  
the one who serves is greatest of all.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**\* HYMN #327** From All That Dwell Below the Skies LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**\* INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

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

We confess how much we are like the first disciples, O Lord.  
We believe we have good knowledge,  
yet do not understand your ways of peace.  
We do not plant ourselves in your grace, and so reap harvests of conflict.  
Teach us peace, and the willingness to serve others first,  
that we may follow in the way of Christ our Lord.

*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.

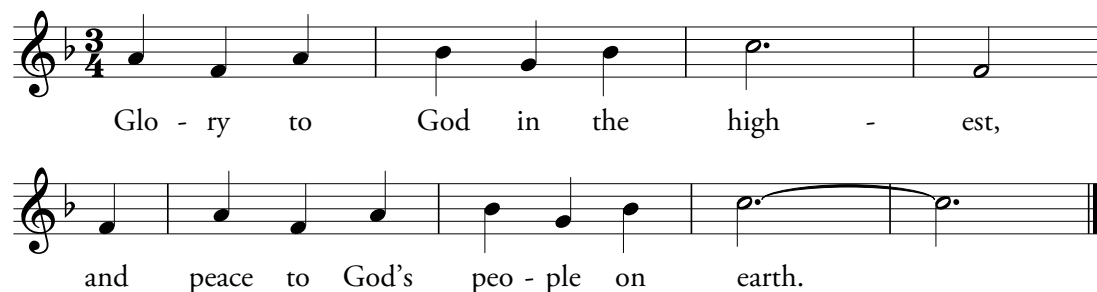
John Merbecke, 1550 (arr. Healey Willan, 1930)

**\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The Scripture assures us that God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world, but that through him, the world might be saved.  
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* –



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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  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1:1-3

Pew Bible, pg. 489 (OT)



**ANTHEM**

## Like a Tree beside the Waters

Roy Hopp

Like a tree beside the waters, nurtured by your loving care,  
 we, O God, your sons and daughters, your enduring witness bear.  
 In each passing generation may your voice of love be heard.  
 Bless, we pray, this congregation with your holy, living Word.

Like a tree beside the river, drawing life from holy streams,  
 fill us with your love forever; recreate our hopes and dreams.  
 Through the storms of life sustain us by the wisdom of your grace.  
 May the changing of the seasons find us in your warm embrace.

We, beside the living waters, drink from your eternal life.  
 Give to all, your sons and daughters, faith that rises over strife.  
 O Living God, most glorious, strengthen us for life today.  
 By the hope of timeless promise guide your church upon the Way

— James F. D. Martin, 1992

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 9:30-37

Pew Bible, pg. 45 (NT)

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**

"Servant of All"

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler

**\*HYMN**

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

BEACH SPRING

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,  
 who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed;  
 we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;  
 consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;  
 still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light  
 in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,  
 making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,  
 stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

Called from worship to your service, forth in your great name we go,  
 to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;  
 hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
 that your servants, Lord, in freedom, may your mercy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1961 © Oxford University Press

Tune: BEACH SPRING, 8.7.8.7.D; The Sacred Harp, 1844

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

*from the Confession of 1967*

In Jesus Christ, God reveals love  
by showing power in the form of a servant,  
wisdom in the folly of the cross,  
and goodness in receiving sinful people.

We are free to seek our life within the purpose of God:  
to develop and protect the resources of nature  
for the common welfare,  
to work for justice and peace in society,  
and in other ways to use our creative powers  
for the fulfillment of human life.  
Life is a gift to be received with gratitude  
and a task to be pursued with courage.

OFFERTORY

The Servant Song

Richard Gillard / arr. Francis Patrick O'Brien

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road;  
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow 'til we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

*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](http://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 #320**      The Church of Christ in Every Age      WAREHAM

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**      Trumpet Tune in A Major      David N. Johnson

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**WORSHIP  
LEADERS**

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor  
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate  
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries  
Erich Merrill, Lector

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

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**SANCTUARY  
FLOWERS**

*The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are in loving memory of Peggy, Linwood, Robin, and Linwood III by their families, the Browns, Cornells and Allens.*



**Memorial Today**

There will be a memorial service this afternoon at 3:00 pm for Rev. Dr. Bill Creevey, with a reception on the Plaza following the service.

The service will also be livestreamed here:

<https://vimeo.com/event/1282625>



"Hope of the World," Harold Copping, 1915



*Mission Statement:*

**G**lorifying God,  
**P**roclaiming Christ,  
**S**erving 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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **The Presbyterian Women Ministry (PWM) Virtual Sale is happening from now until Thanksgiving!**

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, so please check for updated information! All proceeds benefit PWM operating and mission projects.

### **Columbarium Dedication**

Please join us for the dedication of the recently completed Memorial Garden and Columbarium on Sunday, September 26, after worship at noon. The dedication service celebrates the culmination of a three-year project spearheaded by Columbarium Committee Chair, Joyce Evans, and Committee Members Lurna Shively, Ann van Bever and Jon Bates. The installation of the Memorial Garden and Columbarium is a timeless and welcome addition to the church's Plaza and provides a peaceful place for quiet meditation and remembrance.

### **Memorial for Mark Thorne**

A remembrance gathering for Mark Thorne, a former member of First Presbyterian Church, will take place Wednesday, September 29, at 2 pm at Menucha Retreat and Conference Center. The Rev. Spencer Parks will officiate. Menucha was one of Mark's favorite places, from his teen years at church camp to more recent times at events for church seniors. For more information, please contact Katherine at 503-688-3212.

### **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Passion Play**

"Where God's Story Meets Our Story" is the theme of an international study pilgrimage of the Holy Land and the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany, led by Brian Heron, Cascades Presbyter for Vision and Mission, and pastors Steve Knox and Tim Cayton, next May 14-25, 2022 that explores how Jesus' story informs our story. For a brochure or more information contact Brian Heron at [brian@potc.life](mailto:brian@potc.life) or at 541-465-9173.

### **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](mailto:communications@firstpresportland.org).

### **Cooking with FPC Begins Tonight!**

Ready to get cookin'? The Fellowship committee is starting a new Zoom series - Cook it up with First Pres! Tonight! September 19 at 5 pm! Follow this link to RSVP, get the zoom link and see the ingredient list:

<http://evite.me/9phtMPKZ4>

Amy Hall will be our first hostess - she is making one of her "go-to" one pot recipes - Chipotle Chicken and Rice. You do not need to have the ingredients on hand to join the fun. We hope you'll join us (and maybe you can host with one of your favorite recipes in the future). Questions? Email Amy Hall at [iamamyhall@hotmail.com](mailto:iامamyhall@hotmail.com).

### **Volunteers Needed!**

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, our mission partner, has shared this background for those looking to support EMO's refugee work in light of recent events in Afghanistan. To learn more about Afghan refugees, visit the website of our partner organization, Church World Service. If you'd like to volunteer your time with EMO's efforts on refugees, please email [emo@emoregon.org](mailto:emo@emoregon.org), call (503) 221-1054, or fill out their Volunteer Interest Form. They will contact you with opportunities.

### **Artwork in the Chapel**

In the Chapel Gallery is a new 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. We are all invited to join in welcoming them at an Artist's Reception scheduled for Sunday, October 3, following worship.

### **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: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; and Psalm 124. 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*.

## 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, September 26, 2021 | 2 pm*

#### **20th Century Blues and Ragtime Guitar**

Mary Flower, internationally-known musician and teacher, will sing and play you through the music that paved the way to jazz, and later, rock and roll.

*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.

### **New Course in Adult Education: Parables of God's Love from Children's Literature**

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 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.

*September 19 & 26 and 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.**