



# First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF PORTLAND

## Service for the Lord's Day

January 28, 2024

10:30 am

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

*Please remember to silence your cell phone.*

\*Please stand as you are able.

Regular text is read by minister.

**Bold text is read by congregation.**

### THE GATHERING

**PRELUDE**

Two settings of *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier*

J.S. Bach

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Those attending worship are invited to fill out a blue card in the pew to register your attendance or express interest in the church's programs. You may place the cards in the offering plates as you depart at the end of the service. Those worshipping online are invited to click the blue tab on the worship page, "Visiting FPC? Let's Connect!"*

**INTROIT**

Our Darkness

Jacques Berthier / Taizé

Our darkness is never darkness in your sight:  
the deepest night is clear as the daylight.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us join our voices in God's praise.

**In the company of God's people, we give thanks to the Lord.**

Great are the works of God,

**full of glory and majesty.**

Our God is gracious and compassionate,

**merciful and forgiving.**

Our God is faithful and trustworthy,

**just and good.**

So may we lift up our hearts together,

**to sing God's praise!**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*Unison*)

God our creator,  
who in the beginning  
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:  
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
may dispel the darkness and shine in all our hearts,  
revealing the knowledge of your glory  
in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**\*HYMN #395**

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

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

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.  
Forgive what our lips cannot name  
and what our hearts can no longer bear.  
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open to us a new future;  
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness,  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

*Prayers of confession continue in silence.*

**\*LORD, HAVE MERCY**

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The score is divided into three measures. The first measure contains the first line of the lyrics. The second measure contains the second line. The third measure contains the third line. The tempo is marked "Moderato".

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
- on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Healey Willan, 1928

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*(from 2 Corinthians 5:17-18)*

God, who is merciful and kind,  
has come to us in Jesus Christ,  
forgiving our sins  
and releasing us from darkness.  
Sisters and Brothers,  
your sins are forgiven; be at peace.

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

**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**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
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**

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS & DEACONS**

Elders being ordained: Kristine Olson  
Elders being installed: Jon Bates, Estelle Brunner, Bill Resley,  
Sarah Schwab, Pete Vanden Bosch

Deacons being ordained: Dave Baca, Henry Holcomb  
Deacons being installed: Midge Birnie, James Brunner, Dustin Coles,  
Shelby Walker, Phyllis Whittington

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Melissa Dailey

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 111

Pew Bible, pg. 562 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia! Laud and blessing to our God, whose Word is sure;  
 by whose grace we find redemption, in whose love we live secure.  
 Righteousness and rich compassion shall attend us all our days;  
 may God's promise to be faithful echo through our songs of praise!

Alleluia! God sustains us; matchless are the gifts we share:  
 light in darkness, hope in conflict, answers to our deepest prayer.  
 Ours to give as we are given: arms to lift when others fall;  
 images of God's great goodness, faithful servants to God's call.

Alleluia! Holy Parent, all your children now reclaim;  
 may our lives reflect your justice, heirs to your most sacred name.  
 Fill our hearts with understanding, brace our weakness by your might;  
 awesome honor, born in wisdom; your great glory, our delight!

— Michael Morgan, 2011

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:21-28

Pew Bible, pg. 35 (NT)

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

“A Voice to Still the Darkness” Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler

## \*HYMN #181

Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*) (*Question 1 from The Heidelberg Catechism*)

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

**That I belong—body and soul,  
 in life and in death—not to myself  
 but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ,  
 who at the cost of his own blood  
 has fully paid for all my sins  
 and has completely freed me  
 from the dominion of the devil;  
 that he protects me so well  
 that without the will of my Father in heaven  
 not a hair can fall from my head;  
 indeed, that everything must fit Christ's purpose for my salvation.  
 Therefore, by his Holy Spirit,  
 he also assures me of eternal life,  
 and makes me wholeheartedly willing  
 from now on to live for him.**

*Thank you for your faithful support of the church.  
Contributions can be made through our website at [firstpresportland.org](http://firstpresportland.org), by scanning the QR code with  
your phone, or by mailing a check to the church office at 1200 SW Alder St., Portland, OR 97205.  
For those attending worship, feel free to leave your gifts in the offering plates as you depart.*



**OFFERTORY**

Lord, Grant Thou Me a Quiet Mind

Arlen Clarke

Lord, grant Thou me a quiet mind, in depths of Thee and thought inclined.  
O gaze upon this wounded heart, and with Thy sweet and piercing Dart  
prick this soul with Love's embrace and heal these wounds with saving grace.

Lord, grant Thou me a quiet mind, in depths of Thee and thought inclined.  
O gaze upon this wounded heart, and with Thy sweet and piercing Dart  
within my soul and heart reside and drown me in Thy healing tide. Amen.

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

Text: © 1990 by Neil Weatherhogg    Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH, LM; Genevan Psalter, 1551

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYER 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 #610**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 557

J.S. Bach

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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We join in holding in prayer: Louise Grose, Fran Hermanson, Russ Mendenhall, Bruce Purdy, and others facing illness and loss. If you would like your name added to the prayer section of the weekly bulletin, please contact the church office.*

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of Frank Halvorsen  
by Karen Halvorsen.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Memorial for Rosemary Pullin

We come together to honor the memory of Rosemary Pullin, a cherished member of our church community. Please join us **today** for her memorial service at **1:00 pm** in the sanctuary, followed by a reception in Geneva Hall.

