



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

Please remember to silence your cell phone. 

March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome to worship at FPC! In response to the lifting of the statewide mandate and declining virus numbers, masks are no longer required for worship or church activities. Those who wish to continue masking are welcome to do so.

The Gathering

PRELUDE Softly and Tenderly arr. Anna Laura Page
(Ann van Bever, oboe)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy early American
Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.
I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us back from the far country,
from the place of loneliness and exile,
from the fields of dutiful labor.

For God longs to welcome us and love us!

God weighs neither the sad detours of our journey
nor our attempts to earn God's favor.

We who have been lost are welcomed home.

Let us worship the God who awaits our return.



** Please stand as you are able.*



* PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the lost, and all who long for home,
when we wander from your ways
and waste the gifts you have given us,
welcome us back, we pray,
so we may rejoice with you forever;
through Christ your beloved Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

* HYMN #804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

MARION

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,
some days there is enough discouragement in us
to swamp our hopefulness,
enough weariness to smother our compassion.
Yet thankfully, there is also discontent enough
to turn us home toward you.
God of amazing grace and prodigal mercy,
forgive us both our pride and folly,
and give us hearts swift to extend to others
the forgiveness you have lavished on us.

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**

The Lord is gracious and compassionate, abounding in steadfast love.
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

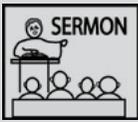
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 32:1-7 Pew Bible, pg. 507 (OT)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Thou Knowest, Lord Henry Purcell
Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayer;
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Savior, thou most worthy Judge eternal,
suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death to fall from thee.
Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 Pew Bible, pg. 78 (NT)
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.





* HYMN

O God, How We Have Wandered

PASSION CHORALE



1. O God, how we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
 2. And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
 3. O God of all the liv - ing, both ban-ish-ed and re - stored,



in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
 by faith we are re - turn - ing with hope and trust in you.
 com - pas-sion-ate, for - giv - ing, our peace and hope as - sured.



But how, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we turn with fear and shame,
 In haste you come to meet us, and home re - joic - ing bring,
 Grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as dis - tant but com - pell - ing, you call us each by name.
 in glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
 Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par-don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1980, alt. © 1981 by ICEL, Inc.
 Tune: PASSION CHORALE, 7.6.7.6.D; Hans Leo Hassler, 1601

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In everlasting love,
 the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
 to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,
 God delivered the children of Israel
 from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,
 God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
 Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
 like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
 God is faithful still.

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

David Ashley White

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

— John Newton, 1772

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



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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Music: © 2008 by Hal H. Hopson (Glory to God No. 608)



*** 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 #435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

* BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE Softly and Tenderly arr. Thomas Porter

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Come home, come home; you who are weary come home;
softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Why should we tarry when Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me?
Why should we tarry when Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Come home, come home; you who are weary come home;
softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

(Madeline Ross, soprano; Sarah Beaty, mezzo-soprano)

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

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor
Rev. Brenna Dykman, Interim Associate Pastor
Rev. David Dornack, Parish Associate
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries
Shelby Walker, 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 her parents, Donald
and Lucile Hill, by their daughter, Kathryn Hill.*

*The chancel table flowers in the sanctuary are given in honor of John
Hortenstine's 75th birthday, from Sara and Katie Hortenstine.*

Today is the fourth Sunday of Lent, roughly half way through our Lenten journey toward Easter. This Sunday is known as “Laetare Sunday,” from the Latin for “rejoice.” It is like the third Sunday in Advent, when the pink candle on the Advent wreath is lit, and likewise uses the liturgical color of rose. These Sundays mark a time when in the midst of a season of penitence, we remember the joy that is ours in Christ’s resurrection.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zoom Coffee Hour Today After Worship!

Those who are worshipping online 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>

“Calling Home” In the Pocket Choral Concert - Today!

Celebration Works presents the vocal sextet, In the Pocket, today at 2:00 pm. Join us live or online for a concert of unaccompanied choral music exploring what it means to find home. In the Pocket members Madeline Ross, Laura Chase, Arielle Sazima, Alec Chase, Matt Faunt, and Rick Jones offer a diverse program of classical and popular music by Danielle Jagelski, Ysaye Barnwell, Billy Joel, and more. Our community spotlight for this concert is Community Warehouse whose mission is to connect essential furnishings to neighbors in need through unique community partnerships, creating stronger home foundations and brighter futures for all.

