



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

Please remember to silence your cell phone. 

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.

April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Gathering

PRELUDE *Jesu, meine Freude*, BWV 610 Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Jesus, Priceless Treasure* Johann Crüger (arr. J.S. Bach)
Jesus, priceless treasure, source of purest pleasure, truest friend to me;
ah, how long I've panted, and my heart has fainted, thirsting, Lord, for thee!
Thine I am, O spotless Lamb: nothing in the world can hide thee; naught I ask beside thee.
— *Johann Franck, 1650; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.
May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, how lavishly you pour out
the costly gift of your grace upon us.
Fill our homes and our lives
with the fragrance of your love,
so that we may show your glory
and serve your people;
through Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forevermore. Amen.



** Please stand as you are able.*



* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

For the times we have been quick to judge,
and slow to respond to the needs of those around us,
we ask your forgiveness, O Lord.
As we draw near to the cross of Christ,
strengthen our resolve to be your disciples,
that we may show the world your lavish and surprising love.

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

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
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

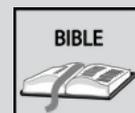
CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 126 Pew Bible, pg. 572 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



ANTHEM When God Restored Our Common Life arr. Howard Helvey

When God restored our common life, our hope, our liberty,
at first it seemed a passing dream, a waking fantasy;
a shock of joy swept over us, for we had wept so long;
the seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.

We went forth weeping, sowing seeds in hard, unyielding soil;
with laughing hearts we carry home the fruit of all our toil.
We praise the One who gave the growth, with voices full and strong.
The seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.

Great liberating God, we pray for all who are oppressed.
May those who long for what is right with justice now be blest.
We pray for those who mourn this day, and all who suffer wrong;
may seeds they water now with tears spring up into a song.

— *Ruth Duck, 1981*

(Nick Halsey, cello)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 12:1-8 Pew Bible, pg. 106 (NT)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON “Extravagant Grace” Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler



* **HYMN #630** Fairest Lord Jesus CRUSADERS' HYMN

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Philippians 2

Let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant.
And being found in human form, he humbled himself
and became obedient to death—even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him
and given him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

OFFERTORY

Drop, Drop, Slow Tears

Orlando Gibbons

Drop, drop, slow tears and bathe those beautiful feet
which brought from heaven the news and Prince of peace.

Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;
to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

— Phineas Fletcher, 1633

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 blessings flow; praise Christ, all
 people 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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The Lord's Supper

In this service of worship, in which we remember the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples, we invite those worshipping with us online to participate in communion at home.

This morning's communion responses will be spoken.

PRAYERS OF GREAT THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING ACCLAMATIONS

(The prayer continues)

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(The prayer continues)

...that we might proclaim the One crucified and risen.

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.**

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

(The prayer continues)

...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Unison)*

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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee arr. Charles Callahan

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Sending

* HYMN #610 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON

* BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE Fourfold Amen in G Donovan Klotzbeacher

*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. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries
Pete Vanden Bosch, 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 Inez and William
Leon McPherson by their daughters, Carol Gilbert and Jean Meihoff, and
son-in-law Walt Meihoff.*

IN MEMORIAM

*Our prayers and sympathy are with the friends and family of Ruth Anne
Moore, who died this past Monday, March 28.*

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



*Celebrate
Easter!*

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm

Good Friday, 7:00 pm

Easter, April 17

Worship Service, 10:30 am

**Easter Egg Hunt (ages 11 and under)*

following worship

Services will be in person and livestreamed at:

firstpresportland.org

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>

Stewardship Update

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind . . . and love your neighbor as yourself. Matthew 22:37-39

“Love God, love our Neighbors” has been the the focus of First Presbyterian Church’s 2021/2022 stewardship campaign. As we move forward into this new year, we are thankful for the support of our congregation and grateful for the generosity of those who have been able to make pledges. As we face new challenges we have much to be thankful for. For the 2022 pledge year to date we have received 154 pledges for a total of \$813,642. We exceeded our original goal of \$775,000 and the additional dollars will help us to strengthen the work of our church and fill the gap left by declining revenue from the parking garage. Thank you to all who continue to prayerfully support the ministries of our church. Questions: Please contact the FPC office by email at office@firstpresportland.org or call 503-228-7331.

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 begins at 12:30 pm and 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. Tomorrow, April 4, is the last day to buy tickets. You can buy your tickets 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.

Join us tonight for Lemon Bars with Ann Walsh!

The monthly Zoom cooking lessons that we call “Cooking It Up with First Pres” continues! Please join guest host, Ann Walsh, tonight 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/fYfq5qsUxy>

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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.

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/3CNLdAI>

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>

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 U.S. 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.

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.



“The house was filled with the fragrance...”
From a painting of Mary’s anointing of Jesus by
George William Joy, 1900



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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