



**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 28, 2022

Youth Sunday

Twelfth Sunday after
Pentecost

The Gathering

PRELUDE Two settings of *Gather Us In* John Behnke & Paul Carlson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Together We Serve Daniel Charles Damon

Together we serve, united by love, inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy, extending God's love to the last and the least.

We seek to become a beacon of hope, a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through until we see Christ in each person we meet.

Together, by grace, we witness and work, remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in spirit and truth, remembering love is the strength of our song.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers

the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

what is humanity that you are mindful of them,

human beings that you care for them?

Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!



* Please stand as you are able.



* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,
in your goodness, you provide for the needy.
Remove from your people the pride of place
and the pursuit of power that mocks humility.
Open our hearts in generosity and justice
to the neglected and lonely,
that in showing esteem for others,
we may honor and please you
through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

* HYMN #401 Here in This Place (*verses 1, 2, 4*)

GATHER US IN

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our Lord came to us;
in the flesh of Jesus, a Middle Eastern man,
a man born into poverty,
a man who inconvenienced the status quo.
Yet we silence voices like his
because we think ours better.
Forgive us when we devalue the voices of those on the margins;
help us to listen and learn as we care for all God's people.

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**

Hear the good news!
The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 8

Pew Bible, pg. 492 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light...

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild...

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven...

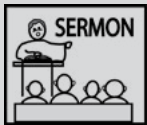
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Pew Bible, pg. 77 (NT)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**

"From the Margins to the Middle"

Rev. Brenna Dykman

*** HYMN #766**

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

MCKEE

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***from A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted.

OFFERTORY

The Servant Song

Richard Gillard

(arr. Francis Patrick O'Brien)

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow 'til we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

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 #733**

We All Are One in Mission

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* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Scherzo

Alan Ridout



Participants on 2022 Youth Mission Trip:

Chaperones: Brenna Dykman, Cathy Chang-Lowe, Daniel Dick, Jeff Foley
Youth: Stefen Carpenter, Eloise Dick, Anne Foley, Pete Foley, Annie Hall, John Hoder,
Sophie June Morris, & Dave Vidito

**WORSHIP
LEADERS**

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor
Rev. Brenna Dykman, Associate Pastor
Rev. David Dornack, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries

**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 Jack and Polly Chapman's September 3, 1942 wedding at First Presbyterian Church, by their son, Rob.

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.

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 bdykman@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.



Jesus and the Disciples by Father John Giuliani



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.

PRINCIPAL CHURCH STAFF

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