



**First  
Presbyterian**  
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

**Service for  
the Lord's Day**

*Please remember to silence your cell phone.* 

January 16, 2022

*Second Sunday after  
Epiphany*

*Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! Well-fitting masks covering the nose and mouth are required at all times. For the safety of all, we ask that you depart following worship, and maintain reasonable physical distance from those not in your household. Additionally, we are temporarily asking everyone in-person to not read or sing responsively. We invite you instead to participate in the prayers and music through holy listening.*

## The Gathering

**PRELUDE**                      *Air from Suite in D Major, BWV 1068*  
Johann Sebastian Bach

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT**                              *As the Wind Song*                              Swee Hong Lim

As the wind song through the trees, as the stirring of the breeze,  
so it is with the Spirit of God,  
as the heart made strangely warm, as the voice within the storm,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.

Never seen, ever known where this wind has blown  
bringing life, bringing power to the world,  
as the dancing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep desire,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.

As the rainbow after rain, as the hope that's born again,  
so it is with the Spirit of God,  
as the green in the spring, as a kite on a string,  
so it is with the Spirit of God,  
making worlds that are new, making peace come true,  
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,  
as the rising of the yeast, as the wine at the feast,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.

— Shirley Erena Murray, 2004

*\* Please stand as you are able.*



\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

A new day has dawned, a new year begun  
O Lord, call us so we may hear your voice.  
The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future  
O Lord, keep us in your ways and on your path.  
We enter this new year with hope and excitement  
O Lord, remind us that you lead us  
O Lord, guide us as look to you, and worship you. Amen.

\* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God of steadfast love,  
at the wedding in Cana  
your Son Jesus turned water into wine,  
delighting all who were there.  
Transform our hearts by your Spirit,  
that we may use our varied gifts  
to show forth the light of your love  
as one body in Christ. Amen.

**HYMN #662**

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, you are slow to anger and swift to have mercy.  
Forgive us when we treat time as a commodity or an enemy.  
Free us to live in your time, a new time,  
in which there is a time for everything under heaven,  
and slow is not too slow, and fast is not too fast.  
We know that your time will never cease.

*Our prayers continue in silence.*

**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
- on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Healey Willan, 1928

## 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

LAUDNA ANIMA

With the saints we lift our voices, God of power, God of might.  
All creation shines with glory, singing praises day and night:  
alleluia, alleluia, holy, holy, holy light.

Text: © 2011 by David Gambrell    Tune: LAUDA ANIMA, 8.7.8.7.8.7; John Goss, 1869

## 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.*

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

### ORDINATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Elders: Doug Blomgren, Cathy Chang-Lowe, Paul Dailey, Alice Estes,  
Amy Hall, David Hawkins

Deacons: Peter Barnes, Steve Anderson, Nevill Eschen, James Brunner,  
Gordon Lindbloom, Dustin Coles

## The Word

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 5:1-4

Pew Bible, pg. 235 (NT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM**      In My Heart      African American spiritual / arr. Alan Bullard

Lord, help me be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, help me be more loving...

Lord, help me be more prayerful...

Lord, help me be like Jesus...

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**      John 2:1-11      Pew Bible, pg. 93 (NT)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**      "The Best for Last"      Rev. Brenna Dykman

**HYMN**      Jesus, Come! for We Invite You      UNION SEMINARY

Jesus, come! for we invite you, guest and master, friend and Lord;  
now as once at Cana's wedding, speak, and let us hear your word:  
lead us through our need or doubting, hope be born and joy restored.

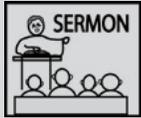
Jesus, come! transform our pleasures, guide us into paths unknown;  
bring your gifts, command your servants, let us trust in you alone:  
though your hand may work in secret, all shall see what you have done.

Jesus, come! surprise our dullness, make us willing to receive  
more than we can yet imagine, all the best you have to give:  
let us find your hidden riches, taste your love, believe, and live!

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Music: UNION SEMINARY, 8 7 8 7 8 7; Harold Friedell © 1957 by H.W. Gray Co.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**      *from* A Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"



**OFFERTORY** Jesus bleibet meine Freude *from* Cantata BWV 147 J.S. Bach

Jesus bleibet meine Freude,	<i>Jesus shall remain my joy,</i>
meines Herzens Trost und Saft,	<i>my heart's comfort and sap,</i>
Jesus wehret allem Leide,	<i>Jesus shall fend off all sorrow,</i>
er ist meines Lebens Kraft,	<i>he is the strength of my life,</i>
meiner Augen Lust und Sonne,	<i>the delight and sun of my eyes,</i>
meiner Seele Schatz und Wonne;	<i>the treasure and wonder of my soul;</i>
darum laß ich Jesum nicht	<i>therefore I will not let Jesus go</i>
aus dem Herzen und Gesicht.	<i>out of my heart and sight.</i>

*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.

