



# 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.*

February 20, 2022

*Seventh Sunday after  
Epiphany*

### The Gathering

**PRELUDE**      Reverie for Strings *from* Suite Sebastienne      Thomas H. Kerr

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT**                      This We Shall Do                      John L. Bell  
This we shall do: act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with our God.  
— Micah 6:8

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

In a world where people are divided from others,  
    **come worship a God who calls us to love one another.**  
In a world where people are weary and downtrodden,  
    **come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.**  
In a world where love is not freely shown and forgiveness is hard to find,  
    **come worship a God whose grace and love have no end.**

#### \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have taught us  
that all our deeds without love are worth nothing.  
Send your Spirit to pour into our hearts  
that most excellent gift of love,  
that we may love others as you have loved us;  
through Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and forever. Amen.



*\* Please stand as you are able.*



## \* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

## \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed: we have not loved you with all our heart, or our neighbors as ourselves.

At times we have been insensitive to the suffering of others and resistant to your call to forgive those who trouble us.

In your mercy, Lord, pardon and restore us, that we may love and serve you with joy all the days of our life.

*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

Scripture promises, though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

## \* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

LAUDA 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.*

# The Word

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

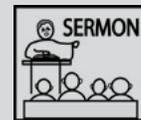
**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**    Genesis 45:3-11, 15    Pew Bible, pg. 42 (OT)  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.



**ANTHEM**            Be Still and Know That I Am God            Christopher Walker  
Be still and know that I am God. You are my chosen one, to whom my love I give.  
My life is yours, in you I live. Be still, be still, and know that I am God.  
  
Be still and know that I am God. You are my chosen one, I came to set you free.  
Give me your cares and rest in me. Be still, be still, and know that I am God.  
  
Be still and know that I am God. You are my chosen one, to whom I show my ways.  
My love is with you all your days. Be still, be still, and know that I am God.  
— Paule Freeburg, DC, 2005

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**    Luke 6:27-38            Pew Bible, pg. 64 (NT)  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**            “A Word for Divisive Times”            Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler



\* **HYMN #795**            Healer of Our Every Ill            HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

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

Jesus announced the coming of God's reign—  
a commonwealth not of domination  
but of peace, justice, and reconciliation.  
He healed the sick and fed the hungry,  
forgave sins and freed those held captive,  
crossing barriers of race, class, culture, and gender.  
Jesus preached and practiced unconditional love—  
love of God, love of neighbor,  
love of friend, love of enemy—  
commanding we who would follow him  
to love one another as he has loved us.

**OFFERTORY**                      Love Is Little                      Trad. Shaker / arr. Mark Schweizer

Love is little, love is low, love will make our spirits grow –  
grow in peace, grow in light, love will do the thing that's right.

Love is gentle, love is small, love will find the best of all –  
find the peace, find the light, love will do the thing that's right.

Love is silent, love is strong, love will sing a quiet song –  
sing of peace, sing of light, love will do the thing that's right.

Love is wonder, love is grace, love will bind all in its place –  
bind the peace, bind the light, love will do the thing that's right.

— *South Union (KY) Shaker colony, 1834*

*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

Help Us Accept Each Other

ELLACOMBE



1. Help us ac-cept each oth - er as Christ ac-cept-ed us;  
2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life  
3. Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved  
4. Lord, for to-day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis-ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.  
we strug-ple to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.  
in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;  
who hun-ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice, and for bread,



Be pres-ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve  
Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,  
to prac-tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart  
we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold-ing on:



we are our-selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.  
to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.  
the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh-ter's heal-ing art.  
re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

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Tune: ELLACOMBE, 7.6.7.6.D; Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Wirttemberg, 1784

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Processional

William Mathias

**WORSHIP  
LEADERS**

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks, Associate Pastor  
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries  
Deborah Resley, Lay Reader

**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**

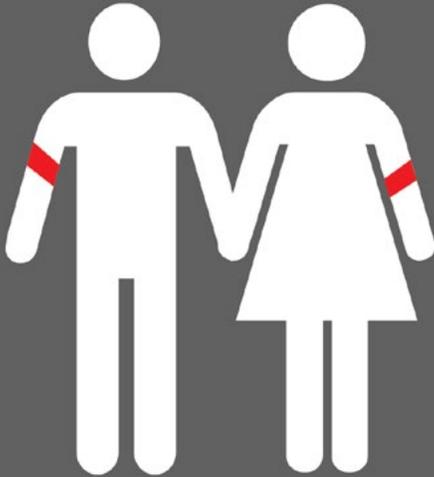
*The sanctuary flowers today are given in honor of February birthday celebrations for son, Daniel Resley, and brother, Antonio Long, by Bill and Deborah Resley.*



