



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

**Service for
the Lord's Day**

Please remember to silence your cell phone.



September 5, 2021

*Fifteenth 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 *from* Sonata No. 5 in G Major, HWV 384 Georg Friedrich Händel
I. Adagio
II. Allegro
(Sully Bailey-Darland and Ann van Bever, oboe)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Bread of the World in Mercy Broken Louis Bourgeois
Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead:
look on the heart by sorrow broken; look on the tears by sinners shed;
so may your feast become the token that by your grace our souls are fed.
— *Reginald Heber, 1827, alt.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
maker of heaven and earth.
You spoke and all things came into being,
Holy is your name.
This is the day the Lord has made,
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

** Please stand if you are able.*

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

Lord God of the nations,
you have revealed your will to all people
and promised us your saving help.
May we hear and do what you command,
that your gifts of grace and mercy would multiply;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN #14**

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

***INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

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

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that though we know your law and your commands,
we tend to pick and choose to obey when it is convenient.
You lavish love upon us and in response you ask us to love in return,
but we are selfish. Every day we fail:
to do justice,
to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with you, our God.
Forgive and cleanse us from our sin.
In your loving-kindness, steer us aright
and give us the courage and strength to do your will;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray. 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**

God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation:
the old life has gone. A new life has begun.
Friends, trust, believe, and live the good news of the Gospel:
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

When the Poor Ones

arr. David Cherwien

When the poor ones who have nothing still are giving;
 when the thirsty pass the cup, water to share;
 when the wounded offer others strength and healing:
 we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When compassion gives the suffering consolation;
 when expecting brings to birth hope that was lost;
 when we choose love, not the hatred all around us:
 we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness;
 when our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth;
 when our longings, free from envy, seek the humble:
 we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwellings;
 when the nations work to change war into peace;
 when the stranger is accepted as our neighbor:
 we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

— José Antonio Olivar; 1971; trans. Martin A. Seltz, 1998

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING James 2:1-10; 14-17 Pew Bible, pg. 229 (NT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Seeing with the Eyes of God"

Rev. Carmen Goetschius

***HYMN #320**

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

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

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
 the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;

the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY Romance in A minor, Op. 94 No. 1 Robert Schumann

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**

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*)

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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC Schmücke dich, o Liebe Seele*, Op. 122 No. 5
Johannes Brahms

**Adorn yourself, O dear soul*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Sending

***HYMN #766** The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound MCKEE

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *from* Sonata No. 5 in G Major, HWV 384 Georg Friedrich Händel
III. Allegro

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**WORSHIP
LEADERS**

Rev. Brenna Dykman, Interim Associate Pastor
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate
Rev. Zane Buxton, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries
Peter Vanden Bosch, Lector

**PRAYERS OF
THE PEOPLE**

We join in holding in prayer:

Liz Dean, Ed & Janice Gehrig, Herb Grose, Carl Hammond,
Bob Hastings, Fran Hermanson, Anna Myers, Myra Rounsavel, 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 chancel table flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given
in loving memory of Patricia and Theodore Ziel, by their daughter
Sharon Ziel.*

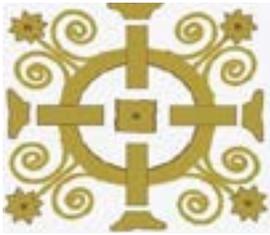
*The communion table flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given
in loving memory of her husband, Ray Corwin, by Alice Corwin.*

IN MEMORIAM

*Our prayers and sympathy are with friends and family of Amy Mase,
who died on Friday, August 27.*



Heinrich Nauen, "The Good Samaritan"



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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Farewell to Pastor Zane

Today following worship on the plaza, you will have a chance to greet Rev. Zane Buxton, our Parish Associate, and to join in our wishing him well on his coming move to Eugene. This is his last Sunday with us in worship. The congregation and staff are so thankful for his faithfulness in making pastoral calls, officiating for weddings and funerals, working with committees and staff of the church, and preaching and assisting in worship. We wish Zane and Karol God's blessings on this new chapter of life and retirement!

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". All proceeds benefit PWM operating and mission projects.

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 or at 541-465-9173.

Tuesday Book Club

Join in September 7th at 11:00 am via Zoom. Book recommendations from members will be used to select the reading selections for the coming "reading year". Check your email for your Zoom invite, and sign in at 10:45 am on the day of the meeting. After the meeting, there will be time for Zoom chat with book club friends.

October SPIRE Reminder

Just a reminder that items for the October SPIRE are due to Jennifer on Monday, September 13. Please submit them via email to:

communications@firstpresportland.org

Scripture Readings:

Next week's scripture readings will come from the Lectionary readings: Mark 8: 27-38, Psalm 116: 1-9. 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*.

Kids Sunday School & Nursery Starts Next Sunday!

Immediately following the Children's Lesson most weeks, children are welcome to either stay in worship or attend one of four Sunday School classes here at the church. Sunday School classes are led by trained, loving volunteers alongside some wonderful high school interns. Feel free to walk your children to class, or if they feel comfortable, interns and teachers can guide them.

Nursery (birth – age 3) — located across from the restrooms and next to the church office

Godly Play (pre-K – 2nd grade) – floor 2

Bible Crew (3rd – 4th grade) – floor 2

Jr. High (5th – 7th grade) – floor 3

The theme for the year is "We are all a part of God's Story." Want to know more? Please contact Pastor Carmen at cgoetschius@firstpresportland.org. We can't wait to welcome your children and nurture them in faith.

Open Circle Resumes

Our next season will begin September 9 and we will be meeting at the church. Our first meeting will be a social gathering on the church plaza at 10 am. Please bring a snack and something to drink. We will be studying the book of James in the New Testament, using the study guide *James: A 12-Week Study* by Greg Gilbert from the Knowing the Bible series published by Crossway. This book is available for order from [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) (in paperback and Kindle format) and [powells.com](https://www.powells.com) (paperback only).

New Artwork in the Chapel

In the Chapel Gallery this morning 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

New Course in 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.

This seven-week course will be offered Sundays from 12:00 pm 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.

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: "The Light we Are," When God Made Light, by Matthew Paul Turner. Taught by Pastor Brenna Dykman.

Fair Trade Holiday Market 2021

This unprecedented year, we will be having an unprecedented online Fair Trade Holiday Market with our faithful vendors of past years. Look for upcoming Spire articles for more details. And let us give thanks for the international Fair Trade ministry that makes such a difference to gifted artisans, their families and communities in poor, developing countries.

Give in September - and We'll Match!

The Trustees have issued a "matching challenge" to the congregation to help build the Annual Giving Endowment, a new component of the church's endowment.

The Annual Giving Endowment was established last year. While most of the church's endowment accounts are established through bequests or as reserves held for specific purposes like repairing the roof or maintaining the parking garage, this fund is different. It was designed to accept Individual Retirement Account distributions, individually owned securities, etc., and this account's earnings in the market supplement church operations. In the July Spire, the Trustees announced the account was nearing \$250,000 – the threshold it needed to reach before it could start paying dividends to the church budget. The Trustees are delighted to announce the fund has reached that goal – and believe there are people who are still thinking about making contributions.

To encourage them, a Trustee has offered to match contributions up to \$13,000 made to the Annual Giving Endowment before the end of September. As reported in last month's Spire, due to the pandemic relief legislation, there are some special tax advantages to donating securities during the 2021 tax year.

If you would like to participate in this challenge, please contact Marc Lavender, our church business administrator, at (503) 228-7331 and tell him you are interested in the AGE and want your contribution to be matched.

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. II Corinthians 9:7

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.