



# First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF PORTLAND

## Service for the Lord's Day

Please remember to silence your cell phone. 

Welcome to worship! In response to virus numbers and recent guidance, our church is requiring that all those attending worship and any other events inside the church keep masked at all times to help 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** from Trio Sonata in D minor, H.569 Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach  
I. Allegretto  
(Kathryn Hill and Ben Leinfelder, flutes; Greg Homza, cello)

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** Commit Your Way to God the Lord Thurlow Weed

Commit your way to God the Lord: your cause will shine as bright as fire;

delight to do God's holy word and you shall find what you desire.

Be still before the Lord and wait, and do not fret when wrong succeeds;

refrain from anger, turn from hate, for God will punish evil deeds.

Commit your way to God the Lord; to peace and truth and grace aspire;

then mercy shall be your reward; God's promises, your heart's desire

— from Psalm 37; para. Michael Perry, 1989

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!

O come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For we are the people of God's pasture,

and the sheep of God's hand.

November 14, 2021

Twenty-fifth Sunday after  
Pentecost  
Stewardship Sunday



\* Please stand as you are able.

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Unison*)

Almighty God,  
we thank you for all the gifts you have given us;  
our lives, our loved ones, all that we have and all that we are.  
You have created us in your image,  
and made us stewards of the world in all its wonder.  
Most of all, we thank you for Christ, our redeemer,  
who gave his life that we might live.  
May we be faithful stewards of all your gifts,  
that the world might know your love.  
Through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

\*HYMN #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

\*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Gracious God, from your hand we have received grace upon grace,  
the gifts of life and love, of family and faith.  
Yet we have too often forgotten to be thankful,  
and have been hesitant to give of what you have given us.  
Help us to count our blessings,  
and for the sake of our Lord who gave his life,  
to give of ourselves, that the world may know your love.

*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

This day we celebrate that Christ has given his life once for all.  
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

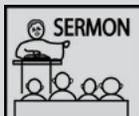
## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



FIRST SCRIPTURE READING      Psalm 16      Pew Bible, pg. 495 (OT)  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING      *from* Trio Sonata in D minor, H.569      C. P. E. Bach  
II. Largo

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING      Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25  
Pew Bible, pg. 224 (NT)  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.



SERMON      "Hold Fast to Hope"      Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler

\*HYMN #846      Fight the Good Fight      DUKE STREET

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)      *from the* Belhar Confession, 1986

We believe that the unity of the people of God must be manifested in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, work for one cause, and share one hope; together know and bear one another's burdens, admonishing and comforting one another; praying together and serving God in this world.

*During the Offertory music, you are invited to bring your pledge cards forward and to place them on the communion table.*

*Those preferring to remain in the pews may place their pledge card in the offering plate as you depart the sanctuary.*

**OFFERTORY #709**

God, We Honor You

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

– *Please join in singing* –

God, we honor you, God, we trust in you.

God, we worship and adore you.

Take what we bring, offered to you.

Teach us to show your abundant blessings.

Alleluia, amen.

*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](http://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 AND OFFERING OF PLEDGES**

God, we have received at your hand grace upon grace.

It is grace to experience the joy of giving,

and grace to participate in the mission of your church

both within these walls and in the city and the world beyond.

We dedicate to you this day our gifts for the coming year,

and our time, energy, prayer, and love that we offer in your service.

May they widen the circle where your love is known.

In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

**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 #697

Take My Life

HENDON

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*from* Trio Sonata in D minor, H.569  
III. Allegro

C. P. E. Bach

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## Annual Congregational Meeting - Today

The Annual Congregational Meeting **will take place via Zoom** today at 1:00 pm to elect church officers and vote on installed pastors' terms of call.

*There is no in-person meeting!*

The Zoom link is: <https://bit.ly/FPCAnnualMeeting>

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor  
Rev. Brenna Dykman, Interim Associate Pastor  
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate  
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries  
Dick McFall, 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](mailto:office@firstpresportland.org) or by phone at (503) 228-7331.

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

*The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are in loving memory of Svetla Rousseva, by Ann and Peter van Bever.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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*

Last Sunday, we celebrated All Saints Day and were reminded of the contributions so many before us have made to this church, this congregation, and the broader community. Today, we have the opportunity, once again, to commit ourselves to our church's health, its mission, and our expression of God's love within the congregation and the world around us.

Please prayerfully consider your 2022 pledge to First Presbyterian. We will dedicate our pledges today during worship. You can also make your pledge by going online to the church website and clicking on the "Donate" button. And, of course, you can mail your pledge to the church. Thank you so much for your ongoing support of First Presbyterian Church in Portland.

