



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

June 1, 2025

10:30 AM

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Communion 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

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

arr. Charles Callahan

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

Come, Lord, Come

John L. Bell

Jesus, Redeemer, come, Lord, come
and take our fear away; replace it with your love.
Servant and sufferer...
Christ, resurrected...

*CALL TO WORSHIP

What must we do to be saved?

**Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved,
you and your household.**

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous!

Give thanks to God's holy name.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Unison*)

**God of glory, holy Trinity, you are one in heavenly glory and saving love.
Make us one as you are one so that all the world
will see your glory and know your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*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.

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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

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

Shelby Walker

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Pew Bible, NT p. 260

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,
who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,
who was and is and is to come; sing Holy, Holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
for Christ is coming, is coming soon.

E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:16-34

Pew Bible, NT p. 136

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Strong Foundations”

Rev. Heidi Bolt

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN #361

O Christ, the Great Foundation

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostles' Creed*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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of this congregation, please refer to page 6 of the worship bulletin.*

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Sarah Schwab & Lisa Snodderly

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Freedom Is Coming

South African

Freedom is coming. O yes, I know.

(Austin Daniel, soloist)

*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

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF GREAT THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us and grant us your peace.

Holy, Holy, Holy – #552

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us and grant us your peace.

Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen – #553

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us and grant us your peace.

Amen – #554

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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

Adagio from Sonata in F minor

Felix Mendelssohn

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE SENDING

***HYMN #516**

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 557

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 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 by John & Joyce Evans in honor of their 66th wedding anniversary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Olga Ivkin Art Gallery Opening

When: Today, Sun, May 25, 11:30 am

Where: Chapel Art Gallery

Join artist Olga Ivkin in the Gallery for the opening reception of her exhibition, *A Bloom of Inspiration*. Her art reflects the divine in everyday life, encouraging viewers to rediscover beauty and wonder often overlooked. With over 20 years of artistic exploration and 10 years of formal design education, Olga brings bold symbolism, spiral compositions, intricate detail, and vibrant color to her work. Her pieces evoke joy and serenity, offering a visual meditation on life, faith, and emotion. Light refreshments will be available.

Youth Fundraiser: Pancake Lunch

When: Today, Sun, Jun 1, 11:30am

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. A free will donation box will be available for those who would like to support the trip. We hope to see you there!

Walk the Wildwood Registration

When: Today, Sun, Jun 1, 11:30 am

Where: Geneva Hall

Register live today for Walk the Wildwood 2025 immediately following service! Volunteers are on hand to assist signup for this scenic guided walk through Forest Park Saturday, August 9th. The walk benefits Kamwenge Secondary and Vocational School (KSVS) in Uganda. Our goals are to:

- secure \$15,000 for construction of vocational student dorms,
 - connect new sponsors to 10 new KSVS students,
 - collect 200 pairs of sneakers through August 9
- The 4th annual walk is hosted by First Presbyterian Church and Partners in Mission. Learn more at firstpresportland.org/news-events/walk-the-wildwood/.

Mission Study In-Person Feedback

When: Today, Sun, Jun 1, 11:30 am

Where: Geneva Hall/Calvin Library

Today after worship, the Mission Study Team will be offering listening sessions as they listen for God's spirit discerning the future direction of the church. Presbyterians believe that the more voices are in the conversation, the closer we can get to the will of God. Your voice is vital in this conversation! Please join us downstairs and share your perspectives as we forge a new path forward.

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.

Children and Youth Ministry Events

When: Sun, Jun 8, 10:45 am

Where: Sunday School rooms

Fun and exciting things are coming up for our kids and youth at FPC! We hope you'll join us next week for the final Sunday School of the school year.

Pentecost Special Offering Next Sunday

When: Sun, Jun 8, during worship

Where: in-person, by mail, online

*"For you, Lord, are my hope,
my trust from my youth"—Psalm 71:5*

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation established in childhood can launch a life-long journey of faith and service to God. Our gifts to the Pentecost Offering support programs to encourage, develop, and support children and youth and address needs of children-at-risk. Forty percent of the offering stays with our congregation for our local community. The remainder supports youth programs of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. You may give in person next week, by mail, or through the church website.

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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