

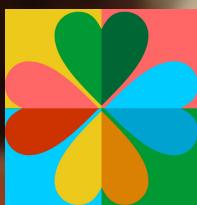


First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Sunday Worship Service

**10:30 am
March 5th, 2023**
Second Sunday in Lent
Communion 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

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee, BWV 691
Adagio in C Major, K. 356

J.S. Bach
W.A. Mozart

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Lifting My Eyes Up to the Hills

John L. Bell

Lifting my eyes up to the hills, where can I look for aid?
Your help comes only from the Lord who earth and heaven made.

The Lord shall shield you from all harm and safely guard your soul.
Forever, as you come and go, God's love shall keep you whole.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

God will not let your foot be moved; the one who keeps you will not slumber.
there is no doubt of your glory.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant,
in the glory of the cross
your Son embraced the power of death
and broke its hold over your people.
In this time of repentance,
draw all people to yourself,
that we who confess Jesus as Lord
may put aside the deeds of death
and accept the life of your kingdom. Amen.

*HYMN #49

The God of Abraham Praise

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

God of Mercy,
You call us in and send us out.
You call us to repent and come back to you.
You call us to be blessings to others.
But we have ignored your call and stayed where we were comfortable.

We have failed to see our shortcomings.
We have kept our blessings only for ourselves.
Forgive us and help us turn back to you.

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**

Hear the good news!
By God's mercy, we are forgiven;
by God's mercy, we are made whole;
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

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

Pew Bible, pg. 571 (OT)

ANTHEM

My Help Cometh from the Lord
I will look to the hills from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord.

Geraldine Woods

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved.
He that keepeth thee shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
He shall preserve thy soul for evermore.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

The Word of the Lord.

Genesis 12:1-4a

Pew Bible, pg. 10 (OT)

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Blessed by God to be a Blessing”

Rev. Brenna Dykman

*HYMN #816

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

*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. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Ave Verum Corpus

W.A. Mozart

Ave verum corpus
natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum immolatum
in cruce pro homine;
cujus latus perforatum
unda fluxit et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.

*Hail, true body
born of the virgin Mary,
who having truly suffered, was sacrificed
on the cross for all;
whose pierced side flowed
with water and blood:
may it be for us a foretaste
in the trial of death.*

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 blessings flow; praise Christ, all
people 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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THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF GREAT THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING ACCLAMATIONS (*Spoken*)

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Great Amen

Amen.

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.**

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

Let Us Break Bread Together

Anna Laura Page

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE SENDING

***HYMN #687**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING RESPONSE

Amen

Hugo Distler

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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 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. Brenna Dykman, Supply Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks, Menucha Director, Associate Pastor

Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate

Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries

Ted Magnuson, 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 Esther Reschke, loving mother and grandmother of Vincent, Paula and Stefen Carpenter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcoming Every Body with Cody Goldberg: Rescheduled to March 12th!

Due to the weather, our class with Cody Goldberg, the “Chief Play Officer” of Harper’s Playground, **has been rescheduled to March 12th**. 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**. This will be used for our expression of God’s love within the congregation and the world around us. 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!

Richard & Doug Blomgren: Two Generations Behind the Camera. Feb. 5-Mar. 26

Our featured exhibit is works from Doug and his father Richard Blomgren. Richard was stationed in Rome and Caserta, Italy during WWII. While on leave Richard had time to take photos of his surroundings and travel in Northern Italy and Switzerland.

Lenten Daily Devotionals

For Lent, our church will be 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 will also host 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.

Save the Date: Walk the Wildwood

The 2nd Annual Walk the Wildwood event will take place **Saturday, August 12, 2023**, at Washington and Forest Parks. Our inaugural event last year was a GREAT success, raising over \$7000 for Kamwenge Secondary and Vocational School in Uganda.

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, bdkman@firstpresportland.org

Women's Book Club

The Women’s Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, Mar. 7 at noon** in the Heritage Room (207) and on Zoom. The book “**The Personal Librarian**” by Marie Benedict and Victoria C. Murray is about the glamorous life of Belle de Costa Greene, librarian to J.P. Morgan. Marilyn Weber will lead the discussion.

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

Red Cross Blood Drive

We invite you to come and donate blood on **March 7th** at the church. The Red Cross will be at the church in the Library from **12 to 5:30 pm**. This is a small way to live out our churches mission to love our neighbors.

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!**

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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