



*PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Unison*)

God of salvation,
You straighten the winding ways of our hearts
and smooth the paths made rough by sin.
Keep our hearts watchful in holiness,
and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us.
This we ask through the One whose coming is certain,
and whose day draws near,
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN #83

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

STUTTGART

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Merciful God,
you sent your messengers the prophets
to preach repentance
and prepare the way for our salvation.
Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,
that we may greet with joy
the coming of Christ our Redeemer.

Our prayers continue in silence.

*LORD, HAVE MERCY



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Text: Trad. liturgical text Music: Russian Orthodox chant

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

from 2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow about his promise, but is patient with us,

not willing that any should perish.

Hear 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

Malachi 3:1-4

Pew Bible, pg. 889 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



ANTHEM

Come Down, O Love Divine

arr. David Ashley White

*The text can be found at #282 in the hymnal.**(Ann van Bever, oboe)***SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 1:68-71, 76-79

Pew Bible, pg. 56 (NT)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**

“The Dawn will Break”

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler

***HYMN #377**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)** *adapted from the Second Helvetic Confession*

We profess and preach that Christ is the Redeemer and Savior of the world, the King and High Priest, the true and awaited Messiah, that holy and blessed one whom all the law and prophets prefigured and promised. God appointed Christ beforehand and sent him to us, and there only remains for all of us to give all glory to Christ, to believe in him, and to rest in Christ alone as our sole aid in life and our hope in death.

OFFERTORY

Benedictus

Norah Duncan IV

Now bless the God of Israel who comes in love and power,
who raises from the royal house deliverance in this hour.
Through holy prophets God has sworn to free us from alarm,
to save us from the heavy hand of all who wish us harm.

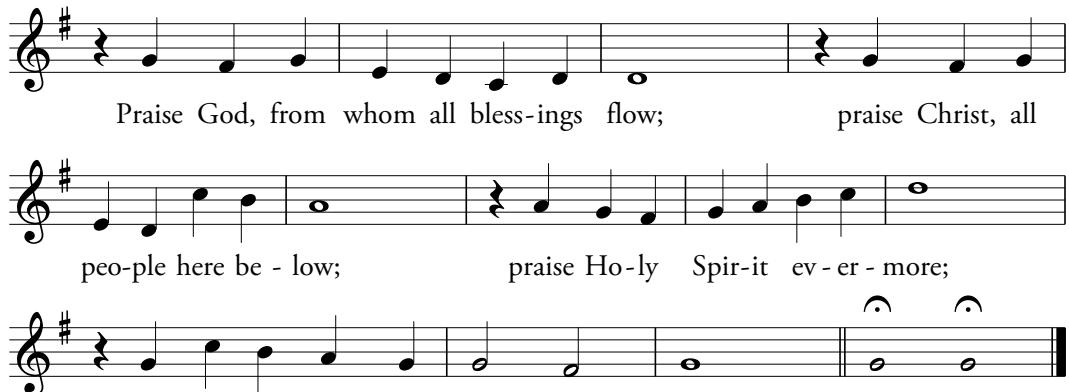
Remembering the covenant, God rescues us from fear,
that we might serve in holiness and peace from year to year;
and you, my child, shall go before to preach, to prophesy,
that all may know the tender love, the grace of God most high.

In tender mercy, God will send the dayspring from on high,
our rising sun, the light of life for those who sit and sigh.
God comes to guide our way to peace, that death shall reign no more.
Sing praises to the Holy One! O worship and adore!

—Ruth Duck, 1992 (based on Luke 1:68-79)

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



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all
people 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

The Lord's Supper

In this service of worship, in which we remember the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples, we invite those worshipping with us online to participate in communion at home.

This morning's communion responses will be sung.

PRAYERS OF GREAT THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION



The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



GREAT THANKSGIVING ACCLAMATIONS

(The prayer continues)...we glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in common time (indicated by 'C') and G clef. The lyrics are:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, reign - ing God of
pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry,
all cre - a - tion seeks your light! Bless-ed is the one who
comes in your name. Bless-ed be the Lord most high!

(The prayer continues)...that we might proclaim the One crucified and risen.

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in common time (indicated by 'C') and G clef. The lyrics are:

Christ has died; Christ is ris - - en;
Christ will come a - gain.

(The prayer continues)...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in common time (indicated by 'C') and G clef. The lyrics are:

A - men, a - men.
A - men, a - men.

