



# First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF PORTLAND

## Sunday Worship Service

**10:30 am  
January 22, 2023  
3rd 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

Now Is Salvation Come To Earth

Dietrich Buxtehude

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTROIT

When Jesus Saw the Fishermen

English melody (arr. John L. Bell)

When Jesus saw the fishermen in boats upon the sea,  
he called to them, "Come, leave your nets and follow, follow me."  
They followed where he healed the sick and gave the hungry bread,  
and others joined them as they went wherever Jesus led.

And now his friends are everywhere; the circle once so small  
extends around the whole wide world, for Jesus calls us all.

In this great circle we belong, wherever we may be,  
if we will answer when he calls, "Come, follow, follow me."

— Edith Agnew, 1953

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

The majesty of God's creation is all around us.

**Let us lift our hearts in song.**

The call of Christ is heard in our lives,

**Let us follow in the way of faith.**

The wind of the Spirit is blowing

**Let us worship God with joy!**

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

Loving God,

**Thank you for your call and claim on our lives  
to follow in the way of Christ our Lord.**

**Help us to proclaim your hope**

**through all we say and do, today and every day.**

**Open our hearts to the lonely, the forgotten, and those in need,  
that we might show the love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

### \* HYMN #395

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

## \*INVITATION TO CONFESSON

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSON (*Unison*)

So often, Lord God, we have been slow to respond to your call  
to love, serve, and follow. While we know your ways,  
we have hesitated to walk the costly path of discipleship.  
By your Spirit, forgive us and strengthen us to hear your call,  
that we may gladly serve you and your people with love  
wherever you call us to go.

*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.

HEALEY WILLAN, 1928

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Forgetting what lies behind and looking forward to what lies ahead, we press on toward the upward call of God, rejoicing that 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

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27:1, 4-5

Pew Bible, pg. 503 (OT)

**ANTHEM****Heavenly Light**

Alexander Kopylov

Sent from heaven, thy rays were given on great and small to shine, O Light Divine!  
 May each soul in sorrow's night see the heavenly light!  
 Thou blessing to all creation, lead us to our salvation!  
 All those whose feet may falter, lead unto the sacred altar!  
 Oh, shine from above, Divine Light of love!  
 Show us the way unto our God, we pray!  
 Thou our beacon and guide shall be!  
 Light Divine, we praise thee!

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 4:12-22

Pew Bible, pg. 3 (NT)

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.****SERMON**

“Leaving the Past Behind”

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler

**\*HYMN #726**

Will You Come and Follow Me

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

The Confession of 1967

**The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words,  
 his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger,  
 and his willingness to suffer death.**

**The teaching of apostles and prophets guides us as his followers in living this life,  
 while the Christian community nurtures and equips us for our calling.**

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS & DEACONS****BEING ORDAINED AS DEACONS:** Jenny Anton, Lisa Snodderly**BEING INSTALLED AS DEACONS:** Ginny Bistodeau, Sandy Castles, Jim Patterson, Ruth Poindexter, Mike Starosciak**BEING INSTALLED AS ELDERS:** Doug Blomgren, Jerry Johnson, Amy Meabe, Chris Rasmussen, Steve Snodderly**OFFERTORY**

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus      Anonymous (arr. Eugene Thomas)  
 I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,  
 I have decided to follow Jesus – no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me ...

Though none go with me, I still will follow ...

Will you decide now to follow Jesus? ...

*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](http://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.**

## \*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

You Walk Along Our Shoreline

(AURELIA)

You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea.  
We hear your voice of power, "Now come and follow me.  
And if you still will follow through storm and wave and shoal,  
then I will make you fishers but of the human soul."

You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth.  
We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth.  
We spread your net of gospel across the water's face,  
our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace.

We cast our net, O Jesus; we cry the kingdom's name;  
we work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain.  
You call us, Lord, to gather God's daughters and God's sons,  
to let your judgment heal us so that all may be one.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1984 © 1991 by GIA Publications, Inc.

Tune: AURELIA, 7.6.7.6.D; Samuel Sebastian Wesley

## \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

How Brightly Shines The Morning Star

Charles Villiers Stanford

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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.

You may also use the 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 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.



*“Follow me”*

*A mosaic from the church of St. Peter, Capernaum*

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor  
Rev. Brenna Dykman, Supply Associate Pastor  
Rev. David Dornack, Parish Associate  
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate  
Bill Crane, Guest Organist and Choir Director  
Melissa Dailey, 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](mailto:office@firstpresportland.org) or by phone at (503) 228-7331.

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

*Today's flowers are given in loving memory of  
Gene Jackson from his wife Lois and family.*

# 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

## 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)

## PRINCIPAL CHURCH STAFF

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