



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

May 11, 2025
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

Prière à Notre-Dame *from* Suite Gothique

Léon Boëllmann

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

Repeating Alleluia No. 1

Nick Halsey

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

**We have come to fall on our faces before the throne
and worship the Lord with singing!**

Together we say, "Amen!"

**Together we proclaim that blessing and glory
and wisdom and thanksgiving
and honor and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!**

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

**Tender of green pastures,
come and lie down with us, for we yearn to rest in you.
Send your Holy Spirit to grant us peace.
Soothe us with the stillness of your waters,
for our souls need restoration and relief.
Pour out your grace,
that we might dwell with you our whole lives long. Amen.**

***HYMN #385**

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

***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, and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak 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 #551**

**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**

**Hear the good news of God's promise:
I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!**

***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

Joyce Evans

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 7:9-17

Pew Bible, NT p. 249

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. Howard Helvey

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death thy presence is my stay;
one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows; thy oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may thy house be mine abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

(Nick Halsey, cello)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Hope and New Life”

Rev. Heidi Bolt

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN #274**

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from A Declaration of Faith*)

**In Christ God gave us a glimpse of the new creation
he has already begun and will surely finish.**

We do not know when the final day will come.

**In our time we see only broken and scattered signs
that the renewal of all things is under way.**

**We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering
in the world, the church, or our own lives.**

But we see Jesus as Lord.

**As he stands at the center of our history,
we are confident he will stand at its end.**

He will judge all people and nations.

**Evil will be condemned
and rooted out of God’s good creation.**

There will be no more tears or pain.

All things will be made new.

**The fellowship of human beings with God and each other
will be perfected.**

*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.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Repeating Alleluia No. 4

Nick Halsey

***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 #236**

The Strife Is O'er

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

The Strife Is O'er

arr. Richard Proulx

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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.*



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 on loving memory of Sue Blomgren and Virginia Bartsch by Doug Blomgren.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Study Team Survey

When: Now - Sat, May 17

Where: Online (paper versions available on request)

The Mission Study Team is discerning God's will for our church's future as we prepare to search for our next Head of Staff Pastor. Your input is vital! Each household member should complete it individually (20–30 minutes). Paper copies are available at church or by request. Please complete the survey by May 17 (or May 24 at the latest). In-person feedback opportunities will also be available after worship on May 18 and June 1. Thank you for your participation! You can complete the survey at the following link: shorturl.at/nW2MO

Narthex Display Case - Jaeckel Organ

When: Now!

Where: Chapel Narthex

Check out the display case in the Chapel Narthex as we continue to celebrate the 25th anniversary of our Jaeckel Organ! The display currently contains pictures of the construction of the organ, highlighting the complexity of this beautiful instrument.

Walk the Wildwood Registration Opens Monday!

When: Mon, May 12

Where: Online

Registration opens this Monday for Walk the Wildwood 2025! Join a beautiful, guided walk through Forest Park Saturday, August 9! First Presbyterian Church and Partners in Mission co-host this 4th annual walk to raise funds for Kamwenge Secondary and Vocational School (KSVS) in Uganda. 2025 goals are to raise \$15,000 towards the start of construction of vocational student dorms, collect 200 pairs of sneakers (bins in Geneva Hall), and to see 10 new KSVS students sponsored. Watch for the first of five planned registration events Sunday June 1st at church! Visit the link below for registration and further info about this exciting annual event! shorturl.at/98vvi

Open Circle Spring Party

When: Thu, May 15, 10:30 am

Where: Heritage Room

Open Circle's spring party is this week! Any woman of the church is welcome to attend. Please bring a brunch item to share. For the service component of our meeting, we will be gathering new under pants to give to Rose Haven for the many women they serve. There is a box in Geneva Hall now for those who cannot come to the party but would like to contribute.

Menucha Spring Flower Walk

When: Sat, May 17, 1:00-3:00 pm

Where: Menucha

Menucha's spring flower walk is this week! Rain or shine, come wander the grounds and soak in the vibrant colors that bloom across Menucha in the spring. It's a perfect opportunity to connect with nature and experience the beauty of the season in a peaceful, breathtaking setting.

Youth Fundraiser: Pancake Lunch

When: Sun, Jun 1, 11:45 am

Where: Geneva Hall

All are welcome to a pancake lunch hosted by this year's Youth Mission team! They are raising funds to travel to the Philippines in July to work with the Ingan Leyte project. There will be a free will donation box for those who would like to support the trip. We hope to see you there!

Women's Book Club June Meeting

When: Tue, Jun 3, 11:30 am

Where: Heritage Room & Zoom

Join us for June's meeting of the Women's Book Club! Amy Wood will lead with the book *Inheritance* by Dani Shapiro, a memoir of her discovery that her father was not her biological father and her quest to find her birth parent. Join us in person or at the following link: us02web.zoom.us/j/81233316517. Please note this change: We will begin with the book discussion beginning at 11:30 followed by devotions, announcements and a potluck lunch.

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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