

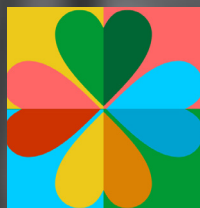


First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Sunday Worship Service

10:30 am
January 8, 2023
Epiphany of the Lord



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
Bolded text is read by all congregation

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude on *Greensleeves*
What Child Is This?
(*Mike Starosciak, bass; Paul Butler, drums*)

John Ness Beck
arr. Vince Guaraldi

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow African American spiritual

There's a star in the east on Christmas morn. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
It will lead to the place where the Christ was born. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Follow, follow; rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Follow the star of Bethlehem. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
With the Magi, we will walk by your light,
seeking to follow you in the year to come.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Unison*)

**God of endless light, you sent a star, rising from darkness,
guiding seekers and sages, granting us joy.
Let the splendor of your dawning light
grow in us and in all the world
until your glory shines in all creation;
through Jesus Christ, our light, we pray. Amen.**

* HYMN #152

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

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

God of Light, still early in this new year,
we confess that we have seen the glimmer of your star to guide us,
but have turned away and followed other paths.
We have not loved you with heart and mind and strength,
or loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Forgive us, we pray, and guide our steps in your holy ways of peace.

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**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
Those who dwelt in deep darkness, on them has the light shined.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

GLORIA

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

***SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of the Christ child 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 60:1-6

Pew Bible, pg. 690 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

George D. Elderkin
(arr. Evelyn Simpson-Curenton)

Hark! the herald angels sing. Jesus, the light of the world.
Glory to the newborn King, Jesus, the light of the world.
Joyful all you nations, rise. Jesus, the light of the world.
Join the triumph of the skies, Jesus, the light of the world.

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light. Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
O, shine all around us by day and by night. Jesus, the light of the world.

Christ by highest heaven adored; Christ the everlasting Lord.
Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of righteousness!

— stanzas by Charles Wesley, 1739

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

Pew Bible, pg. 2 (NT)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Returning Home by Another Road”

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler

*HYMN #145

What Child Is This

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

from 1 Timothy 3:16

**Great indeed, is the mystery of our faith:
Christ Jesus was revealed in flesh,
vindicated in the Spirit,
seen by angels,
preached among the nations,
believed in throughout the world,
taken up in glory.**

We have seen his star at its rising, and have come to worship him.

OFFERTORY

As with Gladness Men of Old

Anonymous (15th century)

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; Alleluia.
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; Alleluia.
There to bend the knee before him whom heaven and earth adore; Alleluia.
As they offered gifts most rare at that manger, small and bare; Alleluia.

— William Chatterton Dix, c. 1858, alt.

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**

THE FIRST NOWELL

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel**

Text: © 1990 by Neil Weatherhogg Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, LM with refrain; English carol

***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 #150**

As with Gladness Men of Old

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Declamation on *Dix*

Craig Phillips

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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 outside of our chapel. You can access the chapel by going out the large doors to the right of the front of the sanctuary. Our chapel also hosts our gallery and we encourage you to take a look at the beautiful art we have on display.

Please ask an usher for directions and assistance.

We hope to see you again soon for worship.

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.



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"The Adoration of the Magi," Giotto di Bondone, c. 1305

Scrovegni Chapel, Padua

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks, Associate Pastor
Rev. Brenna Dykman, Supply Associate Pastor
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries
John Evans, 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 Mary E.
and William R. Myers II by Bill and Anna Myers.*

IN MEMORIAM

*Our prayers and sympathy are with the family and friends of Beverly Butterworth,
who died on December 30th.*

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

Open Circle: Womans Fellowship and Study Group

Every Thursday @ 10:15 am in Whitman Room and via Zoom

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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