



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

April 21, 2024

10:30 am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

The prelude is a time of music for quiet reflection to prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Earth Carol *from* St. Francis Suite
Two settings of *Gelobt sei Gott*

Richard Purvis
Rebecca te Velde
& David Schelat

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

Introit for Easter

Richard Proulx

Alleluia!

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Alleluia!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O come let us bow down and worship;
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

**For the Lord is our God;
we are the Lord's people,
the flock that God shepherds.**

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

**God of all power,
you called from death our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep.
Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost,
to heal the injured, and to feed one another
with knowledge and understanding;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

***HYMN #239**

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

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

**Almighty God,
in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry,
and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
indifferent to calls for peace,
and abuse the earth you made.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

Prayers of confession continue in silence.

***LORD, HAVE MERCY**

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Text: Trad. liturgical text Tune: LAND OF REST, 8.7.8.7; American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

We seek God's grace with boldness
because we trust in Jesus Christ,
the One who loves us and laid down his life for us.
This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt. Tune: LLANFAIR, 7.7.7.7 with alleluias; Robert Williams, 1817

***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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Linda Grabe

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 3:16-24

Pew Bible, pg. 240

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Love Is Little Shaker song (arr. Kevin Siegfried)

Love is little, love is low, love will make our spirit grow.
Grow in peace, grow in light, love will do the thing that's right.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4:5-12

Pew Bible, pg. 121

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“To Do Nothing”

Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks

***HYMN #353**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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

(*The Nicene Creed*)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Music Ministry
Greg Homza

Thank you for your faithful support of the church.

Contributions can be made through our website at 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.



Scan Here for Contributions to FPC

OFFERTORY

It Is Ours to Praise

Ana Hernández

It is ours to praise the beauty of the world, even as we discern the torn world.
For nothing is whole that is not first rent, and out of the torn, we make whole again.
May we live with promise in creation's lap, redemption budding in our hands.

— Marcia Falk, 1996

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Text: Brian Wren, 1989 Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, LM with alleluias; *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, 1623

***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 #361**

O Christ, the Great Foundation

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Toccata Giocosa

Gilbert Martin

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PASTORAL TRANSITION

Rev. Schindler announced her plans to retire at the end of May this spring, with May 19 to be her last Sunday with us. We join in wishing her well for this coming change. You can read about plans for the next steps in the church's life on the church website, <https://www.firstpresportland.org>, under the heading at the top of the home page called "Pastoral Transition."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We join in holding in prayer: Louise Grose, Fran Hermanson, Russ Mendenhall, Bruce Purdy, Phyllis Whittington, 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 sanctuary flowers on the right are given in loving memory of James and Mildred Millington and Theodore and Mary Ziel, from their granddaughter, Sharon Ziel.

The sanctuary flowers on the left are given in loving memory of Mary Etta Wilson by Tom Wilson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April is K·L·M for Coffee Hour

If your last name begins with K, L, or M, April is your month! Whatever your situation may be, there are ways you can assist. If you can't help in person, you could bring food or order it online to be delivered to the church. To sign up, please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AABA92BA2FFCE9-46813925-coffee#/> or you may call Amy Hall at (503) 330-0377 or Alexis in the church office at (503) 228-7331.

Church Community Builder (CCB) & SignUp Genius Demonstration

Join us **today** after worship in the Chapel to learn how to better navigate CCB (our online church database) and SignUp Genius. If you've been hesitant to explore these tools, this is your chance to learn more. Marilyn Howe and Bill Resley will guide us through navigating both applications, making it easier to stay informed about FPC events. Feel free to bring your laptop or iPad to follow along.

Celebration Works on April 28

The next Celebration Works concert will be on **Sunday, April 28, at 2:00 pm**, and will feature soprano Madeline Ross and pianist Susan McDaniel. In a unique twist, the audience will choose the program order (just like judges do in a competition). A festive reception will follow. The concert is offered free of charge; donations will be gratefully accepted. We hope to see you there!

Earth Day Fair

FPC's Earth Care Team is hosting an "Earth Day Fair- All Hands on Deck!" on **April 28** from **11:30 am to 1:00 pm in Geneva Hall**. Attendees can contribute by bringing clean glass bottles and jars for reuse or your pill and supplement bottles for recycling. Learn more about sustainable gardening, solar energy, electric cars, zero-waste practices, and more. Let's join together to make a positive impact on our planet.

Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, May 7 at noon in the Heritage Room**. You may also join us via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81233316517>. Come at **11:30 am** with your brown bag lunch. The book *Lucy By The Sea*, by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Elizabeth Strout, is a poignant, pitch-perfect novel about a divorced couple stuck together during the COVID lockdown – and the love, loss, despair, and hope that animates us even as the world seems to be falling apart.

Farewell Reception for Pastor Audrey

You are invited to join us on Sunday, **May 19, after worship in Geneva Hall** to enjoy a wonderful celebration of Pastor Audrey's time as our head pastor. If you would like to sign up to help make this an event to remember, please visit <https://www.firstpresportland.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Pastor-Audreys-Retirement-Letter.pdf>, where you will find more detailed information, ways to get involved, and whom to contact with questions.

Pastoral Transition Update from Session

To learn about Session's latest update regarding FPC's Pastoral Transition, please visit <https://www.firstpresportland.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Pastoral-Transition-Update-4.5.2024.pdf>.

Retrospective Work of Robert Dykman: Between Two Places Art Exhibit

Visit our chapel gallery after worship to view the Retrospective Work of Robert Dykman: "Between Two Places" oil and watercolors art exhibit taking place through **May 26**.

Soft Goods and Books

The church is currently accepting donations of books and soft goods such as clothing, towels, bedding, shoes, and luggage. A gentle reminder that we cannot accept home goods like kitchen items, decorations, or office supplies.



*Saints Peter & John
Healing the Lame Man*

Nicolas Poussin, 1655

*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.

PRINCIPAL CHURCH STAFF

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