Text: © 1990 by Neil Weatherhogg Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH, LM; Genevan Psalter, 1551

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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 #307** God of Grace and God of Glory CWM RHONDDA

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Prelude on *Lift Every Voice* Wayne L. Wold

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**WORSHIP  
LEADERS**

Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks  
Rev. Brenna Dykman, Interim Associate Pastor  
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate  
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries  
Amy Hall, 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 Dave, Suzie and David Castles by their family.*

**IN  
MEMORIAM**

*Our prayers and sympathy are with the friends and family of Kay Wassam, who died on Thursday, December 16, 2021.*

*Our prayers and sympathy are also with the friends and family of Joyce Malin, who died on Thursday, December 30, 2021.*

*The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore. (Psalm 121:8)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Call for Coat Donation with “Karen’s Coats”**

Open Circle will collect new and clean, like-new coats for people of all ages and sizes. Collection will continue until Sunday, January 23. This collection is for coats only – no hats, gloves, boots, etc. will be accepted. Donations can be placed in the marked barrel in Geneva Hall.

### **New Welcome Cards**

Check out the new blue “Welcome” card in your pew rack. Whether a visitor or member, you can use both sides of this card to notify FPC staff of your presence and/or needs. Please place the completed card in an offering plate at the exit doors.

### **Next Sunday “Cook It Up with First Pres” Returns!**

Join us next Sunday, January 23, as “Cook It Up with First Pres!” resumes! Pastor Spencer Parks will be cooking Dutch Babies, those mysterious breakfast specialties! Zoom in at 5:00 pm for fellowship, fun and good food! (We’ll record it so you can watch again later.) Look for the Evite link in next week’s bulletin!

### **Hygiene Items Needed for the Emergency Food Closet**

We are in need of the following items at the EFC: liquid laundry detergent (40-70oz only), liquid hand soap, liquid dish soap, and small packs of men’s razors. Please bring donation to the church office or drop them by Pastor Brenna’s office doors.

### **Stewardship 2022**

Thanks to all who have submitted pledges so far! If you haven’t done so yet, we ask you to prayerfully consider a pledge for 2022 for FPC. You can 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 at 1200 SW Alder Street, Portland, OR 97205. 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.

### **Rev. Schindler on Sabbatical in January**

Session has approved for Rev. Schindler to take sabbatical leave in January, and then a second block in May-June. During the sabbatical, through the end of January, Rev. Brenna Dykman will be our Acting Head of Staff, and will cover all the parts of this role.

### **Zoom Coffee Hour Today After Worship!**

Those who are worshipping with us from home are invited to a Zoom coffee hour following the service today beginning just after worship at 11:35 am. Lauren Deming will be hosting today’s Coffee Hour. The Zoom link is: <https://bit.ly/FPCCoffeeHour16>

We’ll continue with another Coffee Hour next Sunday, January 23, with Jean and Russell Smith hosting. We look forward to seeing you!

### **New Omicron Guidelines for Worship/Meetings**

Working with our Reopening Committee, we have created a new set of guidelines for attending meetings and worship services here at FPC. You can read the guidelines here: [bit.ly/FPCOmicron](https://bit.ly/FPCOmicron)

### **In-Person Children’s Sunday School and Nursery Closure**

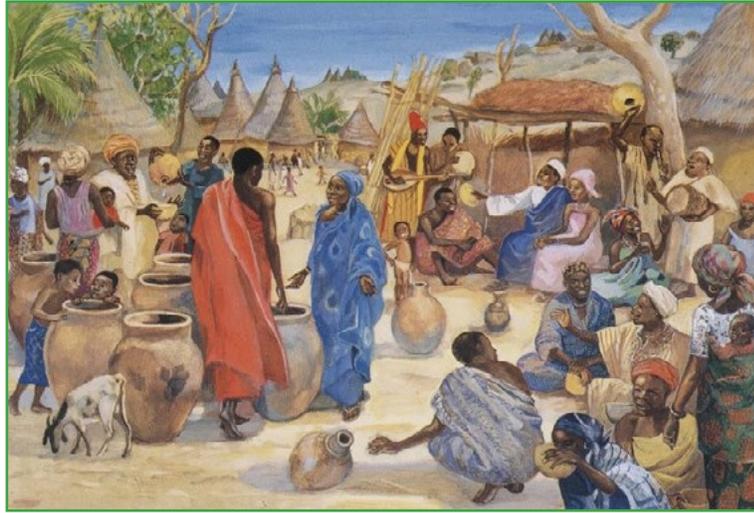
Because of the particular vulnerability of babies in this season of the pandemic, the church nursery will be closed throughout the month of January. Children’s Sunday School will continue to meet in person (children gather in classes immediately following the Children’s Moment in worship). Thank you for your flexibility, families! If you have questions or concerns please reach out to Pastor Carmen at [cgoetschius@firstpresportland.org](mailto:cgoetschius@firstpresportland.org)

### **Not Too Late to Join the 2022 Youth Mission Trip to SLAM**

Sadly, due to the continued spread of COVID-19, our youth will not be able to go international this year. We will instead be serving locally with SLAM, who work with Yakama Nation. Youth in 8th grade and above are eligible to join this trip. The registration deadline is today. Please e-mail Pastor Brenna to register or for more information.

### **What’s in a Name? The Whitman Room: Context and Conversation**

The Whitman Room in our church was named after Marcus and Narcissa Whitman, Presbyterian missionaries in the early 1800’s. What was their legacy? Should we have a room named after them? Attend two classes taught by Amy Meabe that will provide historical background and context about truths and myths associated with the Whitmans. Inform your thinking as you learn about their courage and crises, faith and failings. On January 30, the focus will be on historical information, and on February 6 we will discuss the name of the room and reflect on its meaning for us today. Please join at 12pm on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84862143352>



“The Wedding at Cana,” Jesus Mafa, 1973



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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