



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Sunday Worship Service

10:30 am
March 12th, 2023

Third 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 I Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ, BWV 639 J.S. Bach
Adagio *from* Sonata in F minor, Op. 65 No. 1 Felix Mendelssohn

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

Come and see how Christ waits to meet us
in all the common places and moments of our lives.
Come and hear the One who speaks of God's joy in us.
Christ, whose words of grace bring hope to our hearts,
may we come and know your love
as you offer us living water to sustain our souls.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, we thank you that in Christ you come to refresh and renew us,
as cool water refreshes those who have walked long and are weary.
You offer us your love as a spring of water welling up to eternal life.
Help us, like the woman at the well, to accept this gift
and joyfully share with others that you are our fount of joy. Amen.**

*HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness HYMN TO JOY
**Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.**

**Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water, quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**

**Praise the One true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.**

*** INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

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

God of eternity, you know how often we travel down the dusty roads of doubt and fear. We have chances to connect with those around us, but sometimes hold back, fearful of those beyond our own familiar circle. We look at our world and wonder if you are still with us. Gracious Christ, break through the walls we have built, and quench our thirst with hope and joy.

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**

When our souls are parched,
in Christ, we are given the gift of living water.
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

Romans 5:1-8

Pew Bible, pg. 155 (NT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Kyrie

Henri Durieux

Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy.*
Christe eleison. *Christ, have mercy.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:5-15

Pew Bible, pg. 94 (NT)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

“Finding Living Water”

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler

***HYMN #182**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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

from A Declaration of Faith, 1977

**We believe God sends us to risk our own peace and comfort
in compassion for our neighbors.**

**We are to give to them and receive from them,
accepting everyone we meet;**

**to be sensitive to those who suffer in body or mind;
to help and accept help in ways that affirm dignity.**

**We must not limit our compassion to those whom we judge deserving,
for we ourselves have received without deserving the compassion of God.**

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Community Dinners

Mark Segar & Dave Baca

OFFERTORY

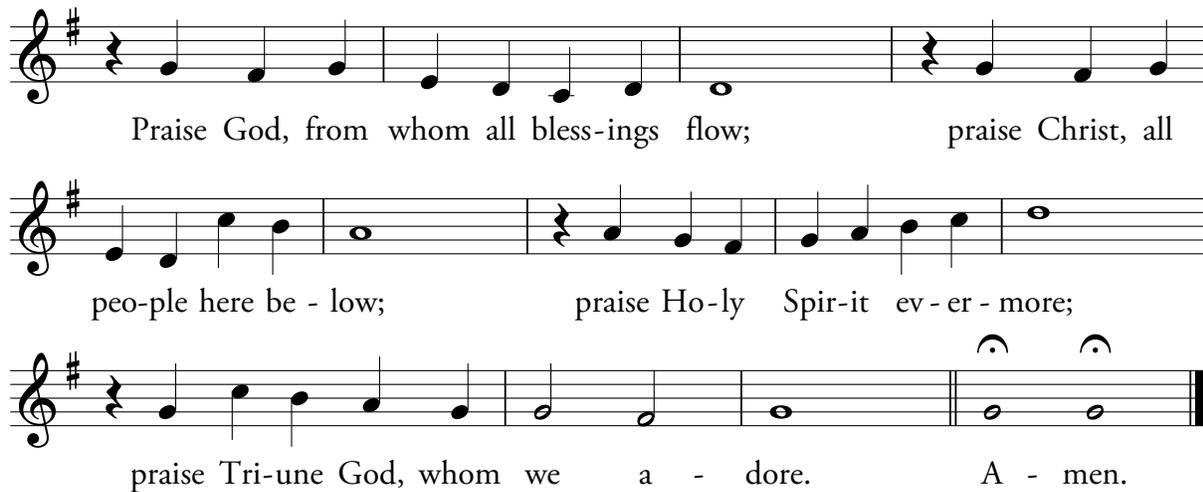
Introspection

Jason W. Krug

(Handbell Choir)

Thank you for your faithful support of the church and Christ's ongoing ministry. You may give through the church website at: 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**



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**

From Ashes to the Living Font

ST. FLAVIAN

**From ashes to the living font your Church must journey, Lord,
baptized in grace, in grace renewed by your most holy word.**

**Through fasting, prayer, and charity your voice speaks deep within,
returning us to ways of truth and turning us from sin.**

**For thirsting hearts let waters flow, our fainting souls revive;
and at the well your waters give our everlasting life.**

**From ashes to the living font, your Church must journey still,
through cross and tomb to Easter joy, In Spirit-fire fulfilled.**

Text: Alan J. Hommerding © 2011 by World Library Publications
Tune: ST. FLAVIAN, CM; John's Day Psalter, 1562

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING RESPONSE

Sixfold Amen

Donovan Klotzbeacher

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"Christ and the Samaritan Woman"

Henryk Siemiradzki, 1890

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. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries
Joyce Evans, 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 in the sanctuary are given in honor of the Fellowship Committee - recognizing their gift of love to the church.
By your church family*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcoming Every Body with Cody Goldberg: Today after worship!

