



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

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.

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 Highland Cathedral arr. Charles Callahan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Martin Luther

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our refuge and strength,
always ready to help in times of trouble.
So we will not fear, even if earthquakes come,
and the mountains crumble into the sea.
Let the oceans roar and foam.
Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!
The Lord Almighty is here among us;
the God of Israel is our fortress.

October 31, 2021

*Twenty-third Sunday
after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday*



** Please stand as you are able.*



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

God of the faithful,
we give thanks for your abundant blessings.
Thank you for our fathers and mothers in the faith who,
sometimes with significant risk, stood up for their beliefs.
Give us the courage to speak out and speak up,
that we might share your merciful love and grow in grace.
In your holy name, we pray.

***HYMN #624** I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art TOULON

***INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

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

God of mercy,
do not let us bury ourselves
 into the bunkers of this-is-how-it-always-has-been.
Give us courage to look for reformation
 when we've become too set in our ways.
Give us courage and faith
 to give room for your Spirit to move in our lives,
 and in the life of our church. Amen

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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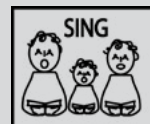
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ is the way, the truth and the life.
He is our peace,
who breaks down the walls that divide,
who gives us, through the Holy Spirit,
ever-new beginnings.
Hear the good news,
in Christ, we receive forgiveness and reconciliation
and we are strengthened
for a faithful and common witness in our time.
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

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Emily Rose Hall and Sophie June Morris

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 31:31-34 Pew Bible, pg. 735 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



ANTHEM This is the Covenant Jean Berger

This is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel,
after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them,
and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

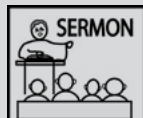
And no longer shall each one teach their neighbor and one another saying,
“Know the Lord.” For they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,
says the Lord:

for I will remember their sin no more, says the Lord.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Romans 3:21-28 Pew Bible, pg. 154 (NT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



SERMON “Ecclesia Reformata, Semper Reformanda” Rev. Brenna Dykman

***HYMN#300** We Are One in the Spirit THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Unison*) *from the Heidelberg Catechism*

We believe that the eternal God of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by eternal counsel and providence, is our God because of Christ God's Son. We trust in God so much that we do not doubt God's will provide whatever we need for body and soul. Nothing will separate us from God's love.

OFFERTORY Out of the Depths arr. John Erickson

Out of the depths I cry to thee. Lord, hear me I implore thee.

Bend down thy gracious ear to me, I lay my sins before thee.

If thou rememberest each misdeed, if each should have its rightful meed,
who may abide thy presence?

Thou grantest pardon through thy love, thy grace alone availeth,
our works could ne'er our guilt remove, yea e'en the best life faileth.

For none may boast himself of aught, but must confess thy grace hath wrought
whate'er in him is worthy.

And thus my hope is in the Lord, and not in my own merit,

I rest upon his faithful word to them of contrite spirit,
that he is merciful and just, here is my comfort and my trust.

His help I wait with patience.

— *para. Psalm 130*

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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***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 #716 God Whose Giving Knows No Ending BEACH SPRING

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565 J.S. Bach

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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
Ted Magnuson, 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
our parents, Jo Schmidt and John and Mae Killen, by Tim and Linda
Killen.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Refugee Assistance Speakers Today

The first Afghan refugees have arrived in Portland, with many more expected in the coming weeks. Today 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>

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

A Note from Gail

Dear First Pres Church Family, Thank you for letting me be a part of your church family for the last 12 years. I have been overwhelmed by your kind words, phone calls, notes, cards and well wishes! I will miss you all!
- Gail Rogers

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.

Our Church's Per Capita Apportionment

Every year, our church is assessed an amount based on our active membership, a per member fee that is paid by the church to help support the structure of our regional Presbytery, Synod, and the denomination's General Assembly. This allows people from all areas of the church, large and small churches, to take part in our representative form of church governance. This year, the Per Capita Apportionment will be \$39.00 per member. Please consider a gift to offset this amount to help in the church's work. Many thanks!

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*

When people think of stewardship, they often think of money. Yes, money is a very important part of our pledging to our church. The offering of our time and talents are also important. Money is used to fund many FPC programs, our fabulous staff and maintenance of our cherished building. Members' time and talent are critical for many of the activities we do in church and in the community. Think of the folks who provide our special music during worship and those involved in multiple service projects. This Sunday, you will hear from two of our younger members who represent some of the many gifts and talents so freely offered to our congregation and to our community. Stewardship pledges and offerings of our time and talent remain essential to that work. Please prayerfully consider your stewardship pledge and your time and talent offerings for the 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.

Annual Congregational Meeting - November 14

The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place via Zoom on Sunday, November 14, at 1:00 pm. The zoom link is: <https://bit.ly/FPCAnnualMeeting> 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: John 11:32-44 and Revelation 21:1-6a. 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*.



Castle Church Doors in Wittenberg, Germany



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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