



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

God of grace and glory,
when you fashioned the world,
the morning stars sang together,
and the host of heaven shouted for joy.
Open our eyes to the wonders of creation
and teach us to use all things for good,
to the honor of your glorious name;
through Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*** HYMN #32**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

*** INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

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

O God, we thank you that in Christ, you have known the depths of human pain, and yet have risen to everlasting joy. We confess that we have failed to live in the hope that our Redeemer gives us. We have ceased to look for the promised dawn, when joy will fill our hearts. O God, forgive our lack of trust, our inability to look beyond present pain. Restore to us the hope of the day that shall surely come, when every tear shall be dried, and all the earth live to praise your name.

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.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Come, let us reason together, says our Lord,
though your sins be as scarlet, they shall become white as snow.
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.



OFFERTORY **How Can I Keep From Singing?** **Clifford Brock**

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

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 #8

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA



*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro maestoso e vivace *from* Sonata in C Major, Op. 65 No. 2
Felix Mendelssohn

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Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries
Estelle Brunner, 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
Nathan and Eleanor Primack by Steve & Candace Primack.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Adult Education Series

“Metaphors of God’s Love from Children’s Literature,” continues its exploration of Christian understandings drawn from favorite children’s books. Today’s class meets on Zoom from noon to 1:00 pm. Entitled, “As I Have Loved you,” the class will discuss *The Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown, and *Corduroy* by Don Freeman. It will be taught by retired psychologist, Fran Page. Next Sunday, October 24, the final class of the series will feature the book *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Pena, and will be taught by Pastor Carmen Goetschius. The zoom link for both classes is:

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

Don Fales Memorial

At 2:00 pm today, there will be a memorial service for Don Fales in the sanctuary, and you are invited to attend as we remember and give thanks for his life. Here is the link for the livestream: <https://vimeo.com/event/1282625>

Zoom Cookin’ with First Pres

Ready to get cookin’? Next Sunday, October 24, at 5:00 pm, the FPC Fellowship committee presents the second round of “Cook it up with First Pres!” Sarah Schwab will be our hostess this week! Sarah will be making her great-grandmother’s official Schwab Buttermilk Pancakes. We hope you’ll join us (and maybe you can host with one of your favorite recipes in the future). Follow this link to RSVP, get the zoom link and see the ingredient list:

<http://evite.me/d3aRD5sJJT>

Questions? Email Amy Hall at iamamyhall@hotmail.com.

Meadowlark Returns to Celebration Works on October 24 at 2:00 pm

Join us in the sanctuary or online for Migration, a concert of chamber music with Meadowlark (Ann van Bever, oboe, Janet Bebb, flute, and Betsy Goy, cello) and special guests Susan McDaniel, piano and Ben Neubauer, viola. The concert explores unusual combinations of instruments, sometimes “migrating” from a piece’s original instrumentation and will feature a new work premiere by Sara Carina Graef, entitled “Meadowlark”. We are thrilled to welcome these fabulous musicians back to FPC for a concert that is not to be missed! All Celebration Works concerts are free and all are welcome! www.firstpresportland.org/music-arts/celebration-works

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.

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!

Refugee Assistance

The first Afghan refugees have arrived in Portland, with many more expected in the coming weeks. On Sunday, October 31, at noon, Jennica Stephenson, from Lutheran Community Services Northwest, will speak to us about how that agency is leading an ecumenical efforts to assist the families. We will learn how we can help, through a joint effort of our Faith Development and Mission Committees.

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.

Scripture Readings:

Next week’s scripture readings will come from the Lectionary readings: Job 42:1-6, 10-17 and Psalm 34:1-8. 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*.



Our FPC 2022 stewardship drive will kick off October 17 with the dedication of our pledges on November 14!

“Love God, love our Neighbors” is the central cornerstone of this year’s campaign theme.

The past year has seen our FPC congregational family faced with extraordinary challenges due to the Covid pandemic, both spiritually and financially. School closures, job losses and shutdowns, interruptions to our everyday way of life have affected how we live our faith both individually and as a congregation.

Although our stewardship pledges are always essential to our church mission work and outreach, this past year was particularly troubling as we faced unplanned events, including the loss of revenue associated with our parking garage.

In spite of this garage revenue loss, our FPC family was blessed with increased giving last year that helped offset this deficit, but not entirely. Once again, this year we need your financial support now more than ever before in order to maintain the strength of our congregation going into the new fiscal year.

When Jesus was asked which is the greatest commandment in the law, he replied:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind.

This is the first and greatest commandment.

The second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Matthew 22:37-39

On behalf of the FPC stewardship committee, we thank you for your faithful giving. Please help us to meet these new challenges as we prayerfully consider how we can respond to the needs of our beloved church through our generous stewardship pledges.

Questions: Please contact the FPC office by email at office@firstpresportland.org or call 503-228-7331



“The Lord Answering Job from the Whirlwind” - William Blake, 1804



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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