



**First  
Presbyterian**  
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**October 27, 2024**  
**10:30 am**  
**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Reformation Sunday**

*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**

Two settings of *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott*

Samuel Scheidt &  
Anonymous (17th-century)  
arr. Jason W. Krug

**A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

*(FPC Handbell Ensemble)*

### **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**

**A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

Martin Luther

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. **Amen.**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**

Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;**

**God will help it when the morning dawns.**

“Be still and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”

**The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Let us worship the living God!

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

**Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, Almighty God,**

**to rule and direct us according to your will,**

**to comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions,**

**to defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth;**

**that we, being steadfast in the faith, may increase in love and in all good works,**

**and in the end obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord,**

**who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #624**

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Unison, a prayer by Martin Luther*)

**Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it.**

**I am weak in the faith; strengthen me.**

**I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent,**

**that my love may go out to my neighbor.**

**I do not have a strong and firm faith;**

**at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether.**

**O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you.**

**In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have.**

**I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor.**

**I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin;**

**in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you,**

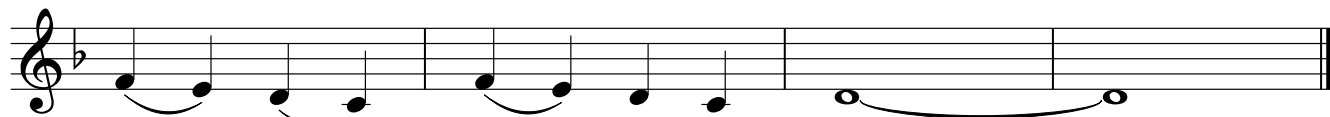
**of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give.**

*Prayers of confession continue in silence.*

**\*LORD, HAVE MERCY #576** (*choir first, then all*)



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Text: Trad. liturgical text Music: © 1990 by Swee Hong Lim

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*a prayer by John Calvin*)

Let us never forget you, O Lord, nor your goodness.  
 Let the remembrance of your mercy be always engraved on our minds.  
**Hear and believe this good news!**  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #583** (*English text; twice through*)



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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**\*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

Lisa Snodderly

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Pew Bible, pg. 734

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

attr. Thomas Tallis

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell. Come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;  
we are his flock; he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good: his mercy is for ever sure;  
his truth hath always firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure. Amen.

— *William Kethe, 1560*

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:46-52

Pew Bible, pg. 47

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

“Eyes to See”

Rev. Heidi Bolt

## \*HYMN #649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from the Heidelberg Catechism)*

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, in life and in death — to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven;**

**in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

*Thank you for your continued support of the church.*

*For ways to contribute to our ministry, please see page 6 of the worship bulletin.*

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP**

Kristine Olson

**OFFERTORY**

My Eyes for Beauty Pine

Herbert Howells

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddës grace;  
no other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.

One splendor thence is shed from all the stars above:  
‘tis named when God’s name is said, ‘tis Love, ‘tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart that burns with true desire,  
is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

*— Robert Bridges, 1894*

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #717**

**For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,  
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:  
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;  
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.**

*— Carl P. Daw Jr., 1987*

**\*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 #320**

The Church of Christ in Every Age

**\* BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Prelude in A Major, BWV 536

J.S. Bach

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## CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

*Contributions may be made by:*

*Leaving your gifts in the offering  
plates as you depart.*

*Mailing a check to the church office.*

*Scanning the QR code on the right.*

*Visiting [https://pushpay.com/g/  
firstpresportland](https://pushpay.com/g/firstpresportland).*



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We join in holding in prayer: Kathy Callas, Louise Grose, Fran Hermanson, Russ Mendenhall, Gordon Priedeman, 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

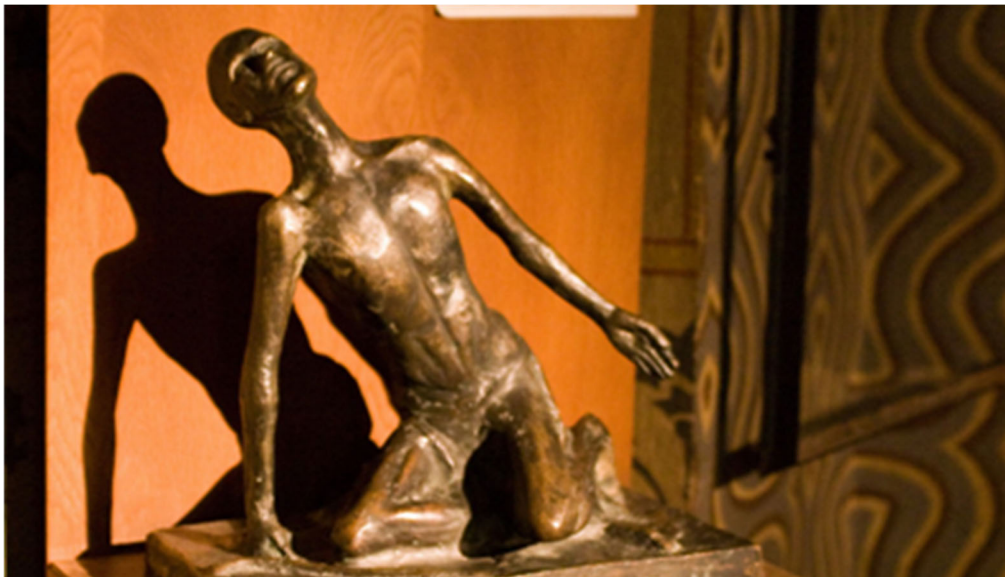
*Today's sanctuary flowers on the left are given  
in loving memory of Jerry Hoder from the Hoder family,  
Maurine, Kevin, Patty, John, and Ian.*