Information about the concert and the link to watch online can be found here: <https://bit.ly/CelebrationWorks>

Palm Sunday Brunch at Menucha

It's been a long time since we've been able to gather this way - it's exciting! Plan ahead to gather at Menucha for brunch on Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022. This beloved annual event features a lovely lunch from Menucha's amazing kitchen. Hot cross buns will be included in meal (but not for sale). After lunch, everyone is free to walk Menucha's gorgeous grounds or linger for conversation with friends. Newcomers are especially welcome and encouraged to attend! Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up; \$15 for ages 7-12; and kids 0-6 eat for free. Rides can be arranged. Scholarships available upon request; please speak with a pastor. For the safety of all guests, proof of vaccination will be required. You can buy your tickets today after worship at Coffee Hour or online at this link: <https://bit.ly/PalmSundayBrunch22>

Call for Fellowship Hosts

We're delighted to be able to have coffee fellowship after worship again. Would you like to take a turn in hosting? Or providing the sliced cheese? Hosts make the coffee and set everything out, then clean up afterwards. (They also bring the half & half.) It's a fun volunteer job that you can do monthly or occasionally. If you're interested, contact Lauren Deming at laurendeming511@gmail.com.

April 20 Evening Congregational Meeting Online

Session is calling a meeting online by Zoom of the congregation for Wednesday evening, April 20, at 7:00 pm. The Zoom link for the meeting is:

<https://bit.ly/AprilCongregationalMeeting>

Meeting ID: 814 4920 6229

Session is calling this online congregational meeting to vote on two items:

1) proposed changes to the church bylaws that the Session is recommending

2) a proposal from the Personnel Committee regarding a compensation item for a member of pastoral staff.

Members on the active roll are able to vote, and anyone involved in the church's life is welcome to attend.

Background papers for the meeting will be posted as a link from the emailed church weekly newsletter in April, and will also be available on request from the church office by leaving a phone message at (503) 228-7331, or by email at office@firstpresportland.org.

Dedicate an Easter Lily!

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.

Save the Date for Labor Day Retreat, Sept. 2-4

Enjoy Menucha's spectacular scenery, marvelous meals, and an excellent community-building program. Whether you want an active weekend including swimming and hiking or would rather take things easy, you'll love this time to connect with our church community, draw closer to God and marvel at creation in the Columbia River Gorge. And whether you're new to our church family or have been here for years, there's a place for you at Menucha.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Racial Diversity Workshops in April

A coalition of local congregations, including First Presbyterian, is bringing David Campt and The Dialogue Company to Portland this spring. The Dialogue Company is committed to building the capacity of people, organizations, and communities to defuse racism by engaging in positive, inclusive dialogue. The purpose of the trainings is to encourage and inspire people to have constructive conversations about race and help provide the tools to do so. The workshops will be at Westminster on April 21-23. FPC has 15 scholarship spots for \$20 to attend both the keynote and session one. E-mail bdykman@firstpresportland.org to claim a spot. For a calendar of events and ticket prices, click on the following link: <https://bit.ly/3CNLdAl>

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: <http://evite.me/fYfq5qsUxv>

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.

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. (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

One Great Hour of Sharing Ready to Help

As we come together again to worship, please remember the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Lenten offering. The challenges that we have endured extend to our brothers and sisters across the US and around the globe. Church networks funded by the OGHS are already in place to assist suffering people in the name of Jesus. Please consider making a generous donation during this Easter season. You can write a check or give through the church's website.

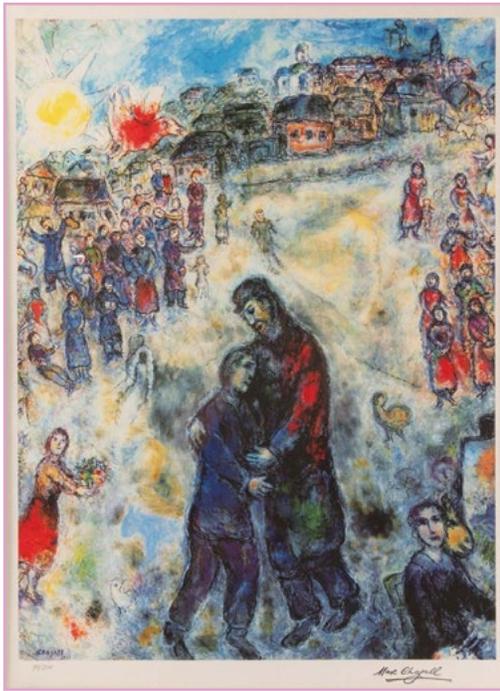
Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

During the month of March our youth are 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. The FPC Mission Committee has teamed up with Refugee Care Collective, working with the major resettling agencies in Oregon, to help welcome our new neighbors. We are 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, contact Pastor Brenna at bdykman@firstpresportland.org.



“Return of the Prodigal Son”
Marc Chagall, 1975



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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