



*Please remember to silence your cell phone.* 

September 25, 2022

*Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian! This fall our church is following Multnomah County health guidelines, which presently recommend but do not require masking when attending indoor gatherings.*

*Sixteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost*

## The Gathering

**PRELUDE** "The Peace may be exchanged." *from* Rubrics Dan Locklair  
Ricerca on St. Thomas Charles Callahan

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** Open Your Ears, O Faithful People Hasidic melody  
Open your ears, O faithful people; open your ears and hear God's word.  
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood; God has come to you.

They who have ears to hear the message, they who have ears, now let them hear;  
they who would learn the way of wisdom, let them hear God's word.

God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!  
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

— Willard F. Jabusch, 1966 (rev. 1982)

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 146

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.  
Do not put your trust in princes,  
in mortals, in whom there is no help.  
Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God.



\* *Please stand as you are able.*



\* PRAYER OF THE DAY

The eyes of the world look to you for hope;  
and you give them what they need.  
You open your hand  
and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.  
We come to you this morning, once again,  
longing to be filled:  
to eat of the Bread of Life,  
to drink from your life-giving streams,  
and taste your goodness and live.  
Inspire our worship and guide us, we pray.  
For you alone are the Source and Sustainer of all life.  
Amen.

\* HYMN #35                      Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty                      LOBE DEN HERREN

\* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sometimes God we take ourselves so seriously  
—our opinions, our emotions, our needs, our entitlements—  
that we fail to notice our effect on others.  
We forget your twofold command,  
to love you and our neighbor as ourselves.  
Forgive us when we ignore your law,  
and the prophets you send our way.  
Teach us to know and follow your Word,  
that we may be faithful in all things.

*Our prayers continue in silence.*



\* LORD, HAVE MERCY



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

John Merbecke, 1550 (arr. Healey Willan, 1930)

\* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God's mercy is everlasting and God's love has no end.  
There is nowhere we can flee from God's Spirit,  
no sin that God cannot forgive.  
Trust and believe the Good News of the Gospel:  
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God!**

\* **RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

*– Please join in singing the refrain –*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est,  
and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of the Father.

\* **SHARING THE PEACE**

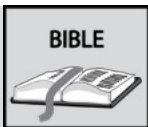
Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we are also to forgive one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you!**

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

## The Word

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

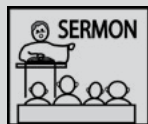
**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**



FIRST SCRIPTURE READING      Psalm 146      Pew Bible, pg. 581 (OT)  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM      Jazz Alleluia      Craig Curry

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING      Luke 16:19-31      Pew Bible, pg. 79 (NT)  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.



SERMON "Who Needs the Law & the Prophets?" Rev. Carmen Goetschius

\* HYMN #307      God of Grace and God of Glory      CWM RHONDDA

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

In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.  
We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask  
idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily lives.

**OFFERTORY**

**Poor Man Laz'rus**

African American spiritual / arr. Jester Hairston

Poor man Laz'rus, sick and disabled,

dip your finger in the water, come and cool my tongue, 'cause I'm tormented in the flame.

He had to eat crumbs from the rich man's table...

I'm tormented in the flame, I'm tormented in the flame...

Rich man Divies he lived so well... And when he died he went straight to hell...

I love to shout, I love to sing... I love to praise my heav'nly king...

*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. Please pass the fellowship registration pads and sign and pass them down the row and back so you can greet those around you following the service.*

**\* DOXOLOGY**

DUKE STREET

**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: DUKE STREET, LM; attr. John Hatton, c. 1793

**\* 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 #346

For the Healing of the Nations

ST. THOMAS

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude on *Duke Street*

Charles Callahan

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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  
Lisa Snodderly, Lay Reader

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We join in holding in prayer:*  
Kathy Callas, Liz Dean, Ed & Janice Gehrig, 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](mailto:office@firstpresportland.org) or by phone at (503) 228-7331.*

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in loving memory of my beloved husband, Herb, and our parents, Ansel and Etta Grose, and Ed and Phyllis Nash, by Louise Grose.*

## IN MEMORIAM

*Our prayers and sympathy are with the families and friends of Kathleen Brownell and Emma VanBoskirk, who passed away recently.*

