



* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

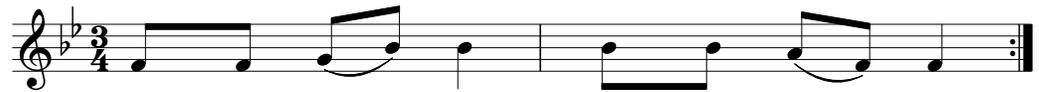
* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we confess that we have been too much at home in this earthly realm,
 forgetting in our busyness to be about the things of your kingdom,
 neglecting in our accumulation to lay up true treasure in heaven.
 Remind us again that we are pilgrims on a journey
 toward our heart's true home in you.
 Guide us to help others along the way,
 and fit us, day by day, to one day dwell in your heavenly city.

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

Scripture assures us, though our sins be as scarlet,
 they shall be white as snow.
 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

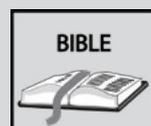
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:32-34

Pew Bible, pg. 75 (NT)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



MUSICAL OFFERING He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought

arr. Mark Hayes

(Darlene Cusick, piano)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Pew Bible, pg. 225 (NT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



SERMON "Strangers and Sojourners" Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler

* HYMN #320 The Church of Christ in Every Age WAREHAM

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *adapted from* the Westminster Confession of Faith

The grace of faith is the work of the Spirit in our hearts.

The principal acts of saving faith are
accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone
for justification, sanctification, and eternal life.

While this faith is different in degrees, weak or strong;
and may be often assailed and weakened, faith gains the victory;
attaining full assurance through Christ,
the author and finisher of our faith.

OFFERTORY Jesus, Priceless Treasure arr. J.S. Bach

Jesus, priceless treasure, source of purest pleasure, truest friend to me;
ah, how long I've panted, and my heart has fainted, thirsting, Lord, for thee!
Thine I am, O spotless Lamb: nothing in the world can hide thee; naught I ask beside thee.
— Johann Franck, 1650; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863

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.

Text: © 1990 by Neil Weatherhogg
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH, LM; Genevan Psalter, 1551

The Lord's Supper

In this service of worship, in which we remember the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples, we invite those worshipping with us online to participate in communion at home.

PRAYERS OF GREAT THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING ACCLAMATIONS

(The prayer continues)

...we glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy (*Hymnal #562*)

(The prayer continues)

...that we might proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Christ Has Died, Christ Is Risen (*Hymnal #563*)

(The prayer continues)

...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen (*Hymnal #564*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*)

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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC #527

Eat This Bread

BERTHIER

Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to Christ and never be hungry.

Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in Christ and you will not thirst.

Christ is the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Father.

Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, but this is the bread come down from heaven.

Eat his flesh and drink his blood, and Christ will raise you up on the last day.

Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.

If we believe and eat this bread, we will have eternal life.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Sending



* **HYMN** Now Let Us from This Table Rise TALLIS' CANON

Now let us from this table rise renewed in body, mind and soul;
with Christ we die and live again, his selfless love has made us whole.

With minds alert, upheld by grace, to spread the word in speech and deed,
we follow in the steps of Christ, at one with all in hope and need.

To fill each human house with love, it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do we humbly pledge ourselves to share.

Then grant us grace, Companion God, to choose again the pilgrim way
and help us to accept with joy the challenge of tomorrow's day.

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Tune: TALLIS' CANON, LM; Thomas Tallis, c. 1561

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. Paul Manz

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor
Rev. David Dornack, Parish Associate
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate
Darlene Cusick, Guest Organist and Choir Director

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 Sue and Harry Withycombe, Harriet and J. Lauren Naden, Governor James & Mrs. Isabel Withycombe, by Kathy and families.

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

The nursery will be open for the littles and if your older elementary kiddos need a space to spread out, please send them to the nursery as well where we'll have games, crafts, and quiet activities in their own corner of that space.

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.

**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.*

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.

Guest Organist/Choir Director Today

We welcome Darlene Cusick as our guest pianist/organist and choir director this morning. Darlene serves at Rise Church (Calvin Presbyterian Church) in Tigard, and has served at Valley Community Presbyterian Church in Raleigh Hills, as well as at FPC (working alongside Jim Welty). She is also a concert pianist and teacher, and played the inaugural concert on FPC's Steinway grand piano.

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!

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. The program, called "Sharing our Stories" is for all ages. After our lengthy pandemic separation, spending some time together again to re-connect is important. Plus, it will be fun! If you can't stay for the whole weekend, sign up for Saturday and/or for the BBQ lunch on Sunday. Kids from birth to age 6 attend for free. See our website for all prices: choose the level that fits your situation. Don't let the cost be a barrier to your taking part; Session has approved funds to assist members who wish to attend. Questions: contact Ann Walsh, registrar (ann.walsh@gmail.com). Register at: www.firstpresportland.org/news-and-events

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.



“Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.”

“Hope, Charity, and Faith,” c. 1870
Edward Burne-Jones and William Morris
Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford



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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