





\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Unison*)

Eternal God,  
you have taught us that the night is far spent  
and the day is at hand.  
Keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom,  
and make us strong in faith,  
so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth,  
we may joyfully give him praise.  
In your holy name we pray,  
Amen.

\*HYMN #82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

\*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Lord, on this day, we begin the season of awaiting  
your coming to us in the Christ child.  
We confess we don't wait well;  
like children, we want to jump ahead to Christmas.  
Give us pause to make a place for you in the wilderness of our hearts,  
to make room for you in the crowded ways of the season.  
Too often, we are dulled to the needs of those around us,  
caught up in our own concerns.  
Help us to see you in the faces of those we meet,  
and to await in hope the joy of your coming.

*Our prayers continue in silence.*



\*LORD, HAVE MERCY

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Text: Trad. liturgical text    Music: Russian Orthodox chant

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

As far as the East is from the West,  
so far has God removed our transgressions from us.  
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE**



At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One,



all things on earth with one ac - cord, like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.  
praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851  
Music: Sarum plainsong, Mode IV, 9th cent.

**\*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!**

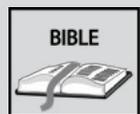
*Please take a moment to be thankful for God's peace.*

## The Word

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**    Psalm 25:4-7    Pew Bible, pg. 502 (OT)  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



**ANTHEM**                      As the Dark Awaits the Dawn                      Carl Schalk

As the dark awaits the dawn, so we await your light.  
O Star of promise, scatter night, loving bright, till shades of fear are gone.

As the blue expectant hour before the silvering skies,  
we long to see your day arise, whole and wise, O lucent Morning Star.

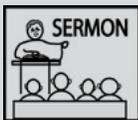
As the moon reflects the sun until the night's decrease,  
may we your healing light release, living peace, unto your holy dawn.

Shine your future on this place, enlighten every guest,  
that through us stream your holiness, bright and blest; come dawn, O Sun of grace.  
— Susan Palo Cherwien, 1996

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**    Luke 21:25-36                      Pew Bible, pg. 85 (NT)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



**SERMON**                      “We Await The Day”                      Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler

\***HYMN #348**                      Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending                      HELMSLEY

\***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Unison*)    *from* A Song of Faith, United Church of Canada

We sing of Jesus, born a Jew,  
born to a woman in poverty  
in a time of social upheaval.  
He knew human joy and sorrow.  
So filled with the Holy Spirit was he that in him,  
people experienced the presence of God among them.

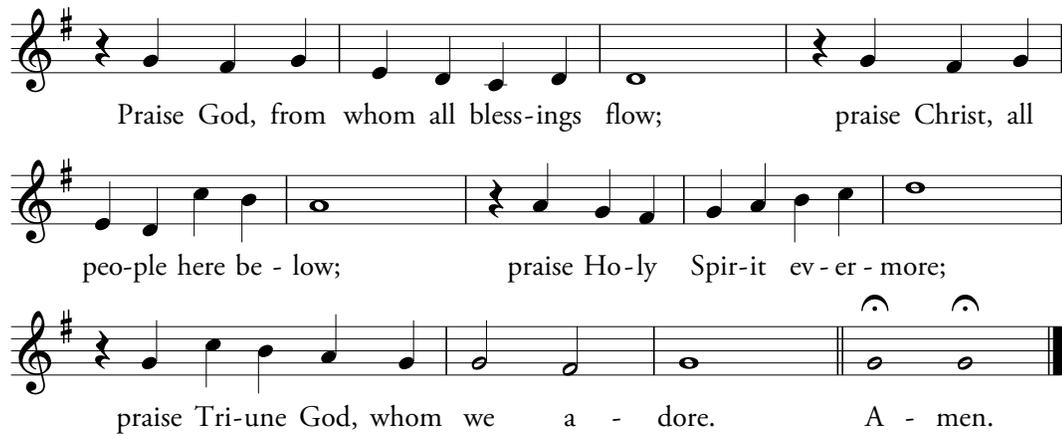
We celebrate him as  
the Word made flesh,  
the one in whom God and humanity are perfectly joined,  
the transformation of our lives,  
the Christ.

