



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

March 30, 2025

10:30 am

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Contemplation on *Wondrous Love*
Reflection on *St. Flavian*

Rebecca Groom 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

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Lucius Chapin

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.

Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek; be God's our only peace.

Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.

— Latin, 8th cent.; trans. Omer Westendorf, 1960, alt.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

In times of trouble, in days of fear,

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

When we are lost and lonely, not sure of our place,

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

When we are hard-hearted and cynical,

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

When we struggle to believe God's promise of redemption,

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Together we look to God to teach us the way we should go.

Steadfast love surrounds us, as together we place our trust in the Lord.

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

**God of Love, thank you that through the person of Jesus
we can see you, know you and have fellowship with you.**

Help us to believe in you and your promise of a life everlasting.

Show us the path that we must walk till we find our rest in you. Amen.

***HYMN #804**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

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

Almighty and merciful God,

we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;

and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Forgive those who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent,

according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayers of confession continue in silence.

***LORD, HAVE MERCY #431**

Forgive Us, Lord

[Choir] Forgive us, Lord. [ALL] Forgive us, Lord.

[Choir] In your eternal mercy: [ALL] Forgive us, Lord.

[Choir] In your sustaining grace: [ALL] Forgive us, Lord.

[Choir] Forgive us, Lord. [ALL] Forgive us, Lord.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

As far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
Believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

**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
Tune: NETTLETON, 8 7 8 7 D; *Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813

***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

SENDING BLESSINGS FOR REV. DAVE DORNACK

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Linda Grabe

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 32

Pew Bible, OT p. 506

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

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.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Pew Bible, NT p. 181

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Reconciled and Renewed”

Rev. Brenna Dykman

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN #215**

What Wondrous Love Is This

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

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

*Thank you for your faithful support. To contribute to the life and ministry
of this congregation, please refer to page 6 of the worship bulletin.*

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
 shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayer;
 but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,
 O holy and most merciful Savior, thou most worthy Judge eternal,
 suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death to fall from thee.
 Amen.

***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*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 #166**

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING RESPONSE

Amen

Roe VanBoskirk

During the penitential season of Lent, it is our custom to conclude worship without a postlude.

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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 www.firstpresportland.org.*



IN MEMORIAM

Our prayers are with the family of Inga Gloekler, who died on March 8, 2025.

Blest are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We join in holding in prayer: Kathy Callas, Louise Grose, Russ Mendenhall, Gordon Priedeman, Phyllis Whittington, and others facing illness and loss.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Today's sanctuary flowers are given in honor of Pastor Dave Dornack for his years of service and ministry at FPC. He will be greatly missed!

2025 EASTER LILIES

Every year, lilies adorn our sanctuary and are given to home-bound or ill members of First Presbyterian Church to brighten their Easter season. You can help offset the cost of the lilies by donating in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Donations for this year's lilies are **\$18 for each person remembered or honored**. Names of those remembered or honored will be published in the worship bulletin on **Easter Sunday, April 20**.

The online form is now live at the following link: tinyurl.com/49t6j4h3

If you prefer to pay by check or cash, paper order forms will be available in the April 6 & 13 bulletins.

The deadline to order lilies is Monday, April 14.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 FPC Stewardship Campaign

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

Our 2025 Stewardship Campaign goal is **\$740,000**, and thanks to **130** generous households, we’ve received **\$682,257** in pledges. We’re just over **\$57,000** away from our goal! If FPC has impacted you through classes, music, sermons, or outreach, we invite you to prayerfully consider a pledge. Every gift, no matter the size, helps us continue our vital work. Pledge online at firstpresportland.org or use a pledge card in the offering plate. Thank you for supporting FPC’s mission to share God’s love!

Last Week for Trifon Markov’s Exhibition

When: TODAY

Where: Chapel Art Gallery

This is the final week of Trifon’s Exhibition in our art gallery! Please take the opportunity to view his work before our next artist presents their show next week.

Participate in Rev. Heidi’s Doctoral Project!

If you are interested in participating in Pastor Heidi’s doctoral project that will take place in worship on April 6, May 4, and May 11, please email her at hbolt@firstpresportland.org. Heidi is studying positive neuroplasticity in worship and would appreciate your participation!

Lenten Study Series Continues

When: Today, 11:45 am

Where: Chapel

We would love for you to join us for our annual Lenten Study series that continues today. We will be utilizing the text *The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus* by Adam Hamilton (limited copies available in the FPC library; also available at most online retailers). Each class will begin with a video followed by discussion. We hope to see you there!

Pipe Organ History Display

When: Now!

Where: Chapel Narthex Display

Visit our history display celebrating the 25th anniversary of our Jaeckel organ. It highlights the history of three previous organs: the Henry Erben, G.H. Ryder, and M.P. Moller. The Erben organ had a notable journey, moving to FPC Portland from San Francisco’s FPC in 1884, and later to Westminster PC, Vernon PC, and Lewis & Clark College before finally returning to our chapel in 1995. Stay tuned for a display on the Jaeckel organ’s construction!

Women’s Book Club

When: Tue, Apr 1, 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Where: Heritage Room

Join us for a brown bag lunch and social conversation followed by our Women’s Book Club meeting moderated by Nancy Icenogle! We will be discussing the book *Solito: A Memoir* by Javier Zamora, a true story of an unaccompanied 9 year old boy crossing from a small town in El Salvador to reunite with his parents in the US. We hope to see you in-person or on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81233316517>).

Help Needed for Annual Easter Egg Hunt

We are in need of individually-wrapped candy and other small items to be used as stuffing in our plastic Easter Eggs for the annual hunt here at the church. There is a plastic bin marked “Easter Egg donations” in Geneva Hall and we hope you’ll bring some items to share with the church. Last date donations will be received is Sunday, April 6. Carmen is also looking for volunteers to help with the Easter Egg hunt. If you are interested, please email her soon (cgoetschius@firstpresportland.org). She is putting together a planning meeting and would love to include you!

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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