



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Sunday Worship Service

10:30 am
January 29, 2023
4th 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

Allegro from Sonata in C Major
Isla Fitzpatrick, cello

Jean-Baptiste Bréval

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

This We Shall Do

John L. Bell

This we shall do: act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with our God.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

What shall we bring to the Lord?

Shall we bring our life-savings? All that we possess?

What might satisfy our God?

The Lord has shown us what is good.

The Lord has shown us what is required:

We are called to do justice,

and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Unison*)

In Christ, you have shown us how to live.

**Inspire us once again, O Lord,
to walk in the manner of Jesus.**

**Help us to share generously,
love extravagantly,**

and labor on behalf of all who suffer.

**Fill us with your wisdom, joy, and strength this day,
as we worship you, our merciful and mighty God.**

* HYMN #35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

You have taught us, O Christ, that in Your kingdom,

“Blessed are the poor in spirit” —

but we confess we are rich in pride.

**“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness” —
but we prefer a life of ease.**

**“Blessed are the merciful” —
but we are harsh and impatient.**

**“Blessed are those who are persecuted” —
but we have hardly made it known that we are yours.**

**Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us our many sins.
Renew us and lead us by your Holy Spirit,
so that we may seek first your kingdom and Your righteousness
and walk joyfully in the way of Your blessing.**

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 a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final measure containing a whole note with a fermata. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

HEALEY WILLAN, 1928

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God’s mercy and love knows no end. God’s kindness and generosity is eternal.
Friends, trust and believe the 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

Micah 6:6-8

Pew Bible, pg. 866 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**ANTHEM**

Offertory

John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
 Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, shall I come before him with yearling calves?
 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?
 Shall I give my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
 He has shown you, O man; he has shown you what is good.
 And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness,
 and to walk humbly with your God?

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-12

Pew Bible, pg. 4 (NT)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.**SERMON**

"A Christian Manifesto"

Rev. Carmen Goetschius

***HYMN #729**

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
 buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he
 ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the
 forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.**

OFFERTORY

Amen, Amen, It Shall Be So

John L. Bell

Amen, amen, it shall be so! Amen, alleluia!
 Blest are the poor in spirit, the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
 Blest are the sorrowful, the sorrowful, they shall be comforted.
 Blest are the gentle, the gentle, the earth shall be their own.
 Blest are the hungry for justice, they shall be satisfied.
 Blest are the merciful, the merciful, they shall find mercy shown.
 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see their God.
 Blest are the earth's peacemakers, each one shall be God's child.
 Blest are those victimized for doing good, the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

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.**

***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 #804**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

For All the Saints

Phil Lehenbauer

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KIDS: JOIN US FOR ART & MUSIC TODAY!

Our guest Art & Music teacher for today is Marilyn de Oliveira. She plays cello in the Oregon Symphony, and will be joined by her daughter Isla and husband Trevor. They will be introducing the cello to us. All kids age 3 and up are welcome to gather together on the 2nd floor for a craft and time of music after the children's sermon today. Please join in on the fun!

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.



DO JUSTICE
LOVE MERCY

WALK HUMBLLY

Micah 6:8

**WORSHIP
LEADERS**

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor
Rev. Brenna Dykman, Supply Associate Pastor
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries
Jenny Anton, 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 honor of the
Bates, Paramore and Everson families by Sally and Jon Bates.*

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

Adult Bible Lectionary Study

Every Sunday @ 9:00 am via Zoom and in Room 308

Quilters

Every Friday @ 9:30 am in the Quilters Room

Practical Theology Study and Discussion

Every Wednesday at noon at the church

Open Circle

Every Thursday @ 10:15 am in the Heritage Room (207)

Chancel Choir

Practice every Thursday @ 7pm in the Choir Room

Sunday School: Pre-k to 8th Grade

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

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