



* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, when life brings us pain and doubt and uncertainty,
we remember how the early church was surrounded by threats,
and Jesus himself confronted with fearful powers.
So we call upon you, our everlasting refuge.
Come, Holy One; come, Spirit of Life.
Fill us again with assurance of your grace.
Through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and evermore. Amen.

* HYMN #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we have found a home under the shelter of your wings.
Yet we confess that too often we have forgotten our place,
and doubted your love;
remind us, and all who feel far from you
that you have called us by name.
We have forgotten our connectedness,
and have grown estranged from those around us;
remind us, and all who feel isolated or lonely
that we are one in your Spirit, who knits us together in love.
For the sake of Jesus, who loved us to the death,
forgive us, and give us courage to follow in your way.

Our prayers continue in silence.



* LAMB OF GOD



O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sins of the world,



have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God,



that tak - est a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

John Merbecke, 1550; arr. Healey Willan, 1930

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

* **RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

**To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing!**

Text: American folk hymn, c. 1811
Tune: WONDROUS LOVE, 12.9.12.12.9; Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835

* **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

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Jeniffer Anton, Geoff Bjorkedal, Anne Haverkamp, Karen Jennings,
Al Laney, Laura Laney, James Proctor, Georgina Wright

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 27:1, 4-5, 7-9, 13-14

Pew Bible, pg. 503 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Lord Is My Light

Jacques Berthier / Taizé

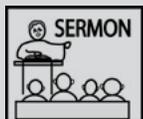
The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:
in God I trust; in God I trust.



SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 13:31-35 Pew Bible, pg. 77 (NT)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



SERMON “Let Your Heart Take Courage” Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler

* HYMN #343 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life GERMANY

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from the Scots Confession*

We believe that God preserved, instructed,
and called from death to life his Kirk*
in all ages since Adam until the coming of Christ Jesus.
For God called Abraham from his father’s country,
and marvelously delivered his descendants
from the bondage of Pharaoh.
To this same people God sent prophets to recall them to the right way,
from which sometimes they strayed.
And although the holy city was destroyed, the temple burned with fire,
yet in mercy he restored them again to Jerusalem,
where the city and temple were rebuilt,
and they endured till the Messiah came according to the promise.

**In the Scots Confession, the Scottish word, ‘Kirk,’ is used for the church.*

OFFERTORY Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth arr. Tom Trenney

Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.

Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light,
grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow until I flower, until I know.

— Jean Janzen, 1991 / inspired by Julian of Norwich (c.1342-c.1416)

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* DOXOLOGY

PRAISE GOD



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

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 #826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

* BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE May God's Sheltering Wings Judith Snowdon
May God's sheltering wings, her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms, her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love.

*During the penitential season of Lent,
it is our custom to conclude worship without a postlude.*

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Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks, Associate Pastor
Rev. David Dornack, Parish Associate
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries
Melissa Dailey, 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 Tom Withycombe by Kathy and families.



Every Easter, lilies adorn our sanctuary, and are given to home-bound or ill members of FPC to brighten their Easter season. You can help offset the cost of the lilies by donating \$15 in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Fill out the enclosed form and make your payment through CCB, or select "Pay Later" to mail a check to the church office. Donations are due by Sunday, April 10. Please include \$15 for each person remembered or honored. To order online: <https://bit.ly/EasterLily2022> Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with Easter Lilies in memo. Names of those remembered and honored will be published in the worship bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 17.

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>

Learning Together Through Lent

Join us on Sundays after church from 12-1:00 pm in-person or online to reflect on being a “beloved community.” To sign up to be a part of this group and receive an electronic PDF of the devotion, please e-mail Pastor Brenna at bdykman@firstpresportland.org or call the church office.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81652694626>

Volunteering with Community Meals

FPC is teaming up with a new mission partner, Community Meals, to provide a once-a-month dinner for our neighbors in the Rosenbaum Plaza (one block from the church). Come cook, serve, and share a meal for the first Thursday of the month starting in May. We need at least 5 more people to join the team and ask that people commit to serving for 6 months so that we can build relationships with our neighbors. To sign up to help or learn more, contact Pastor Brenna.

Hilarie Couture Exhibit in the Gallery

Oil paintings “inspired by light and color,” now in the Chapel Gallery from March 6 to April 25. “My passion brings energy through the work especially when painting people. I am constantly stretching and creating new work that sometimes incorporates painting with other mixed elements to display new textures and explores the materials and the process. Whatever I create my goal is to cause the viewer to linger, delight in and figure out the story that the paintings tell.”

Purposeful Work Party at Menucha

Join us for our first volunteer work party of 2022 on Saturday, March 26, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm!

Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/MarchWorkParty>

Questions? Cloie Cohen, Development Director, cloie@menucha.org or 503-695-2243

Join us April 3 for Lemon Bars with Ann Walsh!

The monthly Zoom cooking lessons that we call “Cooking It Up with First Pres” continue in April! Please join guest host, Ann Walsh, on Sunday, April 3 at 5:00 pm. Ann will share her recipe and show us the finer points of making Lemon Bars. These tart-and-sweet treats would be a great addition to your table at Easter or anytime. Sign up through this Evite: <https://evite.me/fyfq5qsUxy>

New Art Exhibit from PSU

Portland State University’s Collaborative Comics Project Team’s “Changing the Narrative: Stories of Student Homelessness and Housing Instability” is on display in Geneva Hall this month. By making these ten, true, cartoon-format stories available for public viewing, we are helping PSU build greater understanding, empathy, and awareness about how people slip into homelessness. (Some stories are traumatic and may not be appropriate for children; parental discretion is advised.) For the full story of this exhibit visit:

www.pdx.edu/homelessness/StudentStories

Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

During the month of March our youth will be raising funds for this year’s 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 at bdykman@firstpresportland.org or call the church office.



Jesus Laments Over Jerusalem



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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