

Service for the Lord's Day



First Presbyterian CHURCH OF PORTLAND

April 20, 2025
10:30 AM

Resurrection of the Lord
Easter Sunday

Please remember to silence your cell phone.

*Please stand as you are able.

Regular text is read by

THE GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

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!"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Be glad and rejoice forever.

God is creating a new heaven and earth!

The homes we build and the gardens we plant will burst with life.

God is creating a new heaven and earth!

The oppressed and the afraid will no longer be tyrannized.

God is creating a new heaven and earth!

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God is creating a new heaven and earth!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Unison*)

God of resurrection,

we are witnesses to your promise of new life.

We recall that your steadfast love endures forever.

Help us to be agents of your courageous love,

living in hope, trusting with faith,

acting from your vision

***INTROIT**

Easter Introit

John Ferguson

Listen! The One who bore God's heart, the One who spoke God's peace,
the One in whom God agonized, is now the Risen Lord.
Death was no prison for him. Jesus is raised and among us.
All that you see and hear comes from the One who was freed.
Listen! Hear, O people of God, that Jesus Christ is Lord. Alleluia!

— John Thornburg, 2011

***HYMN #232**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

Text: Stanzas 1-3, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740
Tune: EASTER HYMN, 7.7.7.7 with alleluias; *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

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

**Holy God, we confess
that we have not been faithful witnesses to the resurrection.
Jesus stands among us in word, sacrament, and neighbor,
but we fail to recognize him.
Jesus reigns over us as the risen Lord of all, but we fail to honor him.
Jesus moves within us through the work of your Spirit, but we fail to respond.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Keep us in your presence, guide us by your Word, and fill us with your Spirit
so that we may proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, who is risen indeed!**

Prayers of confession continue in silence.

***LORD, HAVE MERCY #551**

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
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Text: Trad. liturgical text Tune: LAND OF REST, 8.7.8.7; American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Jesus gathers us in to receive the Holy Spirit
and sends us out to share in his reconciling work.

Receive this gift of new life:

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE #245 (verse 4)**

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!

Praise to you by 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

Ted Magnuson

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:34-43

Pew Bible, NT p. 129

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Alleluia

Bryan Sharpe

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:1-12

Pew Bible, NT p. 90

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Jesus Lives!”

Rev. Heidi Bolt

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN #238**

Thine Is the Glory

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.**

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.**

Text: Edmund Louis Budry, 1884; trans. Richard Birch Hoyle, 1923, alt.
Tune: JUDAS MACCABEUS, 5.5.6.5.6.5.6.5 with refrain; George Frederick Handel, 1748

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(based on Romans 8)

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

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of this congregation, please refer to page 7 of the worship bulletin.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Joy Is Come!

14th-cent. German
(arr. Andrew Carter)

Joy is come! Eastertide! Sing we all far and wide,
see the stone rolled aside, Christ our Lord is risen, bursting from his prison.
Let the sound (sound, sound) ring around ('round, 'round)
and the song now rebound: Christ the Lord is risen!

Joy is come! Easter Day! Join the dance, homage pay,
Christ the Lord lights our way, from the tomb now breaking, Satan's power shaking.
Let the song (song, song) echo long (long, long),
shout it loud, sing it strong: Christ the Lord is risen!

Joy is come! Easter morn! With your Lord greet the dawn,
he endured crown of thorn and the bitter nailing, faithful and unailing.
Tidings tell (tell, tell), chant it well (well, well),
risen Christ in us dwell, o'er the cross prevailing.

Easter joy may we bring, welcome, Lord, heaven's King,
winter turns into spring, darkness overtaking, and our spirits waking.
Praises flow (flow, flow), voices grow (grow, grow),
sounding far 'Gloria in excelsis Deo!'

