



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

**Service for
the Lord's Day**

Please remember to silence your cell phone. 

Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian! Due to the transmissibility of present variants of the virus, our church strongly recommends following the Oregon Health Authority guidelines and masking for those who attend worship or coffee hour indoors.

August 14, 2022

*Tenth Sunday after
Pentecost*

The Gathering

PRELUDE Prelude on *Grand Isle* Charles Callahan
 Prelude on *When the Saints* Rebecca Groom te Velde

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Rejoice in God's Saints OLD 104th psalm tune
Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days! A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer, their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days! A world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true: their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.
— Fred Pratt Green, 1977

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Psalm 80*

Restore us, O God of hosts;
 let your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.
You have planted us as a vine,
 yet we have eaten the bread of tears.
O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
 give us life, and we will call on your name.
Restore us, O Lord;
 let your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.



** Please stand as you are able.*



* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God,
increase in us your gift of faith,
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to what is before,
we may run the race you have set before us
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

* HYMN #816

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

WER NER DEN LIEBEN GOTT

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Savior, we come seeking your saving grace.
Where we have been caught up in our own concerns,
neglecting to love you and our neighbors,
forgive and renew us, loving God.
Where we have slid into discouragement,
neglecting the hope that is ours in you,
forgive and renew us, loving God.
May the witness of your faithful people
inspire us to be faithful in the challenges of our day, we pray.

Our prayers continue in silence.

* LORD, HAVE MERCY

Cantor first, then ALL

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The Lord is gracious, and 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**

THAXTED



O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day
and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;
for we can on-ly won-der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:
we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up-on your Word,
we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might-y Lord.

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*** 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!

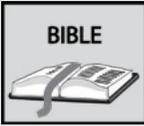
Please take a moment to be thankful for God's peace.

The Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 80:1-2, 8-15, 18-19

Pew Bible, pg. 540 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Saranam, saranam Punjabi melody (arr. Geoff Weaver)

Jesus, Savior, Lord, now to you I come. **Saranam, saranam, saranam.*

You're my rock, my refuge, my heavenly home. *Saranam, saranam, saranam.*

From the earth wherever I may be, out of desperation and through agony,

I cry in helplessness: O answer me. *Saranam, saranam, saranam.*

In your heart give me a hiding place,

and beneath your wings let me find sheltering grace;

O let me see the sunshine of your face. *Saranam, saranam, saranam.*

Then with joy to you my vows I'll pay,

and give thanks for all your mercy every day.

I'll humbly follow in your perfect way. *Saranam, saranam, saranam.*

— Daniel Thambyrajah Niles, 1963

**In Tamil, Saranam means "I take refuge" or "surrender."*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 11:29-12:3 Pew Bible, pg. 226 (NT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Not Alone" Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler

* **HYMN #463** How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

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

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.

Our ancestors in faith

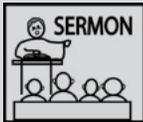
bequeath to us experiences of their faithful living;

upon their lives our lives are built.

Our living of the gospel makes us a part of this communion of saints,

experiencing the fulfillment of God's reign

even as we actively await a new heaven and a new earth.



MOMENT FOR JULIA WEST

OFFERTORY

We Are Not Alone

Pepper Choplin

We are not alone. God is with us.
We are never alone. God is with us.
Now, through all our days, always, forever and ever.
God will make us strong. We will press on.

Thank you for your faithful support of the church and Christ's ongoing ministry. You may give through the church website or mail your check to the church office. Those attending worship are invited to leave gifts in the offering plates as they leave the sanctuary.

* DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

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Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH, LM; Genevan Psalter, 1551

* 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 #846

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata on *Duke Street*

Gilbert M. Martin

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**WORSHIP
LEADERS**

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks, Associate Pastor
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries
Sylvia Stater, Lay Reader

**PRAYERS OF
THE PEOPLE**

We join in holding in prayer:
Kathy Callas, Liz Dean, Ed & Janice Gehrig, Herb Grose, Fran Hermanson,
Bruce Purdy, 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 in loving memory of Mark and Norm Schindler, and Paul A. Felix, by Bruce Felix, Audrey Schindler, Lynn Schindler and Trudy Felix.

Salt Shakers Is Back!

If you don't know what Salt Shakers is, then you are just the person to sign up for these fellowship small group potluck dinners! They are meant to help people get to know each other in the comfort of each others' homes. Each person or couple will meet 4 times during the year, taking one turn holding a potluck dinner in their home, with 3 other persons/couples. Each quarter you will have dinner with a completely different set of church members, so you will meet a good cross section of friendly people randomly selected from those who have signed up.

We haven't had Salt Shakers since 2019 and there is one thing different about the schedule: it is starting in September! The first quarter dinner will be held sometime between September 1 and November 30, at the discretion of the appointed host. Most hosts will contact their randomly assigned guests via email and suggest a few dates for the dinner and, after getting responses, will let them know the date decided on.

