



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Sunday Worship Service

10:30 am
February 26, 2023

First Sunday in Lent



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

Reflection on *St. Flavian*
It Is Well with My Soul

David Schelat
arr. Craig Phillips

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives:
to decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee now and evermore. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The God of mercy tends to our needs,

Leading us out of the wilderness, out of darkness

where you are so close, so accessible,

there is no doubt of your glory.

As gracious as the dawn to those longing for light

so welcome is the Lord's love to those who have endured in trust and hope.

*LITANY FOR LENT

O Christ, out of your fullness we have all received grace upon grace.

You are our eternal hope; you are patient and full of mercy.

Save us, Lord.

O Christ, you were wounded for our transgressions
and bruised for our iniquities.

Save us, Lord.

O Christ, source of all comfort, our life and our hope:

Save us, Lord.

O Christ, Savior of all who trust in you, joy of all the saints:

Save us, Lord.

Jesus, Lamb of God,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

grant us peace.

Amen.

*HYMN #166

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

***INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

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

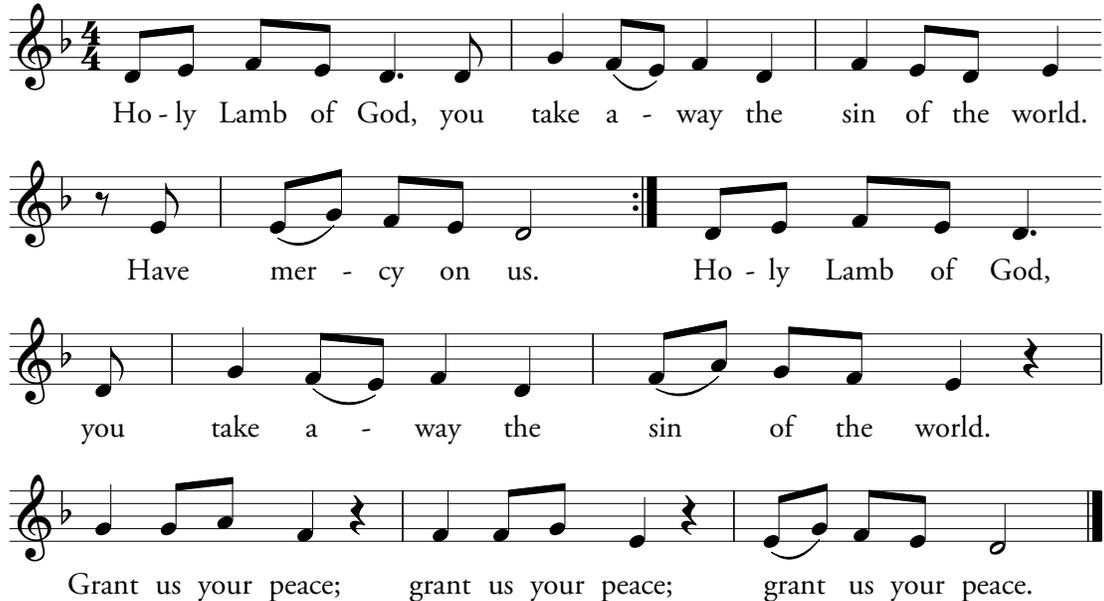
O God, though you have borne us through barren deserts,
we are slow to recall your care in time of need.

As your angels ministered to Jesus in the wilderness, you have also sustained us,
though we have forgotten your providential care.

Forgive us and restore us, we pray.

Our prayers continue in silence.

***LAMB OF GOD**



Ho - ly Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world.

Have mer - cy on us. Ho - ly Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world.

Grant us your peace; grant us your peace; grant us your peace.

Text: Trad. liturgical text Music: © Yusuf Khill (Glory to God No. 602)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Christ has told us,
“My grace is sufficient for you.”
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

NETTLETON

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God’s love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heav’n above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

Text: Native American (Dakota); John B. Renville, 1879; trans. Emma Tibbets, 1955
Music: Wyeth’s Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813

***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.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Pew Bible, pg. 2 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Within the Vale of Eden

arr. James E. Clemens

Within the vale of Eden a long, long time ago,
God placed our father Adam because he loved him so;
and God created woman to be by Adam's side,
they lived in perfect pleasure and never tasted woe.

But then the serpent entered and tempted Adam's wife,
he spoke about the apple upon the tree of life;
he promised her the knowledge to make her as a god,
she reached and plucked the apple, and peace was turned to strife.

Then Eve returned to Adam, her story to relate,
he followed her example, forbidden fruit he ate;
then came knowledge that man would suffer death,
God turned them from the garden, and exile was their fate.

Through Adam did we suffer and feel the weight of sin,
till Jesus came to save us, our happiness to win;
he came as our Redeemer, to bring eternal life:
now Paradise is open, and we may enter in.

— Provençal carol, tr. Anthony G. Petti, 1971

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-11

Pew Bible, pg. 3 (NT)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

“Tempted and Tried”

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler

*HYMN #840

It Is Well with My Soul

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

Larger Catechism of the Westminster Confession

**In the Lord's prayer, we pray, “And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,” acknowledging that the most wise,
righteous, and gracious God, for holy and just ends,
may so order things that we may be for a time held captive by temptations,
of ourselves unable and unwilling to resist them.**

**Therefore we pray: that by God's Spirit we may be powerfully
supported and enabled to stand in the hour of temptation;
and, when fallen, raised again and recovered out of it,
that our sanctification and salvation may be perfected.**

OFFERTORY**Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley**

arr. John Reager

Jesus walked this lonesome valley; he had to walk it by himself.
O nobody else could walk it for him; he had to walk it by himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley; we have to walk it by ourselves.
O nobody else can walk it for us; we have to walk it by ourselves.

You must go and stand your trial; you have to stand it by yourself.
O nobody else can stand it for you; you have to stand it by yourself.

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***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all
 peo-ple here be - low; praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev - er - more;
 praise Tri-une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

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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 #618**

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

BENEDICTION*CLOSING RESPONSE**

Amen

Michael Praetorius

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"Christ in the Wilderness"

Ivan Kramskoi, 1872

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. Audrey Schindler, Pastor
Rev. Brenna Dykman, Supply Associate Pastor
Rev. David Dornack, Parish Associate
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries
Estelle Brunner, 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

*The flowers are in loving memory of our parents,
William and Marjorie Houseworth and the
Rev. Gilbert and Doris van Bever by Ann and Peter van Bever*

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

Adult Bible Lectionary Study

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

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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