



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 27, 2022

Transfiguration Sunday

The Gathering

PRELUDE Two settings of *Divinum Mysterium*
Wilbur Held & Craig Phillips

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Uyai mose arr. John L. Bell
*Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come now and worship the Lord.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, listen to the One
who speaks and summons the earth,
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Come, see the One
who shines forth in the perfection of beauty.
Come, bring thanksgiving, the sacrifice that honors the One
who shows the salvation of God.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, mighty and immortal,
you are beyond our knowing,
yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ,
whose compassion illumines the world.
Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ,
who renewed our humanity. Amen.



** Please stand as you are able.*



* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

He came bathed in light, dazzling, radiant....

Forgive us, God, for accepting mediocrity in your name
and calling it good enough.

He came appearing with Elijah and Moses....

Forgive us, God, for demanding exclusive expressions of faith
even in the face of your expansive vision.

He came while a voice was shouting,
“this is my Beloved; listen!”

Forgive us, God, for silencing the voice of the other
struggling to praise your name.

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

Hear the good news!

By God's mercy, we are forgiven;

by God's mercy, we are made whole;

by God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others.

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION - STEPHEN MINISTRY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 34:29-35 Pew Bible, pg. 81 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Be Thou My Vision arr. Philip W.J. Stopford

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought in the day and the night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord:
thou my great Father, and I thy true son, thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; be thou my armor and be thou my might:
thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, through all my days:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when the battle is done;
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heav'n's Sun:
Christ of my own heart whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

— *Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.*
(Kathryn Hill, flute)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 9:28-36 Pew Bible, pg. 69 (NT)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "Transfigured and Transformed" Rev. Brenna Dykman





* HYMN

Transform Us as You, Transfigured

PICARDY



1. Trans-form us as you, trans - fig - ured, stood a - part on
2. Trans-form us as you, trans - fig - ured, once spoke with those
3. Trans-form us as you, trans - fig - ured, would not stay with-



Ta - bor's height. Lead us up our sa - cred
ho - ly ones. We, sur - round - ed by the
- in a shrine. Keep us from our great temp-



moun - tains, search us with re - veal - ing light.
wit - ness of those saints whose work is done,
- ta - tion— time and truth we quick - ly bind,



Lift us from where we have fall - en,
live in this world as your Bod - y,
Lead us down those dai - ly path - ways



full of ques - tions, filled with fright.
cho - sen daugh - ters, cho - sen sons.
where our love is not con - fined.

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Tune: PICARDY, 8.7.8.7.8.7; French melody, 17th cent.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Belhar Confession

We believe that this unity of the people of God
must be manifested and be active 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,
are baptized with one baptism,
eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name,
are obedient to one Lord,
work for one cause,
and share one hope.

OFFERTORY**O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair**

arr. Rebecca Groom te Velde

O wondrous sight, O vision fair of glory that the church shall share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!

From age to age the tale declare, how with the three disciples there,
where Moses and Elijah meet, the Lord holds converse high and sweet.

The law and prophets there have place, two chosen witnesses of grace;
our Maker's voice from out the cloud proclaims his only Son aloud.

With shining face and bright array Christ deigns to manifest today
what glory shall be theirs above who joy in God with perfect love.

And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great vision's mystery,
for which in joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

— 15th-century Latin; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.

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*** 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 #190** Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory GENEVA

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Toccata on *Great Day* Adolphus Hailstork

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor
Rev. Brenna Dykman, Interim Associate Pastor
Rev. David Dornack, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries
Lauren Deming, 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 or by phone at (503) 228-7331.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The sanctuary flowers today are given in loving memory of our parents, William and Marjorie Houseworth and the Rev. Gilbert and Doris van Bever, by Ann and Peter van Bever.

IN MEMORIAM

Our prayers and sympathy are with the family and friends of Fedor Manka, who died on February 16.

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



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>

Ash Wednesday Service - March 2 at 7:00 pm

The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2. Please join us, in-person or online, at 7:00 pm for our Ash Wednesday service, led by Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks.

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 with just a few days to go, we have raised about \$3,000 of our \$8,000 goal. 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 or call the church office.

News from Earth Care

Our church, the largest Presbyterian congregation in Portland, has taken a big step in caring for Creation. Session in February approved the Presbyterian Church, USA’s Earth Care Pledge and accepted the Earth Care Team’s application to become an Earth Care Congregation. The designation is based on points earned for earth-friendly actions in four categories: worship, outreach, education and facilities. Thanks to the many people who enabled FPC to earn these points! We will hear the results of our application to the PC,USA soon and if we are accepted our accomplishment will be mentioned at a Presbytery meeting.

Artist’s Talk with Greg J. Lewis Today

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 today following worship service 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

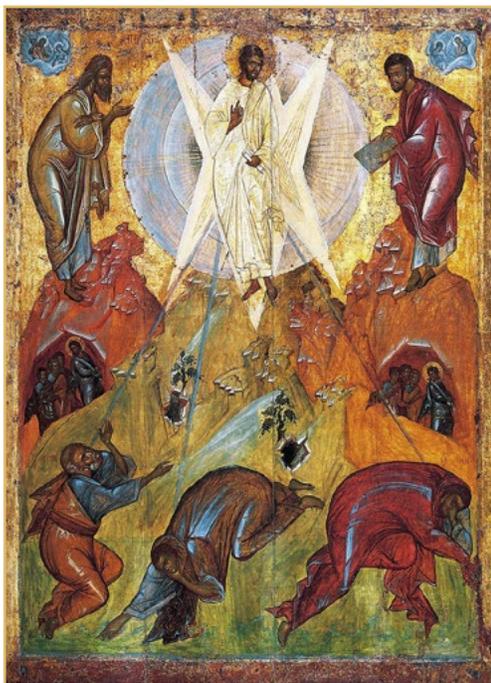
Last month, the American Red Cross declared that our country is facing its worst blood shortage in more than a decade. To help aid our neighbors, we will be hosting a Blood Drive in Geneva Hall on Tuesday, March 8, from 12:00 pm to 5:30 pm.

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 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 at bdykman@firstpresportland.org or call the church office.



“Transfiguration,”
15th century, by Theophanes the Greek



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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