**OFFERTORY**    My Lord, What a Mornin’                      Spiritual / arr. Howard Helvey

My Lord, what a mornin’ when the stars begin to fall.  
I’m done with all my worldly ways, joined that heavenly band.  
(Paul Butler, bass)

*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



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow;          praise Christ, all  
peo-ple here be - low;          praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev - er - more;  
praise Tri-une God, whom we a - dore.          A - men.

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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 #357          The Days Are Surely Coming          LLANGLOFFAN

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE          Prelude and Fugue in G minor, BWV 558          J.S. Bach

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate  
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries  
Peter Vanden Bosch, Lector

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## 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.

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## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

*The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are in loving memory of Dr. James and Mary Brown by their family.*



### 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*

"Love God, love our Neighbors" is the focus of First Presbyterian Church's 2022 stewardship campaign. While we have much to be thankful for, we are also facing a time of great need and our stewardship pledges allow us to plan for outreach and programs in the year ahead.

We set a 2022 pledge goal of \$750,000, and as of November 21, we are at \$559,694, or 74.6% of our goal. We thank all of you who have submitted pledges so far, and for those who have not - it's not too late! If you have not already done so, we ask you to prayerfully consider a pledge for 2022 for FPC to strengthen the church's work and witness for the coming year. You can mail your pledge card to the church, or pledge online by going to the church website and clicking on the "Donate" button.

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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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 1:00-3:00 pm. Please contact [bdykman@firstpresportland.org](mailto:bdykman@firstpresportland.org) to learn more or work with us!

### Lift UP Fall Food and Fund Drive

FPC is participating in the Lift UP Fall Food and Fund Drive! From Sunday, December 5 to December 19, we will be collecting non-perishable food items. Look for marked tubs at the entry to the Sanctuary or by the church office. Some of the most needed items are: Low sodium foods (must be under 140 mg of sodium), low/no sugar added foods, gluten-free foods, nut butters, canned tuna or meat banned, dried beans, rice, and grains, cans or cartons of soup, breakfast items. Questions? Contact [bdykman@firstpresportland.org](mailto:bdykman@firstpresportland.org)

### 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.

### 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.menchua.org/baked-with-love](http://www.menchua.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.

### FPC Giving Tree

This year we are thrilled to have both an in-person Giving Tree and a virtual Giving Tree. Please take time on November 28 to choose and sign a tag or two from our Giving Tree in the Chapel Narthex or from our online Giving Tree: <https://bit.ly/FPCGivingTree>

We are supporting several programs including: New Avenues for Youth, Friendly House Senior Citizens, EMO Men's Day Center and Life Change Center for Women & Children. These organizations are very appreciative of our support again this year. All online Giving Tree gifts will be sent directly to the organization and all in-person Giving Tree gifts are due by Sunday, December 5. Do not wrap any gift but please be sure to attach the gift tag so our wonderful Deacons can deliver it to the correct organization. Christmas Blessings to all! Questions? Please contact Laurina Shively, [shivelyLLL@comcast.net](mailto:shivelyLLL@comcast.net)

### Poinsettias

Every year poinsettias adorn our sanctuary and are given to home-bound or ill members of First Presbyterian Church to brighten their holidays. You can help offset the cost of the poinsettias by donating \$15 in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Order forms are included in the bulletin to fill out with names of those remembered or honored and an option for payment online through CCB, or you may mail a check to First Presbyterian Church, 1200 SW Alder St, Portland, OR 97205 with POINSETTIA in the memo line. The final date for ordering is Tuesday, December 7. Names of those remembered or honored will be published on Sunday, December 19.

### Save the Date: Learn How to Bake a Yule Log

FPC member Linda Lewis is the December 12 host of Cooking It Up with First Pres. Join in on Zoom at 5:00 pm with for fellowship, fun and good food! Linda's a retired baker who will demonstrate how to create the holiday cake known as a Yule Log. Bake along or just watch and enjoy spending an hour with some FPC friends. We'll record it so you can watch again later. The Evite has the Zoom link and a list of ingredients. Start here: <http://evite.me/RC3EkYTtTN>

### Scripture Readings

Next week's scripture readings will be: Malachi 2:1-4, and Luke 1:68-79. 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.

*Many thanks to the Chancel Guild members and others from the church including Emily Jo Jensen and Claudia Sanjour who helped in the hanging of the greens that lend their beauty to the sanctuary in the Advent season!*



There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars...  
"Starry Night over the Rhone," Van Gogh, 1888



LOVE GOD.  
LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS.

***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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