Our class with Cody Goldberg, the “Chief Play Officer” of Harper’s Playground, **is happening today after worship.** We hope you join us then, as the class will help us better understand the value of inclusive communities where ALL BODIES can play, serve, and share their gifts with one another. Come and learn about how to be a better neighbor to folks with disabilities.

Love one another & have a compassionate heart.

Our church pledge goal for 2023 is \$800,000. As of this week, a total of \$770,796 has been pledged by the congregation; we’re at **96% of our goal.** If you haven’t yet, we ask you to prayerfully consider a pledge for 2023. You can mail your pledge to the church or make a pledge online by going to the church website and clicking on the “2023 Stewardship Pledge” button. Thanks so much for your ongoing support of FPC!

Lenten Daily Devotionals

For Lent, our church is reading through **A Way Other Than Our Own** by Walter Brueggemann. This is a way to find grace, comfort, and abundance by the remarkable assurance that the God who summons us is the God who goes along with us. You can get this devotional via a local bookshop, an online bookstore, or Amazon. There are also a few copies for rent from the church’s library. We are also hosting a **Wednesday Evening Soup and Study night from 5:30-6:30pm every Wednesday in March.** Our Adult Education Committee will lead a discussion on the prior weeks readings during these nights.

Easter Vigil; a recital of the Gospel of John

We invite you to participate in a contemplative recitation of the Gospel of John on Saturday, April 8 from 8pm - 9pm in the Chapel. Participants will take turns reading aloud. If you’re interested in attending, please contact Pete Vanden Bosch. (petevandenbosch@gmail.com, 503-440-7886)

Palm Sunday Brunch @ Menucha

Join us at Menucha’s Palm Sunday Brunch. This special event will take place starting at **12:45 pm on Palm Sunday, April 2.** Sign up in **Geneva Hall after worship**, or go to the church website, **click CCB, events, and then on April 2.** \$25 for adults and teens, \$15 for ages 6-12, age 6 and under are free.

A Homemade Meal can Make the Difference

FPC has kicked off its once-a-month homemade meal for neighbors at Alder House. The meal takes place on the **last Monday of every month.** In February, we provided dinner for 30 of our neighbors! We are looking for volunteers to help cook the meal from 2-4 pm and people who can help bring the meal over and help serve it as well. E-mail pastor Brenna if you would like to know more or can help, bdykman@firstpresportland.org

Observe Lent with One Great Hour of Sharing

OGHS provides relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed here at home and around the globe. Our donations will be dedicated in worship on **Palm Sunday, Apr. 2.** Visit pcusa.org/give-oghs for more info

Celebration Works: MT Meadowlark

On **Sunday, March 19, at 2 pm,** Celebration Works presents a delightful collaboration of winds and strings featuring the **Meadowlark Trio and the MT Duo.** A reception will follow with refreshments. Free admission and free parking in FPC’s garage. Please plan to attend!

Sign up for the Women’s Retreat: April 14-16

FPC’s Women’s Retreat will take place at Menucha from Friday, April 14, through Sunday, April 16, 2023. The **Rev. Dr. Barbara Campbell** will speak at this year’s retreat. Registration will take place on **Sundays during coffee hour in Geneva Hall and on the church website through CCB.** Overnight accommodations are \$185, and commuters will be \$90. Alternative Diets have a \$15 surcharge. Scholarships are available by e-mailing Pastor Brenna. **The deadline to sign up is March 19th!**

Easter Items Needed

Easter is right around the corner and we look forward to welcoming children for the FPC annual egg hunt. We are in need of small, individually wrapped candies, or small toys or stickers to put inside each Easter egg. If you are able to donate, there will be a donation bin located downstairs in Geneva hall marked “Easter egg hunt” for the next several weeks! Please avoid sending items that pose a choking risk (balls, hard candy, etc.). Thanks in advance for your support!

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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