*The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore. (Psalm 121:8)*

### *Join us!*

Today, the Deacons will be hosting coffee fellowship in Geneva Hall immediately following worship. Our Deacon groups are arranged by zip codes! Come meet your neighborhood Deacon, learn more about the program, and discover FPC neighbors who live in your area! We look forward to seeing you! -Board of Deacons

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Fall Blood Drive - This Tuesday!**

Our Spring and Summer blood drives were such a success, we'll be holding another blood drive in Geneva Hall this Tuesday, September 27, from 12:00-5:30 pm. You can sign up here: <https://rcblood.org/3R3ZE97>

### **Save the Dates!**

Please mark your calendar for upcoming all-church events:

Fall Festival: October 2, 4:00-7:00 pm

Crafternoon: October 30, 1:00-3:00 pm

Annual Meeting (by Zoom): November 13, 1:00 pm

Christmas on the Plaza: December 3, 4:00-6:00 pm

Valentines' Tea: January 29

### **Kids Sunday School**

All kids birth-8th grade are welcome to participate in weekly Sunday School at First Presbyterian. The classes we offer are:

\* Nursery - birth-3 yrs (room located near main office and bathrooms)

\* Godly Play - pre-K-2nd grade (classroom on 2nd floor)

\* Bible Crew- 3rd-5th grade (meets with Jr. High on 2nd floor)

\* Jr. High - 6-8th grade (meets with Bible Crew on 2nd floor)

Our monthly schedule is this: first Sunday - Family Sunday (no Sunday School); last Sunday - Arts & Music (all classes combined); every other Sunday - Regular Sunday School. If you questions, please reach out to Pastor Carmen [cgoetschius@firstpresportland.org](mailto:cgoetschius@firstpresportland.org).

### **Youth Mission Meeting**

Youth, young adults, and parents please mark your calendars for Sunday, October 9 (12:00 pm in the Whitman room) as we will be having our interest and introduction meeting for the 2023 Youth Mission Trip to the Philippines. Youths aged 15+ along with any young adults who graduated in the past six years are welcome to be a part of this trip. Please RSVP to Pastor Brenna at [bdykman@firstpresportland.org](mailto:bdykman@firstpresportland.org) by Oct. 2.

### **Soft Goods Fundraiser - Thank you!**

Thank you to everyone who donated soft goods to help raise funds for youth missions. We collected over 2,000 pounds of soft goods!

### **Get Ready for the Fall Festival, next Sunday, October 2!**

Everyone of all ages is invited to the return of the annual FPC Fall Festival at the Shively Family's Barn in Hillsboro - a wonderful congregation-wide event! The event will take place from 4:00-7:00 pm, and the address is 30450 SW Grabel Rd. There will be accessible parking spaces close to the barn! Dress for all weather! As before, we will have a potluck chili dinner, games, crafts, fun and fellowship... not to mention s'mores by the fire! Make time for this amazing event! There is a sign-up sheet during Coffee Hour if you would like to sign up there (it's by the coffee) or you can sign up online at this link:

<https://bit.ly/FPCFallFestival>

### **Food Items Needed for our Emergency Food Closet!**

The extra government funding that supported food programs during COVID is gone, which means most partners of the Oregon Food Bank are seeing small shipments including our EFC. Please this consider next time you are at the store, and perhaps you can grab an extra few items to help our neighbors who live with food insecurity. Our top needed items are: peanut butter, canned meat, boxed milk, canned fruit, and soup. Expired items will not be accepted.

### **Adult Education Continues Today after Worship**

*A two-part series: "Love God, Love Your Neighbor: The Practices that Sustain," presented by Eileen Parfrey 12:00-1:00 in the Church Library (In Person Only)*

Join us as Presbyterian minister and Franciscan spiritual director Eileen Parfrey helps us explore and experience practices that sustain us in loving God and loving neighbor. Many of you may remember Pastor Eileen as a retreat leader for both the women's and church's retreats at Menucha.

### **Westside or Southwest Neighborhood Carpool Teams**

Some church members are driving less and need a lift to church. We have an inaugural carpool team from the East side; now let's organize Sunday morning teams coming in from the Westside and Southwest. You won't drive every Sunday; ideally 3 to 5 drivers are a team for a rider or two. Many hands make light work! If you are interested in helping drive, please contact the Deacon's transportation coordinator Bill Resley at [kayak500@gmail.com](mailto:kayak500@gmail.com) or (713) 256-6658.

*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.*



Lazarus waiting at the door, from Art in the Christian Tradition,  
a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN



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

### Pastoral

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