To sign up for Salt Shakers 2022-2023 or learn more you can find Jean Smith, the organizer, in Geneva Hall every Sunday in August after the church service or you can email her at jeanel53@gmail.com. The deadline is Sunday, August 28.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Change in Masking Recommendation

Due to the transmissibility of present variants of the virus and high levels of the virus in our county, our Session strongly recommends following the Oregon Health Authority guidelines and masking for those attending worship or coffee hour indoors. Those attending coffee hour indoors may unmask while eating and drinking. Thanks for helping to keep those who are vulnerable safe in this season!

Kids Sunday School On Summer Break

Sunday School for children is on summer break, but the nursery is open for littles and older elementary kids who need a place to play quietly. The worship service is live-streamed in the nursery, so please feel most welcome to use that space. Weekly Sunday School will start again on September 11th (10:45-11:30). We look forward to nurturing the faith of your children and grandchildren!

Open Circle Resumes

Open Circle resumes meeting at church at 10:00 am, Thursday, September 8. All women are welcome. Pastor Brenna will speak at our first meeting. After that we will begin studying how to put faith in action using *Materiality as Resistance: Five Elements for Moral Action in the Real World* by Walter Brueggemann as our guide. Books will be available at the first meeting for \$11, or they can be purchased from popular websites.

Tuesday Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, September 13 at noon in the Whitman Room and on Zoom. Bring a brown bag lunch, if you wish at 11:30 am. Invitations from Zoom to join will come shortly before. We will vote on books to read for the 2022-23 season. Any questions, contact Marilyn Weber: mlwschatzi@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 Pastor Brenna at bdykman@firstpresportland.org. *Please make sure items are washed before donating.*

Parking for Sunday Mornings

With the church's parking garage generating income that helps to support the church's life and programs, we are starting a new process for Sunday mornings to include public parking for those who are downtown for brunch and Sunday activities. For those attending worship: please pull a ticket on entry to the garage, and write "church" on it. This can be returned to the parking attendant when you exit the garage. There is no charge for your parking to attend the service. Thank you for your help in this part of the church's life as Portland's downtown continues to rebound.

Julia West News!

The church's Julia West house has served for many years and in many ways to minister to the needs of the neighborhood surrounding the church, with Night Watch and Day Watch in past years, and a Food Pantry for Alder House residents in recent years. Several years ago, our congregation voted to approve the sale of Julia West House once sufficient funding could be found (through grants from the city, state or county) to allow its redevelopment as affordable housing with social services on site. Our church is working with Community Development Partners, who received news on August 5 from the Housing Stability Council that the project has been given a substantial grant to allow the building of 89 apartments with social service support on site. In a year when our church is seeking to strengthen our love for our neighbors, we rejoice at this exciting news!

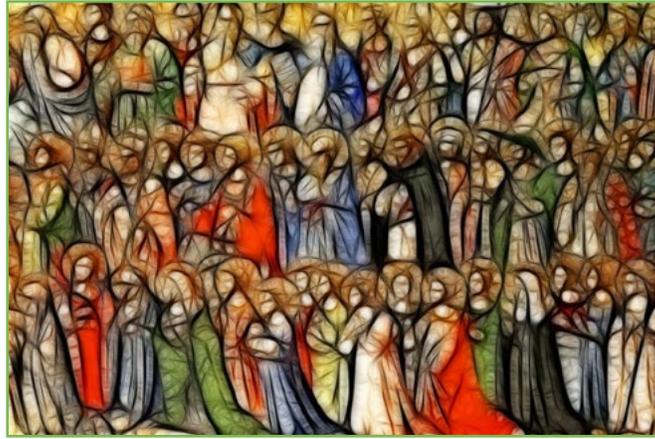
Claim Your Paella Party Gift Certificate!

If you won a gift certificate at the Paella Party in June, don't forget to claim your prize! Reach out to the prize donor listed on the gift certificate, and if you need help, please email Amy Meabe (Amymeabe@gmail.com). It's all about connecting with your church community!

Register Now for the All Church Labor Day Retreat, September 2-4

Step away from your usual responsibilities and join other FPC folks for a weekend of fresh air, fun, conversations, delicious meals, and the opportunity to experience God's presence among us. To register, and learn more information, visit the FPC website. Questions: contact Ann Walsh, registrar. (ann.walsh@gmail.com).

Whether a visitor or member, you can use both sides of the blue "Welcome" card in the pew rack to notify FPC staff of your presence and/or needs. Please place the completed card in an offering plate at the exit doors. Watching the livestream? A digital version of the "Welcome" card is available on the website.



“Surrounded by so Great a Cloud of Witnesses”
Gerd Altman, after “All Saints” by Fra Angelico



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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