



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 21, 2022

Eleventh Sunday after
Pentecost

The Gathering

PRELUDE Aria on a Chaconne Joel Martinson
Prelude on *Healer of Our Every Ill* David Cherwien

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT This Is the Day Fijian folk melody (arr. Darryl Nixon)
This is the day that our God has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
You are our God, we will praise your name; we will give thanks for your faithfulness.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.

For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

Do not forsake me when my strength is spent.

With confidence and joy, let us worship God!

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have taught us
that all our deeds without love are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
the bond of peace and of all goodness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.



* Please stand as you are able.

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

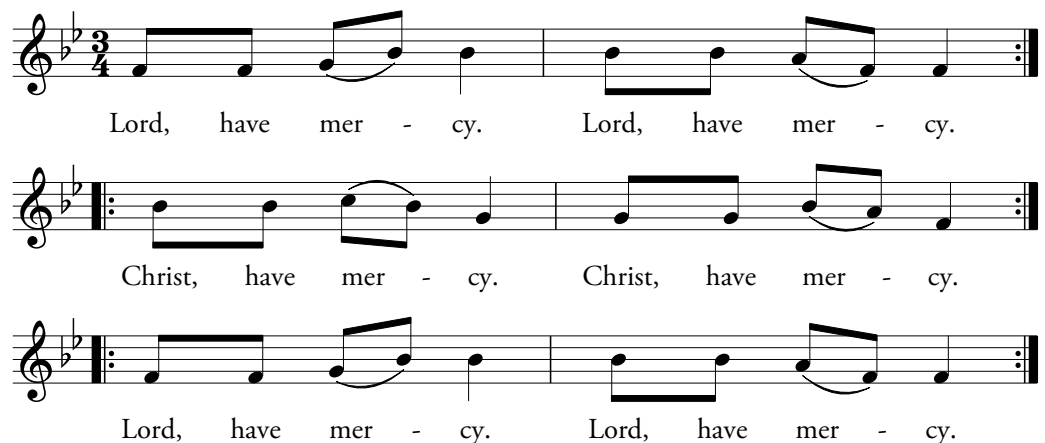
* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we come to you with hearts weighed down
by the memory and the burden of our mistakes;
of that which we have done and now regret,
of those things we ought to have done,
but could not find the will to do,
for those we have hurt or neglected,
we come asking your forgiveness.
Help us to see others as you see them,
with the compassionate eyes of Christ.

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

As far as the East is from the West,
so far has God removed our
transgressions from us.
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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Pew Bible, pg. 162 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



ANTHEM This Is My Father's World arr. Carol McClure
This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Mother's world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, God's hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Parent's world. O, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Parent's world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 13:10-17 Pew Bible, pg. 76 (NT)
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "Compassion Can't Wait" Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler

* **HYMN #795** Healer of Our Every Ill HEALER OF EVERY ILL

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *from A Song of Faith*

**Jesus announced the coming of God's reign—
a commonwealth not of domination
but of peace, justice, and reconciliation.
He healed the sick and fed the hungry.
He forgave sins and freed those held captive.
He preached and practiced unconditional love—
love of God, love of neighbor,
love of friend, love of enemy—
and he commanded us to love one another
as he has loved us.**

OFFERTORY When Jesus the Healer Peter D. Smith

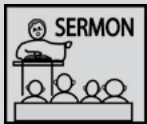
When Jesus the healer passed through Galilee, *[Heal us, heal us today!]*
the deaf came to hear and the blind came to see. *[Heal us, Lord Jesus!]*

The lepers were healed and the demons cast out. *[Heal us, heal us today!]*
A bent woman straightened to laugh and to shout. *[Heal us, Lord Jesus!]*

The twelve were commissioned and sent out in twos, *[Heal us, heal us today!]*
to make the sick whole and to spread the good news. *[Heal us, Lord Jesus!]*

There's still so much sickness and suffering today. *[Heal us, heal us today!]*
We gather together for healing and pray: *[Heal us, Lord Jesus!]*

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 #610 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON



* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Chaconne Louis Couperin

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**WORSHIP
LEADERS**

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor
Rev. Brenna Dykman, 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:
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 honor of our Pastoral Staff.

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

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 11 (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

Enjoy Fellowship and God's Creation by Serving Forest Park!

Join the FPC Earth Care Team from 9:00 am to noon on National Public Lands Day (Saturday, September 24). During this family friendly stewardship event, volunteers will be supporting the Forest Park Trails Program, increasing the safety and accessibility of the Forest's soft-surface trails. All training, tools, and work gloves will be provided. At noon, a complimentary lunch will be provided in Lower Macleay Park. Sign up at <https://forestparkconservancy.galaxydigital.com/> by September 7. Email jehrestore@gmail.com or call Jenny at 503-309-0973 if you are coming and to carpool or for last minute registration. Location: NW Leif Erikson Dr & Wild Cherry Trail (access from NW Thurman St. Walk for 5-10 minutes from the trailhead to the meeting point). Look for the FPC sign to gather with others connected with the church. What to Bring: Pack plenty of water and dress for all weather conditions. Long pants and sturdy, closed-toe shoes are required for your safety.

Congrats and Farewell to Maddy Ross!

After six years of service to FPC (2014-2016, 2018-2022), soprano soloist and Celebration Works Administrator Maddy Ross has decided to move on to pursue new musical and professional opportunities. Happily, she will be returning to sing in the November 6 CW concert, and you can continue to hear her around town with Renegade Opera, Portland Opera, etc. Please come wish Maddy well during coffee hour today!

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 11 is our Sunday School kick-off and we invite all children to bring their backpacks to church for a blessing. They'll be offered a special prayer for the new school year and given a small gift that reminds them that God's love goes with them wherever they go. Please encourage your children and grandchildren to take part in Sunday School this year. We have marvelous teachers and children's ministry interns at the ready for another year of learning & growing in faith! Classes are offered to children birth-7th grade. The monthly schedule looks like this:

First Sunday: Family Sunday (no Sunday School)
Last Sunday: Arts & Music (all classes combined)
Every other Sunday: Regular Sunday School

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.

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 bdkman@firstpresportland.org. *Please make sure items are washed before donating.*

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.



Then Jesus said to her, "You are set free"



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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