

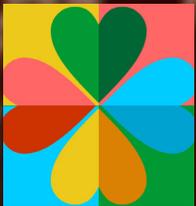


First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Sunday Worship Service

10:30 am
January 15, 2023
2nd Sunday after Epiphany



Love God.
Love Our Neighbors.

Please remember to silence your cell phone.

Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian! At present, our church is following Multnomah County health guidelines, which recommend but do not require masking during indoor gatherings.

** = Please stand as you are able.*

Regular text is read by minister

Bold text is read by congregation

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOUR

DAVID N. JOHNSON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Come Sunday

Duke Ellington

Savior God above, God almighty, God of love,
please look down and see my people through.

I believe that God put sun and moon up in the sky.
I don't mind the gray skies, 'cause they're just clouds passing by.

I believe God is now, was then, and always will be.
With God's blessing we can make it through eternity
(*Leah Papay, Claire Robertson-Preis, Alex Trull, Paul Butler*)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

We have waited patiently for you O Lord.

You have heard our cry and drawn us out of desolation.

You have put a new song in our mouths,
a song of praise and adoration.

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*Unison*)

Great God,

your mercy is an unexpected miracle.

Help us to believe and obey,

that we may be filled with the wine of new life,

promised in the power of Jesus Christ our Savior,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. Amen.

*** HYMN #39**

Great is thy Faithfulness

*** INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Unison*)

Forgiving God, you know us down to our core. We are your children and we confess that, like children, we have ignored your word, we have followed our own devices and disregarded your will. We have failed our neighbors, our world and you. Forgive our stubborn pride and restore us to wholeness. In your mercy, set us on right paths that we may faithfully love and serve you. We make this prayer in the name of our redeemer, your Son, Jesus Christ.

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.

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff starts with a 6/4 time signature, then changes to 4/4, and contains the melody for the second line of lyrics. The piece ends with a double bar line.

HEALEY WILLAN, 1928

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

We are told that if we truly repent, our sins will be forgiven.
Friends, believe that good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

LAUDA ANIMA

**With the saints we lift our voices, God of power, God of might.
All creation shines with glory, singing praises day and night:
alleluia, alleluia, holy, holy, holy light.**

Text: © 2011 by David Gambrell Tune: LAUDA ANIMA, 8.7.8.7.8.7; John Goss, 1869

***SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you!

Please take a moment to greet those around you with God's peace.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

Pew Bible, pg. 679 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Lord Is My Light
 The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:
 in God I trust; in God I trust.

JACQUES BERTHIER / TAIZÉ

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Pew Bible, pg. 165 (NT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Called to be Saints”

Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks

***HYMN #649**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Unison*)

from from the Confession of Belhar

We believe

• **that God has revealed God’s self**

as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;

• **that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity,**

is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged.

• **that God calls the church to follow God in this;**

for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;

• **that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;**

• **that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger,**

helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;

• **that for God, pure and undefiled religion**

is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;

• **that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right.**

We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ,

its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things,

even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them

and punishment and suffering be the consequence.

Jesus is Lord.

To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

OFFERTORY

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

arr. Thomas A. Dorsey

Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand;

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;

take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;

when my life is almost gone,

hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall;

take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Thank you for your faithful support of the church and Christ's ongoing ministry. You may give through the church website at this link: firstpresportland.ccbchurch.com/goto/giving or mail your check to the church office: 1200 SW Alder St., Portland, OR 97205. Those attending worship are invited to leave gifts in the offering plates as you depart 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

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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.**

THE SENDING

*** HYMN #12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Thomas Dorsey

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Thank you for joining us for worship this morning at FPC!

We invite you to join us for a coffee and to get to know those who were here in worship with you today. Our Coffee Hour is held in our Geneva Hall. You can access Geneva Hall by going out the large doors to the right of the front of the sanctuary going down the stairs directly to your right to the bottom level and taking a right down the hallway.

If you are unable to use stairs for whatever reason we have an elevator in our Chapel. You access the Chapel by going out the same doors, and it is the door on your left directly after the hallway.

Please ask an usher for directions and assistance and they will be happy to assist.

If you would like to get involved with the life of our church, you can either fill out the forms in the back of the pews or talk with any of the ushers or worship leaders.



*The apostle Paul in prison,
Rembrandt, 1627*

**WORSHIP
LEADERS**

Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks, Associate Pastor
Rev. Brenna Dykman, Supply Associate Pastor
Rev. David Dornack, Parish Associate
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate
Darlene Cusick, Guest Organist/Pianist
Deborah Resley, Lay Reader

**PRAYERS OF
THE PEOPLE**

We join in holding in prayer:

Kathy Callas, Ed Gehrig, Fran Hermanson, 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**

*Today's flowers are given in loving memory of
Dave, Suzie and David Castles by their family.*

**IN
MEMORIAM**

*Our prayers and sympathy are with the family and friends of Robert Wulf, who
died last week.*

Blest are they that die in the Lord ... their works do follow them.

Vision Statement:

At First Presbyterian Church, we commit to building faithfully on our legacy as a Christ-centered community, serving the spiritual needs of a multi-generational congregation, welcoming and accepting all, honoring all voices. Through engaging worship, thoughtful education, warm fellowship and caring outreach, we will develop and sustain disciples for Christ, serving our neighbors near and far.

Ways to get involved at FPC

Disciples Group

2nd and 4th Tuesdays @10:30 am in room 308

Quilters

Every Friday at 9:30 am in the Quilters Room

Practical Theology Study and Discussion

Every Wednesday at noon at the church

Chancel Choir

Practice every Thursday at 7pm in the Choir Room

Sunday School: Pre-k to 8th Grade

Every Sunday at 10:45 am during worship at the church, except for Communion Sundays
(First Sunday of the Month)

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