***DOXOLOGY #609**

**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**

All You on Earth

**All you on earth, rejoice and sing; give glory to our risen King!
Raise your voices! Alleluia!
Our Lord, who died, now truly lives; to us this promise he now gives.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your death, O Lord, was but the seed from which a new life would proceed!
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Our Lord, once raised by heaven's pow'r, will raise us all in that last hour.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Lord has made this Easter day; to joy let sorrow now give way!
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**All Christians, who one faith declare, sing praise to Christ whose life we share.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1970, alt.
Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, LM with alleluias; *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, 1623

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Postlude on *Easter Hymn*

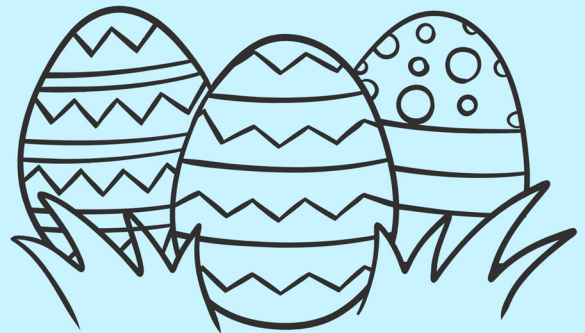
Philip Moore

(Mitchell Nelson and Kyra Hamann, trumpets)

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FREE KIDS' EASTER EGG HUNT!

**Meet us in the chapel
after worship for
instructions!**



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.*



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 Mary Etta Wilson by Tom Wilson.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Announcement - Rev. Aaron Morris Serves Part-time at FPC as Parish Associate

We are excited to announce that Rev. Aaron Morris has begun as our new Parish Associate. Aaron will work with the Deacon board and assist with pastoral care. Since 2001, Aaron has had the privilege of working in a variety of settings including Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian Churches, interfaith community initiatives, and hospitals. He currently works full time providing spiritual care as a chaplain and bereavement coordinator and hospice. He has a BS in Education from Baylor University and a ThM in New Testament Studies from Dallas Theological Seminary. Aaron is married to Kara, and they have three children cresting into adulthood.

FPC Office Closure - Easter Monday

When: Mon, Apr 21, all day

Where: FPC offices

Please note that the FPC offices will be closed on Monday in observance of Easter Monday. Please feel free to leave us a voicemail or send us an email if you have a need during this time!

Earth Sunday Letter Writing to Congress

When: Sun, Apr 27, 11:30 am

Where: Calvin Library

On Earth Sunday, the Earth Care team will be hosting a letter writing campaign to preserve the clean energy tax credits in the IRA legislation. This is a call to action from Presbyterians for Earth Care (FPC is an Earth Care congregation). Please join us during coffee hour before you head up to the Heritage room for the Uganda mission trip presentation. We will have everything that you need to easily make your voice heard by your congressperson.

Menucha Spring Volunteer Work Party

When: Sat, May 10, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Where: Menucha

Save the date for Menucha's spring work party! We'll welcome spring with community bonding while improving the property. Lunch will be provided. **Please sign up by May 5** emailing us at hello@menucha.org or calling at 503-695-2243.

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. Please no soups. For main course items that must be heated, please ensure they can be reheated within our ovens. 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. **Sign up by visiting this link (<https://shorturl.at/bcOaN>)**. Thank you in advance for your contributions to this exciting event!

Jaeckel 25th 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!

Mission Study Team Update #1

The Mission Study Team (made up of Amy Wood, Andrew Baker, Bill Resely, David Baca, David Palmer, and Lisa Snodderly) is working diligently to discern God's call for FPC's future mission. Guided by past reports, their next step is listening to members, friends, and neighbors through a questionnaire and small in-person sessions. Your thoughts, hopes, and prayers are essential to this process. Your input will guide the next Pastoral Nominating Committee's search for a new Head of Staff. Our next update will share early observations to help you reflect as you prepare to complete the upcoming survey. We'll keep you updated on this process and its outcomes via eBlasts and Spire articles. Please see this week's eBlast for a more detailed update on this team's work!