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

### Called by God to Care

Adult Education and the Earth Care Team will continue to explore theological foundations to help Christians respond faithfully to climate change through another important author that has inspired FPC members engaged in Earth Care. The class will meet on Zoom using the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81969944078>  
**Sunday, Nov. 21: "The Seven Pillars of Creation" by William Brown.** For Brown, both scientific inquiry and theological reflection are driven by a sense of wonder, which, in his words, "unites the scientist and the psalmist." Leader: Jenny Holmes

### Call for Volunteers at Julia West

We are in need of more people to join our team of volunteers. Shifts are Tuesday from 3:00-5:00 pm and Sunday from 1-3pm. Please contact [bdykman@firstpresportland.org](mailto:bdykman@firstpresportland.org) to learn more or work with us!

### Fair Trade Holiday Gifts

Order your gifts online for our first virtual (and weekly) Fair Trade Holiday Market! For top quality handmade blankets provided by formerly trafficked and vulnerable women in Bangladesh, shop [www.bashaboutique.com](http://www.bashaboutique.com). To obtain an amazing variety of unique, high quality crafts from Guatemala crafted by poor indigenous women, shop at UPAVIM and Mayan Hands: [www.upavimcrafts.org](http://www.upavimcrafts.org), and [www.mayanhands.org](http://www.mayanhands.org). Thank you for spreading the blessings and joy this holy holiday season.

### Ordination Service for Alexander Wendeheart

First Presbyterian Church is delighted to invite you to a special service of worship on November 21 at our usual morning worship time of 10:30 am. This service will include the ordination to ministry of Alexander Wendeheart, a candidate who has been under care of our church and Session, and who served for a season as Parish Associate at our church. We will have as guest preacher the Rev. Dr. James Moiso, Pastor Emeritus of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Portland. We hope you can attend or stream this service as we celebrate with Alexander!

### Advent Study

Sign up for one of the 'small study groups' of about 4-6 FPC members during the Advent season. This study will be held through four, one-hour sessions once a week beginning the week after Thanksgiving. Pick a time during the week which works for you and/or your family. If you would like to be paired into a small group, just go to Signup Genius at: <https://bit.ly/FPCAdventStudy> and pick the time which works best for you. Or email Bill Resley or Pastor Brenna!

### Baked with Love at Menucha

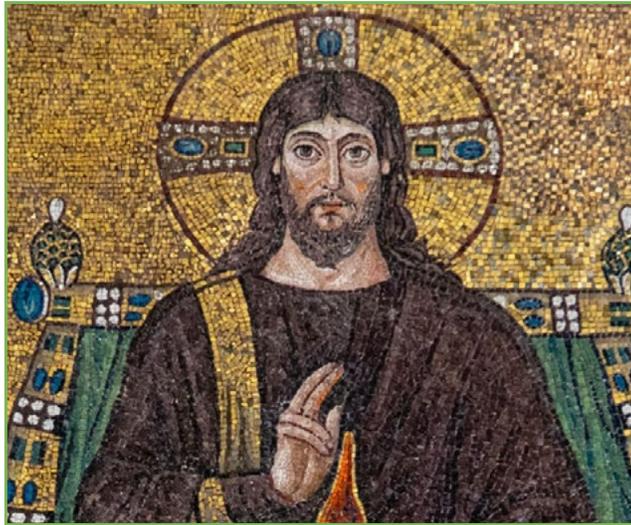
In November and December, you can order cookies, brownies or bread baked with love at Menucha to enjoy in your own home or give as gifts. The types of cookies and bread will vary and everything freezes well. See the webpage for the weekly specials and to place your order: [www.menucha.org/baked-with-love](http://www.menucha.org/baked-with-love)  
Order Sunday thru Wednesday and pick up your baked goods on Sunday at the FPC kitchen after worship. Questions? Call the Menucha office at 503-695-2243.

### Presbyterian Women (PWM) Virtual Bake Sale

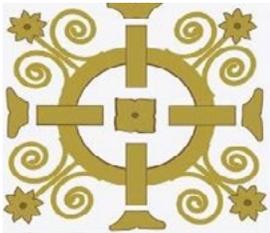
The PWM Sale is almost over. Don't miss the wonderful food, soaps and other items that are available. You can get your orders in by 11/14 and they will be filled by 11/21. On 11/21, the remaining items we have to offer will be available for purchase in Geneva after church. Checks and cash only please.

### Scripture Readings

Next week's scripture readings will be: Proverbs 3:3-4 and Philippians 2:1-4. The church library has copies of a good study Bible if you'd like more background: *The New Oxford Annotated Bible: New Revised Standard Version*. It is also available on Kindle.



