



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 17, 2022

*Resurrection of the Lord
Easter Sunday*

The Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Christ is our Cornerstone

David Thorne

Christ is our Cornerstone, on him alone we build.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone.

Alleluia!

* CALL TO WORSHIP

After nights of deep darkness,

the bright light of Easter has dawned.

We come in search of the One who has died and yet lives.

We come to hear the angels joyfully proclaim:

Christ is not here, for he is risen.

Christ is risen indeed!

* EASTER PRAYER

Brightness of God's glory,

whom death could not conquer,

as you have shared our frailty in human flesh,

help us to share your life eternal in the Spirit.

Let no shadow of the grave frighten us,

for in you, death is overcome in victory.

Reveal yourself to us this Easter day and all our days,

our great and risen Lord. Amen.



** Please stand as you are able.*

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Text: Edmund Louis Budry, 1884; trans. Richard Birch Hoyle, 1923, alt.
Tune: JUDAS MACCABEUS, 5.5.6.5.6.5.6.5 with refrain; George Frederick Handel, 1748

(Steve Anderson and James Brunner, trumpets)

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

On this morning of alleluias, O God,
we confess how human we are.
Too often we have been callous to the needs of others.
We accept the witness of the angels at the tomb,
but find it hard to share their good news with
those whose lives would be lightened by its hearing.
Bring us new life, O God of resurrection.
Where we are tired and stressed,
transform our hardened hearts,
and fill us with your Spirit's joy.
In the name of Christ, who gives us life, we pray.

Our prayers continue in silence.



* **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

LAND OF REST

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Text: Trad. liturgical text Tune: LAND OF REST, 8.7.8.7; American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

On this joyful Easter
we proclaim that nothing can separate us from the love of God,
for death and darkness are overcome in victory.
Friends, rejoice and believe:
in our risen Lord Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

* **RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

LLANFAIR

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt. Tune: LLANFAIR, 7.7.7.7 with alleluias; Robert Williams, 1817

* **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

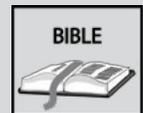
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 65:17-22

Pew Bible, pg. 696 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



ANTHEM

This Joyful Eastertide

arr. William H. Harris

This joyful Eastertide, away with care and sorrow!
 My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.
 Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,
 our faith had been in vain; but now hath Christ arisen.

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber,
 till trumpet from east to west shall wake the dead in number.

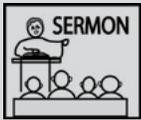
Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river:
 Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:1-12

Pew Bible, pg. 90 (NT)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.**SERMON**

"Don't Dismiss Hope"

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler

*** HYMN #246**

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
 Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death,
 shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
 but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.**

**In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
 Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.**

**Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
 and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
 till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

Text: Brian Wren, 1968 (rev. 1995) © 1995 by Hope Publishing Company
 Tune: TRURO, LM; Musica Sacra, c. 1778

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

This Easter day, we rejoice that death is not the last word.
God raised Jesus from death,
turning sorrow into joy,
despair into hope.
We sing of Jesus raised from the dead.
We sing hallelujah.
The Risen Christ lives today,
present to us and the source of our hope.
We sing of a church
seeking to continue the story of Jesus
by embodying Christ's presence in the world.
We are called together by Christ
as a community of broken but hopeful believers,
loving what he loved,
living what he taught,
striving to be faithful servants of God
in our time and place,
even as we look ahead in hope.

OFFERTORY

Alleluia

Bryan Sharpe

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**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



Text: Brian Wren, 1989 Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, LM with alleluias; Geistliche Kirchengesänge, 1623



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 #232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

EASTER HYMN

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Text: Stanzas 1-3, Lyra Davidica, 1708; stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740
Tune: EASTER HYMN, 7.7.7.7 with alleluias; Lyra Davidica, 1708

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

This Joyful Eastertide

Alan Bullard

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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
Rev. Dr. John Evans, 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.

**IN
MEMORIAM**

Our prayers and sympathy are with the family and friends of Merritt "Mac" McCall, who died on Sunday, April 10.

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

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>

FPC Higher Education Grant

The FPC Higher Education Grant is a one-time award to high school seniors or those who have been tied to FPC and have been accepted into an accredited 2-year, trade, license or certification program or full college. To receive a copy of the application or for questions, please contact Pastor Brenna at bdykman@firstpresportland.org

Tuesday Women's Book Club

The Tuesday Women's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, May 3 at 11:00 am on Zoom. Our book is "Tightrope" by Nicolas Kristof and Sheryl Wu Dunn. Norma Fales will lead the discussion. A national bestseller, it deals with the crisis in working class America and focuses on solutions.

To join, contact Marilyn Weber at mlwschatzi@gmail.com

Rummage Sale

Please stop by the old Alder Street Learning Center (in the basement of FPC) on May 15 from 11:30-1:30 to find a deal! Fill a bag for \$5 or larger items are as marked. There are lots of toy, children's books, and other items. All proceeds go to support FPC's Youth Mission Trips.

Save the Date for Labor Day Retreat, September 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.

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 members 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 are posted on the FPC website, and are also available upon request from the church office by leaving a phone message at (503) 228-7331, or by email at office@firstpresportland.org.

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.

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>



Mikhail Nesterov, "The Empty Tomb" 1889



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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