### FPC Children & Families Upcoming Events

- **Today**—Arts & Music Sunday for kids featuring Mexican folk art & dance with guest teacher Fanny Gayosso
- Join us on **February 4 from 9:00-10:00 am** for a class on **Nurturing Faith at Home**, hosted by Pastor Carmen in **Calvin Library**. If you plan to bring little ones, please **RSVP** at [cgoetschius@firstpresportland.org](mailto:cgoetschius@firstpresportland.org)
- February is **“Inclusion Month”** for the Children’s Ministry at FPC. In Sunday School we will be discussing the gift of racial diversity as a part of God’s good plan for the world

### Presbyterian Women’s Ministry

Please join us **today** for The Women of FPC Meeting in **John Knox** immediately following the worship service. Your participation is highly valued, as we will vote on the 2024 budget and leadership slate. See you there!

### New Adult Education Series

Join us **today** for an engaging Adult Ed class on the “Cycles of Unforgiveness”, led by Dale Hess in the Heritage Room after worship. Connect with us via Zoom by following this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89620201457>. For additional details about the class, please visit: <https://www.firstpresportland.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/DHCycles-1.pdf>.

### Soup Supper & Light Festival Stroll

Join us on **Saturday, February 3 at 6:00 pm** for a soup dinner followed by a walkabout at 7:00 pm to view some of the beautiful light displays at the Portland Winter Light Festival, including our own. RSVP in Geneva Hall or by emailing Alexis at [office@firstpresportland.org](mailto:office@firstpresportland.org).

### Women’s Book Club

The Women’s Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, February 6, at noon** in the Heritage Room and via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81233316517>. Come at **11:30 am** with your brown bag lunch. *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Gramus will be presented by Midge Birnie.

### Food Donations

We are in need of food items for the Alder House emergency food closet, **canned chicken, fruit, soups, and vegetables**. Donations can be dropped off in the red bin in Geneva Hall or the office. Thank you for helping us to love our neighbors.

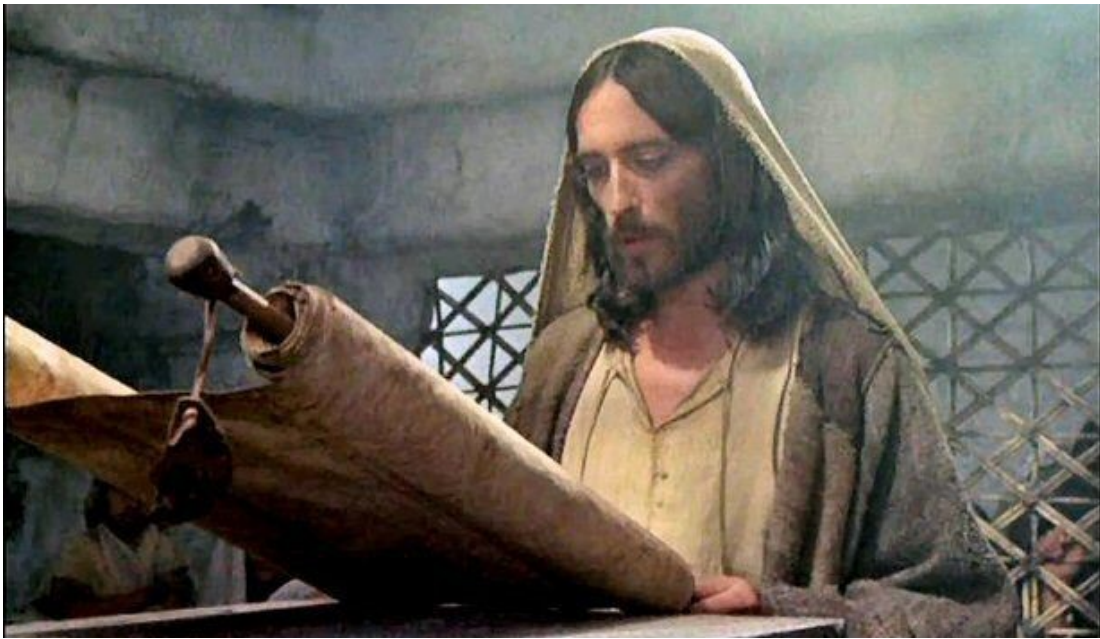
### Stewardship 2024

As we are in the final weeks of First Presbyterian’s 2024 Stewardship Campaign, I am deeply touched by your faithfulness in pledging your support for the coming year. This year, our Session has set a goal of \$775,000 for our pledges, and your generous response is a great encouragement for the life of our church. As of this week, we’re at **86.5%** of our goal, with pledges totaling **\$670,053**. With just under 14% more to go, we’re confident that the support we need is still out there!

**If you haven’t had a chance to make your commitment to First Pres, this is the moment to do it.** <https://firstpresportland.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/57/responses/new>. Whether you haven’t pledged yet or want to contribute a little more, [click here](#) to pledge online, or contact Marc Lavender, our church business administrator at [cba@firstpresportland.org](mailto:cba@firstpresportland.org).

The generosity you have shown to First Pres over these past tumultuous years has helped us respond to the changing needs of our city and our world. We are so close to meeting our financial goal for 2024. [\*\*Will you help put us over the top?\*\*](#)

Gratefully,  
Audrey.



*Jesus Reading from Isaiah in Capernaum*  
From "Jesus of Nazareth," Franco Zeffirelli, 1977

*Love God.  
Love Our Neighbors.*

### 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.

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Tuesday – Friday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

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