Great Thanksgiving acclamations based on the hymn tune PICARDY, arr. Kimberly Bracken Long

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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

Prelude on *Veni Emmanuel*

Marcy Winchester

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Sending

*HYMN #106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude on *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

Robert Hobby

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor
Rev. Brenna Dykman, Interim Associate Pastor
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate
Rev. David Dornack, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries
Sandy Castles, Lector

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We join in holding in prayer:

Liz Dean, Ed & Janice Gehrig, Herb Grose, Bob Hastings, Fran Hermanson, Myra Rounsvall, 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 honor of Allen T. Webb, Sr., Ann Lande Webb, Robert Morgan Cameron, and Beverly Boysen Cameron by George and Lori Webb.

Additional flowers in the sanctuary are in loving memory of Mary Ellen Showalter given by her family and friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Dornack—new Parish Associate!

We welcome Rev. David Dornack to our pastoral staff as Parish Associate! David has recently retired from serving at Rose City Park Presbyterian in Portland. Previously, he has served churches in Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin. He has a B.A. from the University of Wisconsin La Crosse, and did his M.Div. degree at Louisville Seminary, with additional study at McCormick Seminary. He has served as Co-moderator of the General Assembly Committee, Justice for Women, and in the Presbytery of the Cascades as chair of the Commission on Ministry-NE. Please join in welcoming David to our church!

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.

“Blue Christmas” Service

The coming weeks may not be “the most wonderful time of the year” for everyone. For those grieving a loss – of a loved one, physical or mental health, more carefree times, etc. – the joy of the season can at times seem out of reach. We will be offering a simple service of readings and music on Wednesday, December 15, at 7:00pm. It will be a time of reflection, remembrance, acceptance, and hope as we await the coming of the Light of the world. All are welcome.

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 bdkman@firstpresportland.org

Stewardship 2022

“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 29, we are at \$608,633, or 81.2% 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 or call 503-228-7331.

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. 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, and www.mayanhands.org. Thank you for spreading the blessings and joy this holy holiday season.

FPC Giving Tree

FPC Giving Tree has been a huge success! Thank you to all who chose a gift tag or two from our tree. All unwrapped gifts should be in by today, December 5. If you’d still like to give, it’s not too late! We also have an online Giving Tree at: <https://bit.ly/FPCGivingTree> All online gifts will be shipped directly to either New Avenues for Youth or With Love Foster Care for Children. Christmas Blessings to all! Questions? Please contact Laurna Shively, shivelyLLL@comcast.net

Baked with Love at Menucha

This month, 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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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 to learn more or work with us!

Next Sunday, Dec. 12, 5:00 pm: Learn How to Bake a Yule Log

FPC member Linda Lewis is the December host of Cookin' It Up with First Pres. Zoom in with Linda and others 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>

January Spire Deadline - December 6

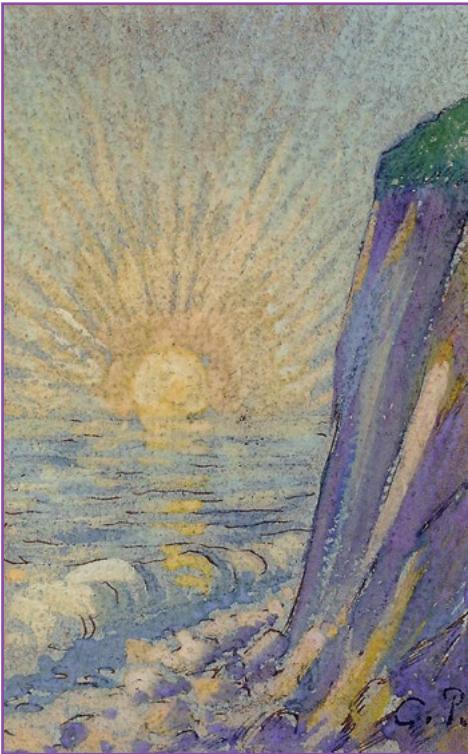
Due to the upcoming Christmas holiday, the January Spire deadline will be sooner than in previous months. Please submit your articles to Jennifer in the church office by Monday, December 6.

Lay Readers Needed for the New Year!

Willing and able to lend your voice to a Sunday reading? Lay readers are needed for all Sundays starting January 2022! Send a note to Jennifer in the office: communications@firstpresportland.org.

Scripture Readings

Next week's scripture readings will be: Philippians 4:4-7 and Luke 3:2-18. 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.



“The dawn from on high will break upon us...”
“Sunrise on the Sea” Camille Pissarro, 1883



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.

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