

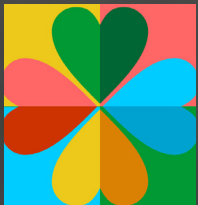


**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

**Sunday
Worship Service**

**10:30 am
February 12, 2023
6th Sunday after Epiphany**

Camp and Conference Sunday



**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

Prelude on *Bunessan*
Prelude on *Kum ba Ya*

Charles Callahan
Adolphus Hailstork

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Take Me to the Water
Take me to the water to be baptized.
I love Jesus, yes, I do.
He's my Savior, yes, he is.
Glory hallelujah to be baptized.

African American spiritual

*CALL TO WORSHIP

If we come here hoping, You will confirm all our beliefs and values

Show us that our thoughts are not Your thoughts.

If we come here uncertain, we are welcome

Embrace us in Your loving arms.

If we come here longing for Your Word

Open our ears to hear it.

If we come here merely out of habit

Meet us as we are and transform us into what You call us to be.

However we come here, let us now worship God!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Unison*)

Blessed are you, O God.

When you are present, let us notice.

When you speak, let us listen.

When you teach, let us learn.

You have blessed the poor, the hungry, and the weeping.

May we honor them.

Let us work to see you and follow you.

God who was with the disciples on the level place,

God who is with those who are suffering,

God who is with us now.

Blessed are you, O God. Amen.

*HYMN #611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

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

O God,
You are steadfast in your love and presence.
You bless and honor all who are suffering.
We are eager to identify as your blessed people,
But we are slow to recognize the poor, the brokenhearted, and the empty all around us.
We are hesitant to let the kingdom be theirs.
We forget to fill them up.
We struggle to let them laugh and be joyful.
Forgive us. Have mercy on us, O God.
Let us delight in your law and seek your righteousness.
Help us to honor and bless all you have created, including one another.

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 consists of 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**

As far as the East is from the West so far has God removed our transgressions from us.
Friends, 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 our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you!

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Harper's Playground

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 139:1-12

Pew Bible, pg. 577 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

O God, You Search Me

Bernadette Farrell

O God, you search me and you know me. All my ways lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you go before me: ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising. You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me: in every moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord, you have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding: God of my present, my past and future, too.

Although your Spirit is upon me, still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you: even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me, gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you: safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

(Ann van Bever, oboe)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 8:26-40

Pew Bible, pg. 127 (NT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“To Roads We Travel”

Rev. Lori Nance

*HYMN #472

Kum ba Yah

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

from A New Creed (United Church of Canada, 1995)

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**



"The Baptism of the Ennuch"

Esztergom, 1630-35

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 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.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks, Menucha Director, Associate Pastor
Rev. David Dornack, Parish Associate
Rev. Lori Nance, Program Director of Menucha
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, Ed Gehrig, Fran Hermanson, Ross Fogelquist,
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

Happy Valentine's Day to my three guys:
Paul, Paul and Andrew Dailey from Melissa Dailey/Mom.

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 @ 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)

Volunteer @ Alder House Food Closet, Community Dinners, and NEFP

Contact Rev. Brenna Dykman for info

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