*The flowers on the right are given  
in loving memory of our parents, Jack & Jo Schmidt and  
John & Mae Killen by Tim & Linda Killen.*

## IN MEMORIAM

*Our prayers and sympathy are with the family and friends of  
Joyce Beals, who died on Friday, October 11, 2024.*

*The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this  
time forth and forevermore. (Psalm 121:8)*



***Lord, that I might see!***

Matyas Church, Budapest Hungary, 1970 (metal sculpture, freestanding)

***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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2025 FPC Stewardship Campaign

Last week, we announced the official launch of our 2025 Stewardship Campaign. We've embraced these words of Scripture for this year's theme:

**“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases”  
(Lamentations 3:22)**

As members and friends of First Presbyterian Church, your monetary support, along with gifts of your time and talent, are called to be instruments of that love. Stewardship pledges remain essential in supporting this work, especially among our neighbors who are most in need. We are grateful for your help in meeting and surpassing the pledge goal in recent years. Once again, we ask for your financial support, presence, and prayers to maintain the strength of our congregation and its outreach in the coming year. Our stewardship goal this year is \$740,000. We will dedicate our pledges on **November 10** during Commitment Sunday, expressing our support for the ministry and mission of FPC. You may also pledge by mail or online at [www.firstpresportland.org](http://www.firstpresportland.org). Just click on the box labeled “2025 Stewardship Pledges.” Questions: contact Marc Lavender at [cba@firstpresportland.org](mailto:cba@firstpresportland.org) or (503) 228-7331, ext. 102. With our blessings and thanks, your FPC Stewardship Committee Team!

### Youth Halloween Party

Calling all youth! Join us today, **Sunday, October 27, after worship** in the Youth Room for our Halloween Party! You won't want to miss it!

### PWM Bake Sale

Join us for the PWM Bake Sale on **Sunday, November 24**, in Geneva Hall! We'll feature a delicious selection of cakes, cookies, breads, cupcakes, jams, and jellies. We also have a presale signup available during coffee hour, allowing you to order your favorites in advance. Get ready to start baking goods to contribute to this fun event!

### Chamber Music NW Concert

Chamber Music NW will hold a breathtaking recital here at FPC featuring Roderick Williams OBE and Myra Huang on **Tuesday, October 29**, at **7:30 pm**. This special performance includes the full “Schwanengesang” cycle and favorite selections, showcasing Williams' extraordinary voice and Huang's exceptional piano talent. As a gift to our congregation, enjoy a 50% discount with the code **PRESBYFRIEND** when purchasing tickets online (event link provided in weekly eBlast). Don't miss this unforgettable evening!

### Uganda Service Learning Trip Meeting

If you are interested in joining the 2025 Uganda service learning trip, set for February 14 - 27, 2025, please join us in the Heritage Room at **11:45 am** on **Sunday, November 3**. We will cover basic information about the trip and hope to put our team together!

### Women's Book Club

Join us for the Women's Book Club on **Tuesday, November 5**, from **11:00 am to 1:00 pm** in the Heritage Room. We'll enjoy a bag lunch at 11:00 am, followed by a discussion of *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor, a Supreme Court Justice. You may also join via Zoom (link provided in weekly eBlast). Moderated by Marilyn Weber, Sotomayor shares her journey of overcoming the challenges of growing up in poverty with a single mother and eight siblings, as well as battling a chronic illness.

### Annual Meeting & All-Church Potluck

Join us for our Annual Meeting on **Sunday, November 10**, right after the worship service in the sanctuary. We'll discuss important information, followed by our All-Church Potluck in Geneva Hall. Please bring a dish based on the first letter of your last name: A-G (dessert), H-M (salad or side dish), N-Z (main dish). Drop off your dish in the kitchen before the service, ready to serve, and label containers. We look forward to sharing food and fellowship with everyone!

**See the back for more!**

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### **Big Ideas Book Group**

The Big Ideas book group will be discussing *How To Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going* by Susan Beaumont, at its next meeting, **6pm, Monday, November 18**, in the Chapel Art Gallery. The book delves into the nuances of leading a church during periods of anxiety and transition. It emphasizes listening and learning from mistakes rather than acting rashly. Contact Marilyn Howe at [harrietwho92@gmail.com](mailto:harrietwho92@gmail.com) for more information and to join the group's email list.