**American  
Red Cross**

**Help save a life.**

**March 8, 2022**  
**12:00-5:30 pm**  
**Geneva Hall**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

All who are joining us for worship service are invited to a Zoom coffee hour today following the service, from 11:35 am to noon. The Zoom link is: <https://bit.ly/FPCCoffeeHour>

### **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.

### **February Fundraiser for Celebration Works Concert Series**

2022 marks the 20th anniversary of the first season of Celebration Works concerts at FPC! For this very special season we plan to "celebrate" all the things we love about our community and we need your help to make it possible. February is Celebration Works' fundraising month, and we hope to raise \$8,000 in support of the 2022-2023 season. We hope you'll consider investing in FPC's musical outreach by making a gift. Donate online by selecting the Celebration Works Contribution designation in the donation portal, or by check with "Celebration Works" in the memo line. All donors receive a receipt for tax purposes and acknowledgment in next season's programs. Thank you so much for your consideration, support, and prayers!

### **Learning Together Through Lent**

In this season where we have been separated from community, you're invited join with our church family as we read together, "Becoming a Beloved Community." This is a devotional resource produced by the PCUSA that helps us focus less on 'me' and more on 'we.' Groups will then gather via Zoom or in-person on Sundays after church from 12-1:00 pm to reflect on being a "beloved community." To sign up to be a part of this group and receive a copy of the book or an electronic PDF, please e-mail Pastor Brenna at [bdykman@firstpresportland.org](mailto:bdykman@firstpresportland.org) or call the church office.

### **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.

### **Artist's Talk with Greg J. Lewis on February 27**

From a simple sitting area, garden spot, dresser top, hallway wall, or converted closet to an entire room, a sacred space allows us outward signs and symbols of our inner faith. Join us next Sunday, February 27 at 11:30 am in the Chapel Gallery as artist Greg J. Lewis shares his insight and inspiration on "Creating Sacred Space for the Home."

### **Blood Drive at FPC - March 8**

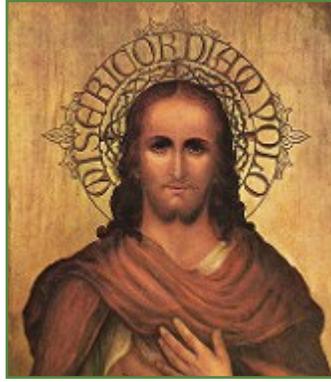
Last month, the American Red Cross declared that our country is facing its worst blood shortage in more than a decade. To help aid our neighbors, we will be hosting a Blood Drive in Geneva Hall on Tuesday, March 8, from 12:00 pm to 5:30 pm.

### **Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser**

During the month of March our youth will be raising funds for this year mission trip to work up at the Yakama Reservation with SLAM (Students Learning About Mission). There are two ways to help support our youth. First, the youth will be collecting soft goods\* (see details below) to be resold/recycled in our FUNDrive where our youth will receive monetary compensation for each pound collected. Stop by the Chapel Narthex to donate soft goods or to pick up a small or large bag to fill and bring it back any day in March. If you don't have soft goods to donate and still want to support our youth, we have mini-bags you can fill with a monetary gift; change, cash, or checks to the church. We are so grateful for all ways our congregation cares for and supports our youth. *\*All clothing including (men's, women's, children's), clothing accessories (hats, mittens, scarves, ties, nylons, socks, underwear), personal accessories (purses, wallets, fanny packs, bags), bed and bath (towels, sheets, blankets, pillows, curtains, tablecloths), shoes (all types) and other cloth materials. Please make sure items are washed before donating.*

### **Refugee Restart Kits**

While the refugee crises are no longer headlining news, the number of people seeking safe haven in the USA is staggering. Oftentimes, people who are fleeing leave their homes with nothing more than the clothing on their backs. The FPC Mission Committee is teaming up with the Refugee Care Collective, working with the major resettling agencies in Oregon, to help welcome our new neighbors. Starting March 1, we will be collecting new items to put together "Restart Kits." You are invited to visit <https://bit.ly/RefugeeRestart> to see what is needed and then bring those items to the church any day in March. If you would like to donate and need help to sign up to bring items, contact Pastor Brenna [bdykman@firstpresportland.org](mailto:bdykman@firstpresportland.org) or call the church office.



“Jesus the Merciful,”  
Sr Louise Margaret, c. 1902  
Inscription: “Misericordiam Volo,” I desire mercy.



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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