



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

May 29, 2022

Ascension of the Lord

Please remember to silence your cell phone. 

Welcome to worship at FPC! Masks are no longer required for worship or church activities. Those who wish to continue masking are welcome to do so.

The Gathering

PRELUDE Two settings of *Llanfair* Marilyn Biery & Franklin Ashdown

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Hail Thee, Festival Day! Ralph Vaughan Williams
Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever;
day when our risen Lord rose in the heavens to reign.

He who was nailed to the cross is ruler and Lord of all people.
All things created on earth sing to the glory of God.

Daily the loveliness grows, adorned with the glory of blossom;
heaven its gates now unbars, flinging its increase of light.

— *Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, c. 567-576*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God has ascended with a mighty shout.
The Lord has ascended with trumpets blaring!
Come, let's sing praise to God together,
for our God is sovereign over all the earth!



** Please stand as you are able.*



* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Mighty God,
in whom we know the power of redemption,
you stand among us in the shadows of our time.
As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life,
uphold us with knowledge of the final morning
when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son,
we will share in his resurrection,
redeemed and restored to the fullness of life
and forever freed to be your people. Amen.



* HYMN

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

LLANFAIR



1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
3. There we shall with him re - main, Al - le - lu - ia!



to his throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates; Al - le - lu - ia!
part - ners in his end - less reign, Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, the Lamb to mor - tals giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ has con - quered death and sin; Al - le - lu - ia!
there his face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!



re - as - cends his na - tive heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
take the King of glo - ry in. Al - le - lu - ia!
live with him e - ter - nal - ly. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.

Tune: LLANFAIR, 7.7.7.7 with alleluias; Robert Williams, 1817

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Creator of the universe,
you made the world in beauty,
and restore all things in glory
through the victory of Jesus Christ.
We pray that, wherever we disfigure your image
by poverty, sickness, selfishness, war and greed,
that you grant us forgiveness.
Help us to follow the risen Christ
in the ways of justice, love, and peace,
to the glory of your name.

Our prayers continue in silence.

* **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
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Text: Trad. liturgical text Tune: LAND OF REST, 8.7.8.7; American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news!
The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
Believe the good news of the gospel:
In 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.

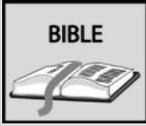


The Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 2:1-5 Pew Bible, pg. 631 (OT)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



ANTHEM How Long? Pepper Choplin

How long, how long 'til this world is free from suffering?
How long, how long 'til blessed peace will reign?
How long, how long 'til the power of love will come
and heaven's will is done? How long, how long?

How long? How long 'til every gun is silenced?
How long? How long 'til hate and war shall end;
'til every battle's thunder will fade to blessed peace
and sounds of war will cease? How long, how long?

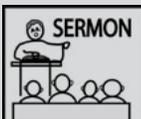
Press on, press on, let faith and hope sustain you.
Press on, press on, keep working for the day
when all of God's children will live in peace as one.
Until that new day comes, press on, press on.

Send me, send me to work for the kingdom.
Send me, send me to go and live for peace.
Until the love of heaven to earth shall descend,
and peace will reign again, send me, send me.
Press on, we'll press on. We will sing a peaceful song!
But still we're praying on, how long, how long?

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:44-53 Pew Bible, pg. 91 (NT)
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "The Ascension" Rev. Brenna Dykman

* **HYMN #366** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL



* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from The Scots Confession

We do not doubt but that the selfsame body
which was born of the virgin,
was crucified, dead, and buried,
and which did rise again,
did ascend into the heavens,
for the accomplishment of all things,
where in our name and for our comfort
he has received all power in heaven and earth,
where he sits at the right hand of the Father,
having received his kingdom,
the only advocate and mediator for us.

OFFERTORY

The Lord Goes Up

Malcolm Archer

The Lord goes up with shouts of joy, while trumpets all his triumph tell;
with him humanity is raised above angelic worlds to dwell.

He sits with God, at his right hand, who is the Lord of every thing;
the Father's glory is his own: Christ Jesus, all creation's king.

And when he comes again in might, to raise us on that splendid day,
we shall be gathered up to him, and every tear be wiped away.

O God, our Father, hear our prayer: with Christ, our Lord, your only Son,
send forth the Spirit of your love to live in us and make us one.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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 #265** Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun DUKE STREET

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Prelude on *Duke Street* Charles Callahan

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Brenna Dykman, Interim Associate Pastor
Rev. David Dornack, Parish Associate
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries
Anna Wells, Lay Reader

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We join in holding in prayer:

Kathy Callas, Liz Dean, Ed & Janice Gehrig, Herb Grose, 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

*This morning's sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Eric Johnson
and John Lusk, by Rosalee Johnson.*

IN MEMORIAM

*Our prayers and sympathy are with the family and friends of Robert Hastings,
who died on Sunday, May 22. The flowers on the chancel table today are given
in loving memory by his family.*

*Our prayers and sympathy are also with the family and friends of Louis
Wildman, who died on May 10. Dr. Wildman played chimes, bells, and
timpani for Christmas and Easter services at FPC for over 50 years, until
honorably retiring after Christmas, 2017. His funeral was held on May 28 in
Bakersfield, California (flowers were sent on behalf of FPC).*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pentecost Paella on the Plaza - Last Day to RSVP!

