



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

**Service for
the Lord's Day**

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.

May 8, 2022

4th Sunday of Easter

The Gathering

PRELUDE O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig*, BWV 618 Johann Sebastian Bach

*O Lamb of God, innocent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Alleluia Norah Duncan IV

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said: I am the good shepherd.
Christ lays down his life for the sheep.
The Lamb of God will be our shepherd;
He will guide us o the water of life.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,
you sent Jesus, our good shepherd,
to gather us together.
May we not wander from his flock,
but follow wherever he leads us,
listening for his voice and staying near him,
until we are safely in your fold,
to live with you forever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.



** Please stand as you are able.*



* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
 In Jesus Christ you promise forgiveness and new life.
 We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
 separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.
 We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
 and show reluctance to welcome one another;
 we allow the past to hold us hostage.
 In your loving kindness, have mercy on us,
 and free us from sin.
 Remind us that the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our
 shepherd, and he will guide us to springs of the water of life,
 so that we may rise to new life,
 and live together in grace.

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

All of us, like sheep, have gone astray,
 but now we have returned
 to the shepherd and guardian of our souls.
 Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
 In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Alleluia! Amen!

* 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 Revelation 7:9-17 Pew Bible, pg. 249 (NT)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Alleluia Bryan Sharpe

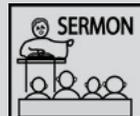
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 10:22-30 Pew Bible, pg. 104 (NT)
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "Actions Or Words" Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks

* HYMN #274 You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd PICARDY

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from the Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.



The Sending

* HYMN #643

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude on *Victory*

Richard Proulx



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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks, Associate Pastor
Rev. Brenna Dykman, Interim Associate Pastor
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries
Estelle Brunner, 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

*This morning's sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Perle Levet, by
Mel Levet, Boyd and Kay Levet, and Jan and John Le Pouvoir.*

Confirmation 2022-23

Parents and Grandparents! Do you know a youth that may be interested in participating in a confirmation class next year? Pastor Carmen is putting together a list of potential participants and will be hosting a meeting next month to describe what is involved, so you can better determine if this is the right step for your family. Confirmation is a set of classes over a period of months that provide young people an opportunity to learn and reflect on the Christian faith and what it means to them.

If you'd like to receive more information, please reach out to her via email at cgoetschius@firstpresportland.org with the name/grade of the potential participant.

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>

Celebration Works Organ Recital - May 15

The final CW program of the season will feature Dr. Katie Burk playing FPC's Jaeckel pipe organ next Sunday, May 15 at 2:00 pm. The concert is free and open to the public, and a reception will follow! Please see the May Spire for more information.

Rummage Sale - May 15

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

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

Session Update

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

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. And whether you're new to our church family or have been here for years, there's a place for you at Menucha. There's a Saturday only option and soon we'll announce pricing that should make the retreat accessible to everyone in the congregation.

Save The Dates!

June 5: Pentecost Paella on the Plaza after worship
August 13: Walk the Wildwood supporting the Uganda schools
September 2-4: Labor Day Retreat at Menucha

"Art in the Christian Church" Series

From Genesis to Catacombs, Cathedrals and Beyond

The series continues today from 12-1:00 pm, downstairs in the library, with Session III – Art & Architecture Heritage, The Sources of Artistic Evolution.

Rev. Schindler on Sabbatical through May and June

Session has approved for Rev. Schindler to take a second block of sabbatical leave (deferred from earlier in the pandemic) from May through July 7. (A three-month sabbatical every six years is now part of all pastoral calls in our Presbytery to help renew pastors for their ministry). During the sabbatical, Rev. Brenna Dykman will be our Acting Head of Staff, and will cover all the parts of this role. Audrey is thankful to the congregation and Session for this time of renewal, and for the recent gift toward this leave. We join in wishing her well for this leave!

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. This historical novel takes place post-WWI in England and is about a guild of women who embroider kneelers at the historic Winchester Cathedral. The plot has a bell ringer, a lonely woman and a romance. For questions, contact Marilyn Weber at mlwschatzi@gmail.com. To join on Zoom, contact Jan Mittelstaedt at janmitt@gmail.com.

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.*

Call for Zoom Fellowship Hosts!

We're looking for folks to host the Zoom coffee hour on Sundays for those who are worshipping at home. Please contact Sarah Schwab at qtipschwab@msn.com for more information!



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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