“Since we have a great priest, let us hold fast to hope without wavering...”  
mosaic of Christ Pantocrator, Ravenna, c. 504



*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

### Pastoral

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks, Menucha Director, Associate Pastor

Rev. Brenna Dykman, Interim Associate Pastor

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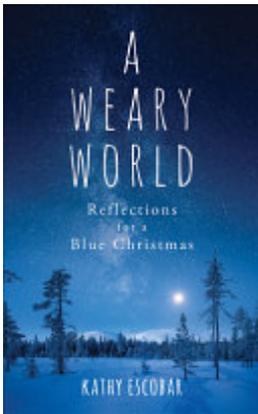
Sunday Services online at <https://www.firstpresportland.org/church-life/worship-services/>

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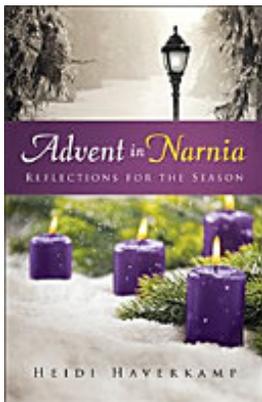
## Advent is Coming Soon!

The church library has a number of books you might choose to use for advent devotional studies for yourself, family or small group. Below are just a few that you will find in the FPC Library. *Check them out and use throughout the Advent Season!* Don't forget the children - check-out a few Christmas stories to read aloud for family time. If you need multiple copies for a group study, they are available at discounted prices from the PCUSA Bookstore. Select the link below to order:  
<https://www.pcusastore.com/Products/CategoryCenter/PCBSE!AD/advent.aspx>



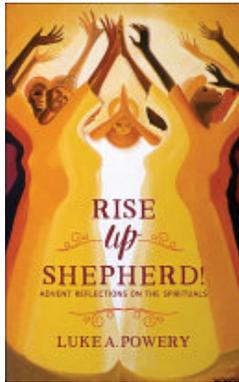
### **A Weary World: Reflections for a Blue Christmas by Kathy Escobar**

The magnitude of our weary world weighs on our hearts and minds. In *A Weary World*, Escobar provides twenty-eight daily reflections paired with prayers and practices to honor our struggles during the holidays. Weekly resources make this Advent devotional suitable for group study as well. To help churches who wish to use this book as part of group study or worship services, the publisher has created a digital resources packet. You can download this packet for free at [www.wjkbooks.com/AWearyWorld](http://www.wjkbooks.com/AWearyWorld)  
ISBN: 9780664264994



### **Advent in Narnia : reflections for the season by Heidi Haverkamp**

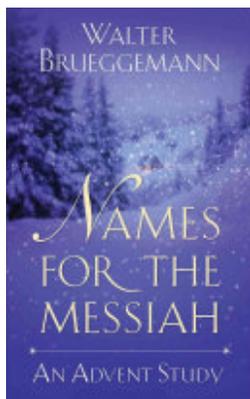
The enchanting themes of C. S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* fit naturally into the Advent season. These twenty-eight devotions alternate between Scripture and passages from the novel to prompt meditation on Advent themes. Each devotion also includes questions for reflection. The book also provides several resources for churches, including four sessions for small-group discussion and ideas for creating a "Narnia Night" for families.  
ISBN: 9780664261795



## **Rise Up Shepherd : Advent Reflections on the Spirituals by Luke Powery**

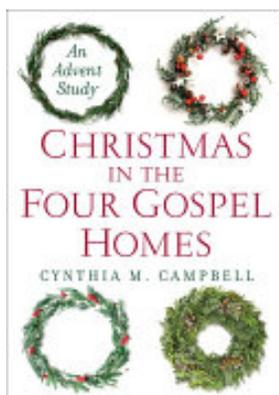
Valuable not only for their sublime musical expression, the African American spirituals give us profound insights into the human condition and the Christian life. Many focus on an essential scene of the Christian drama: the coming of God as the child in Bethlehem and as the hope of the world and the liberator of God's oppressed people. In these devotions for the season of Advent, each devotion features the lyrics of a spiritual, a reflection on the spiritual's meaning, a Scripture verse, and a brief prayer.

ISBN: 9780664260323



## **Names for the Messiah : an Advent study by Walter Brueggemann**

In Isaiah 9:6, a divine utterance is given to us using four royal titles: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Names for the Messiah ponders each royal designation and how the people understood it then, how Jesus did or did not fulfill the title, and how Christians interpret Jesus as representative of that title. In this study, best-selling author Walter Brueggemann tackles the questions: "What were these expectations?" and "Did Jesus fulfill them?" ISBN: 9780664262570



## **Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes: an Advent study by Cynthia Campbell**

How might a house look for Christmas based on what each Gospel says about it? In Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes, beautiful illustrations from architect Kevin Burns reimagine each of the four Gospels as a "house," which the church visits at Christmas. In each section, Cynthia M. Campbell reflects on the distinctive perspective of the birth of Jesus or the incarnation offered by each Gospel. Suitable for individual or group study, Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes creatively reimagines the season and inspires new and exciting reflection for Advent." ISBN: 9780664264994