



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

Please remember to silence your cell phone. 

October 24, 2021

*Twenty-second 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.

Weather permitting, there will be a coffee hour on the plaza following the service. When weather is inclement, you are invited to remain in the sanctuary or chapel and chapel narthex for a time of greeting following worship.

The Gathering

PRELUDE Two settings of *New Britain* Dale Wood & Harold M. Best

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Haitian Kyrie Trad./arr. Andrew Donaldson

*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Save my life, Jesus, I pray. Save our lives, Jesus, we pray.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy!



** Please stand as you are able.*



* PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Unison*)

Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, O God,
to comfort us in all temptation and affliction;
that we, being steadfast in the faith,
may increase in love and in all good works,
and in the end obtain everlasting life;
through Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

* HYMN #610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
your face is hidden from us by our sins,
and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts.
Cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires.
With lowliness and meekness may we draw near to you,
confessing our faults, confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and our strength.

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

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love.

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

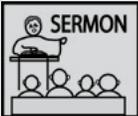
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 31:7-9 Pew Bible, pg. 734 (OT)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



ANTHEM He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
African American spiritual / arr. Moses Hogan
He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got all the power in his hands.
He's got you and me, brother, in his hands. He's got you and me, sister, in his hands.
He's got the little baby in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got mother and father in his hands. He's got the stars and moon right in his hands.
He's got everybody in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.
(Sarah Beaty, mezzo-soprano)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 10:46-52 Pew Bible, pg. 47 (NT)
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.



SERMON "Take Heart" Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler

* **HYMN #649** Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound NEW BRITAIN

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Unison*) *from* the United Church of Canada

Jesus announced the coming of God's reign—
a commonwealth not of domination
but of peace, justice, and reconciliation.
He healed the sick and fed the hungry.
He preached and practiced unconditional love—
love of God, love of neighbor,
love of friend, love of enemy—
and he commanded all who would follow him
to love one another as he has loved us.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Doug Blomgren and Alice Estes

OFFERTORY There's a Wideness in God's Mercy Maurice Bevan

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
But we make God's love too narrow by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own.

There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.
If our love were but more faithful we would gladly trust God's word;
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

— Frederick William Faber, 1862

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**

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

Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old

KINGSFOLD



Your hands, O Lord, in days of old were strong to heal and
And then your touch brought life and health, gave speech and strength and
O be our might - y heal-er still, O Lord of life and



save; they tri-umphed o - ver pain and death, o'er dark-ness
sight; and youth re - newed, with health re - stored, claimed you, the
death; re - store and strength-en, soothe and bless with your al-



and the grave. To you they went, the blind, the mute,
Lord of light. And so, O Lord, be near to bless,
- might - y breath. On hands that work and eyes that see,



the pal - sied and the lame, the lep - er set a-
al - might - y now as then, in ev - ery street, in
your heal - ing wis - dom pour, that whole and sick and



- part and shunned, the sick with fe - vered frame.
ev - ery home, in ev - ery trou - bled friend.
weak and strong may praise you ev - er - more.

Text: Edward Hayes Plumptre, 1866, alt.
Tune: KINGSFOLD, CMD; English folk melody



*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Processional

William Mathias

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**WORSHIP
LEADERS**

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor
Rev. Brenna Dykman, Interim Associate Pastor
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries
Anna Wells, Lector

**PRAYERS OF
THE PEOPLE**

We join in holding in prayer:

Liz Dean, Ed & Janice Gehrig, Herb Grose, 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 Jerry Hoder from the Hoder family, Maurine, Kevin, Patty, John and Ian.

IN MEMORIAM

Our prayers and sympathy are with the family and friends of Carl Hammond, who died on October 18.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Adult Education Series

Today is the final class in the Adult Education Series: "Metaphors of God's Love from Children's Literature." Today's class will meet on Zoom from noon to 1:00 PM and will be taught by Pastor Carmen Goetschius. It will feature the book, *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Pena. Join us as, together, we explore new insights into our faith. The zoom link for both classes is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82086707479>

Meadowlark Returns Today at 2:00 pm

Join us in-person or online for Migration with Meadowlark (Ann van Bever, oboe, Janet Bebb, flute, and Betsy Goy, cello) and guests Susan McDaniel, piano and Ben Neubauer, viola. The concert explores unusual combinations of instruments, sometimes "migrating" from a piece's original instrumentation and features the a premiere of "Meadowlark" by Sara Carina Graef. Celebration Works concerts are free and livestreamed! All are welcome! <https://bit.ly/CelebrationWorks>

Zoom Cookin' with First Pres

Ready to get cookin'? Tonight 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.

Refugee Assistance

The first Afghan refugees have arrived in Portland, with many more expected in the coming weeks. Next Sunday, October 31, at noon, Jennica Stephenson, from Lutheran Community Services Northwest, and Anthony Pinchuk, Program Coordinator for the Refugee Resettlement and Placement program, 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. The livestream link is here: <https://vimeo.com/event/1380930>

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.

Stewardship 2022

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind . . . and love your neighbor as yourself.
Matthew 22:37-39

As we emerge more and more from isolation and increasingly worship together again, our church, our community, and the neighbors we seek to serve continue to be confronted with extraordinary challenges. Yet our church also remains engaged in exciting work. Through it all, God has been with us, and God's love has been a blessing. As individuals and as a church, we are called to be instruments of that love, especially among our neighbors—both near and far—who are most in need. Stewardship pledges remain essential to that work. Please prayerfully consider your stewardship pledge for this coming year. Our pledges will be dedicated on Sunday, November 14. Questions: Please contact the FPC office by email at office@firstpresportland.org or call 503-228-7331.

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

Annual Congregational Meeting - November 14

The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place via Zoom on Sunday, November 14, at 1:00 pm. Annual reports will be distributed digitally prior to the meeting. If you would like to receive a paper copy of the Annual Report, please contact Jennifer at communications@firstpresportland.org.

Scripture Readings

Next week's scripture readings will come from the Lectionary readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Romans 3:21-28. 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*.



“Christ and Bartimaeus” Julia Stankova, 2017



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.

PRINCIPAL CHURCH STAFF

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