



**First  
Presbyterian**  
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

# Service for the Lord's Day

**April 13, 2025  
10:30 am  
Palm/Passion Sunday**

*Please remember to silence your cell phone.*

Regular text is read by minister.

\*Please stand as you are able.

## THE GATHERING

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

### PRELUDE

Prelude on *Morning Song*  
Prelude on *Andújar*

Charles Callahan  
Edwin T. Childs

### 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

Fanfare for Palm Sunday

Richard Proulx

Hosanna, hosanna!  
Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
O King of Israel! Hosanna in the highest!

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**We will be people of courage in it!**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us enter God's gates with bold hope and thanksgiving.**

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

**Courageous God,  
whose works find proclamation from the heavens to the stones,  
may we be compelled such as these to speak up and cry out,  
exalting the name that is above every name,  
with bended knee and confessing tongue,  
that Jesus Christ is Lord; to the glory of God. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #196**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

***[refrain]* All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One. ***[refrain]***

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. ***[refrain]***

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. ***[refrain]***

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! ***[refrain]***

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, 7.6.7.6.D; Melchior Teschner, 1614; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

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

**We confess to you, O God,  
that we have been tempted by evil and have succumbed to sin.  
You nourish us with your eternal word,  
but we hunger for bread that perishes.  
You call us to worship you alone,  
but we seek to serve worldly powers.  
You offer us salvation,  
but we gamble with the gift of life.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Guide us by your Word and guard us with your Spirit,  
so that we may live in faith and follow you faithfully;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

*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**

Hear the promise of the Lord:  
When you call on me, I will answer;  
I will satisfy you with life  
and show you my saving love.  
This is good news of God's reconciling love:  
In the name of 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**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Linda Grabe

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Pew Bible, OT p. 565

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

Meditation for Holy Week

John A. Behnke

*(Handbell Choir; Paul Butler, director)*

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 19:28-40

Pew Bible, NT p. 83

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

“In Search of Peace”

Rev. Heidi Bolt

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN #160**

A Stable Lamp Is Lighted

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*(based on Philippians 2:5-11)*

**We trust in God, the source of all hope,  
even as we call on God to meet us in places of hopelessness.**

**We commit to be disciples of Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself and was born in human likeness.**

**He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death –  
even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the father. Amen.**

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**OFFERTORY**

**Ride On**

Grayston Ives

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry,  
thy humble beast pursues his road with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die,  
O Christ, thy triumph now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! The wingèd squadrons of the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
the Father on his sapphire throne awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
bow thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

— Henry Hart Milman, 1827

**\*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**

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

**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**

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd

— *The tune is the same as #99, My Soul Gives Glory to My God* —

**A cheering, chanting, dizzy crowd had stripped the green trees bare,  
and hailing Christ as king aloud, waved branches in the air.**

**They laid their garments in the road and spread his path with palms  
and vows of lasting love bestowed with royal hymns and psalms.**

**When day dimmed down to deep'ning dark the crowd began to fade  
till only trampled leaves and bark were left from the parade.**

**Lest we be fooled because our hearts have surged with passing praise,  
remind us, God, as this week starts where Christ has fixed his gaze.**

**Instead of palms, a winding sheet will have to be unrolled,  
a carpet much more fit to greet the king a cross will hold.**

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, 1985 © 1985 by Oxford University Press (*Glory to God* No. 200)  
Tune: MORNING SONG, CM; *Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING RESPONSE**

Amen

Richard Lambert

*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.
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## 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 loving memory of Glen & Bette Morris and Joyce Beals by Shelly Garg.

# HOLY WEEK 2025 AT FPC

**April 17** | Maundy Thursday Service - 7:00 pm, Chapel\*  
*a communion service remembering the Last Supper*

**April 18** | Good Friday Service - 7:00 pm, Sanctuary^  
*a somber service commemorating the crucifixion of Christ*

**April 19** | Easter Vigil - 7:30 pm, Chapel  
*a recital of the gospel of John*

**April 20** | Easter Sunrise Service - 6:30 am, Menucha  
Easter Worship Service - 10:30 am, Sanctuary^  
*a joyful service celebrating the resurrection of Christ*  
Kids' Easter Egg Hunt - 11:45 am, Plaza

\*recorded

^recorded & livestreamed



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.

## CHURCH STAFF

### Principal Church Staff:

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### Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Holy Week 2025 Social Media Events

A quick and easy way to invite your friends, family, and neighbors to our various Holy Week 2025 events is by sharing our events on Facebook! We've created separate events for each service (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Easter Morning) here at FPC as well as our Easter egg hunt. Simply visit our Facebook page, scroll to the event, mark that you're going, and then click share! Consider adding a personal message it make it even more welcoming to those considering joining!

## Lenten Study Series Concludes Today

**When: Today, Apr 13, 11:45 am**

**Where: Chapel**

We would love for you to join us for our annual Lenten Study series utilizing *The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus* by Adam Hamilton. Our final study session will explore the topic of Jerusalem, where Jesus traveled during his last earthly week. Each class begins with a video followed by discussion. We hope to see you there!

## April Birthday Celebration

**When: Today, Apr 13, 11:30 am**

**Where: Geneva Hall**

Happy birthday to all those born in April! We want celebrate you with cupcakes and a song after worship. Please come to Geneva for a brief celebration during coffee hour!

## Easter Lilies - Final Day for Orders

**When: Mon, Apr 14**

**Tomorrow is the last day to order Easter lilies this year.** Names of those remembered or honored will be published in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 20. Donations for this year's lilies are \$18 for each person remembered or honored. If you prefer to pay by check or cash, paper order form is available in today's bulletin! The online form is now live at the following link: [tinyurl.com/49t6j4h3](https://tinyurl.com/49t6j4h3)

## Flowering the Cross

**When: Sun, Apr 20, during worship**

Please feel free to bring a flower or two from home, to add to the cross on Easter Sunday for our annual flowering of the cross. We will also have flowers available the church entrances. We look forward to participating in this tradition with you!



## April Big Ideas Book Group

**When: Tue, Apr 15, 6:00 pm**

**Where: Chapel**

The Big Ideas Book Group, FPC's non-fiction book group, meets this week to discuss April's text, *You Are Changing the World* by David LaMotte.. We hope you'll join us! Contact Marilyn Howe at [harrietwho92@gmail.com](mailto:harrietwho92@gmail.com) for more information and to join the group's email list.

## Spring Food Festival - Signups Now Open!

**When: Sun, May 4, 11:45 am**

**Where: Geneva Hall**

The FPC Deacons invite you to celebrate the start of spring with a festive time of fellowship and delectable treats! We'd love for you to share a favorite sweet or savory food item that has meaning to you. Pre-printed cards will be available at coffee hours and at Open Circle to share about your chosen treat. Questions? Contact Jenny Anton at [snjanton@icloud.com](mailto:snjanton@icloud.com). **Sign up by visiting this link (<https://shorturl.at/bcOaN>) or contacting the church office.**

## Jaeckel 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert

**When: Sun, May 4, 2:00 pm**

**Where: Sanctuary**

Please plan to attend the next *Celebration Works* concert, featuring **Dr. Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler** from Scottsdale, AZ, playing FPC's Jaeckel pipe organ. The Deacons' **Spring Food Festival** will be taking place during coffee hour that morning, so you can have a bite to eat, maybe go for a walk, and then attend the recital. It will be a long day, but a glorious one!