



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

**Service for
the Lord's Day**

October 10, 2021

*Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost*

Please remember to silence your cell phone. 

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. There will be a chance to gather outside on the plaza following worship to greet one another.

The Gathering

PRELUDE Lord, I Want to Be a Christian arr. Penny Rodriguez
 Precious Lord, Take My Hand arr. Jack Schrader

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT In God Alone Jacques Berthier/Taizé
 In God alone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.
 Only in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me?
O God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
by night, but I find no rest.
Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
In you our ancestors trusted and you delivered them.



** Please stand as you are able.*



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

God, you promise never to forsake us.
Help us to trust in this promise.
Meet us in our deepest doubts,
and when we are afraid,
assure us of your sustaining power,
that we might trust you in every trial we face.
Visit us with your mercy and grace this day and always. Amen.

*** HYMN #12** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ST. DENIO

*** INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

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

Eternal One,
in fear and anger, we often rail against you
and we regularly forget your goodness.
We confess we often fail to see you when you are right by our side.
Forgive us and teach us to follow you in faith,
that we, like Job, may learn to truly see and hear,
and in humility find a blessing.

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**

Rejoice and be glad!

Our God is full of mercy, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love.

Hear 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 Psalm 23 Pew Bible, pg. 501 (OT)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM The Lord's My Shepherd Bob Chilcott

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
in pastures green: he leadeth me the quiet waters by.
My soul he doth restore again; and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill:
for thou art with me and thy rod and staff me comfort still.
My table thou has furnished in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me:
and in my Father's heart always my dwelling place shall be.

— *Psalm 23, para. The Scottish Psalter, 1650*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Job 23:1-9 Pew Bible, pg. 471 (OT)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



SERMON "No Cure for Being Human" Rev. Carmen Goetschius

***HYMN #836** Abide with Me EVENTIDE

***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

We Are Not Alone

Pepper Choplin

We are not alone. God is with us.
We are never alone. God is with us.
Now, through all our days, always, forever and ever.
God will make us strong. We will press on.
(Maddy Ross, soloist)

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**

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 #687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE



*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fuga - Allegro moderato *from* Sonata in C Major, Op. 65 No. 2
Felix Mendelssohn

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks, Associate Pastor
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries
Melissa Dailey, 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
John & Ann Smeaton by Janet and David Leatherwood.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Adult Education Series

The Adult Education series: “Metaphors of God’s Love from Children’s Literature” will continue through the four Sundays of October. The class will be examining 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 link will be used for all 4 classes.

October 10: *A Bargain for Frances*: will complete the exploration of books by Russell Hoban. 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.

Presbyterian Women (PWM) Fall Gathering

The fall gathering of the Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of the Cascades will be held October 16 from 10 to 12:30 pm on Zoom. All are able to attend by sending your request to rojewel@gmail.com. Jane Kirkpatrick will be Keynote Speaker and Workshop leader. Offerings can be made to Safe Choice (a program helping victims of domestic violence in Vancouver WA) or SOAR (Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees). Your donations should be made payable to Cascades Presbyterian Women and mailed to: Marylou Williams, 14601 NW 26th Ave. Vancouver WA 98685. Don’t miss this opportunity.

New Members Gathering

Do you know a visitor or livestream service viewer who might be interested in becoming a member? If you want to learn more, please join us at our next Membership Gathering using Zoom on Sunday, November 7, from noon to 1:30 pm. Staff and members of FPC will share information, and answer your questions. Please contact the church office before November 1 so that we can provide printed information by mail in advance. Email: hello@firstpresportland.org

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/>

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 38:1-8a, 11, 42:1-5, 5 and Mark 10: 35-40. 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.

Lay Readers Needed for November & December

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



“Job and his Friends” by Ilya Repin, 1869



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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