Today is the last day to RSVP for next Sunday's Pentecost Paella on the Plaza! Paella is a delicious dish that originated in the Valencia region of Spain. We'll be enjoying Menucha's seafood and meatless versions in a special, festive celebration of being person-to-person post-pandemic (or so we hope)!

RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/PentecostPaella>

2023 Uganda Mission Trip

Have you been considering joining the 2023 mission trip to Kamwenge Secondary and Vocational School in Kamwenge, Uganda? If so, please join Pastor Spencer and Pastor Brenna for an informational evening where you can ask your questions and hear from previous mission team members. We will be hosting a potluck dinner on Wednesday June 8, 2022 at 6:00 pm in Calvin Library. Please RSVP to Kathryn Hill (hillka@teleport.com) by Monday, June 6.

Tuesday Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, June 7 at 11:00 am on Zoom. Our book selection has changed to "A Single Thread" by Tracey Chevalier. Cindy Finch will lead the discussion. For questions, contact Marilyn Weber at mlwschatzi@gmail.com. To join on Zoom, contact Jan Mittelstaedt at janrmitt@gmail.com.

Summer Blood Drive - June 7

Our Spring Blood Drive was such a success, we'll be holding another blood drive on Tuesday, June 7 from 11:00 am to 5:30 pm. You can sign up by going to the American Red Cross website and looking for our blood drive.

Menucha 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. There's a Saturday-only option as well!

Menucha Volunteer Work Parties

Menucha has a full schedule of Volunteer Work Parties. If you'd like to mark your calendars for future work parties, they are all on Saturdays, 9:00-12:00: June 25, Sept 24, Oct 15, and Nov 5. Menucha is also hoping to start hosting mid-week volunteer shifts - let Cloie know if you might be interested in those - cloie@menucha.org.

Nurture Lifelong Faith Connections

Our annual Presbyterian Pentecost Offering is a gift to the future-- furthering the faith development and welfare of children and youth. FPC keeps 40% of members' donations to fund projects in our own community. The remaining 60% supports ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency: Young Adult Volunteers (YAV), Ministries for Youth, and Children-at-Risk. Please make a contribution at Pentecost, June 5, to nurture the faith of those who are the church to come.

Deacons DEAR Fund

The Deacon's DEAR Fund (Deacons Emergency Assistance Resource) is a program that will provide needed financial assistance to those struggling to pay their bills on a short term basis. Should you, or someone you know, need aid to get through a difficult financial situation, please contact one of the pastors and they will work with that person to determine any amount to be funded.

Neighborhood Carpool Drivers Needed

Are you able to share a ride from your neighborhood to FPC on Sunday? Some members are driving less and need a lift to church, others want to find ways to reduce energy use. If you are interested in carpooling from your neighborhood, please contact the Deacon's transportation coordinator, Bill Resley at kayak500@gmail.com or (713) 256-6658.

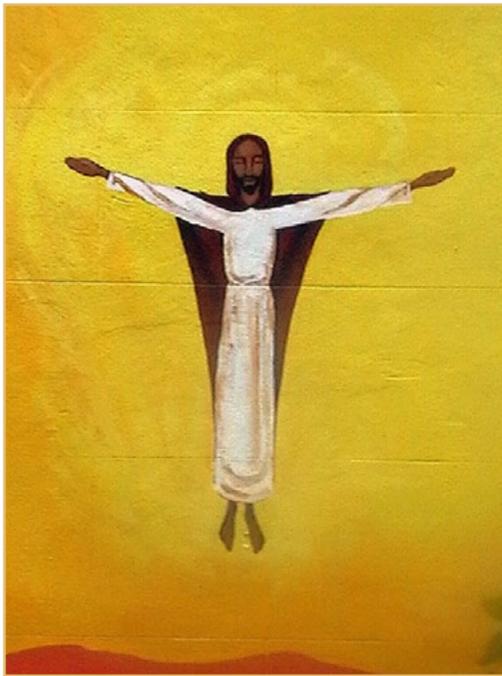
Soft Goods Fundraiser Continues

We had such a good turnout for our Soft Goods offerings (**see details below*) that we are extending our collection. Items are being resold/recycled through a local thrift store and our youth will receive monetary compensation for each pound collected. Funds go to support youth mission trips! Bags of items can be left under the Soft Goods sign in Geneva Hall at any time. For more information, contact bdykman@gmail.com.

**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.*

Session Update

The Session approved a new strategic plan for FPC at its April meeting. Copies are now available on CCB and in the church office.



“Ascension,” Artist Unknown



LOVE GOD.
LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS.

Vision Statement:

We commit to be a church that is:

Engaged. A forward-thinking and involved congregation committed to each other and to the wider community.

Inclusive. A faith community that affirms and welcomes all people.

Compassionate. A congregation that follows in Christ’s way, advancing the well-being and dignity of all people, working for a just and equitable society, and caring for all creation.

Faithful. Living our faith authentically with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love while expanding the circle where God’s love is known.

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