



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

June 8, 2025

10:30 AM

Day of Pentecost

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

Prelude on *Veni Creator Spiritus*

Libby Larsen

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, O Spirit of God

Ricky Manalo, CSP

Come, O Spirit of God, and renew the face of the earth.

(sung in Spanish, Latin, English, and Filipino)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Remember the promise of the Lord:

God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness,

interceding with sighs too deep for words.

The Spirit of God renews the earth.

Bless the name of the Lord!

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

God our creator, earth has many languages,
but your gospel proclaims your love to all nations in one heavenly tongue.
Make us messengers of the good news that, through the power of your Spirit,
all the world may unite in one song of praise,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN #280**

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

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

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon the gathered disciples
creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith.
We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.
We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love,
or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God.
Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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**

Through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us
for the forgiveness of sins.

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

Estelle Brunner

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:14-17

Pew Bible, NT p. 158

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Veni Sancte Spiritus

Zanaida Robles

Veni, Sancte Spiritus, *Come, Holy Spirit,*
et emitte coelitus *send forth from heaven*
lucis tuae radium. *the ray of thy light.*
Veni, pater pauperum, *Come, Father of the poor,*
veni, dator munerum, *come, giver of gifts,*
veni, lumen cordium. *come, light of hearts.*

Consolator optime, *Thou best of Consolers,*
dulcis hospes animae, *sweet guest of the soul,*
dulce refrigerium. *sweet refreshment.*
In labore requies, *In labor, thou art rest,*
in aestu temperies, *in heat, the tempering,*
in fletu solatium. *in grief, the consolation.*

Come, Holy Spirit,
send from heaven thy rays of light.

O lux beatissima, *O Light most blessed,*
reple cordis intima *fill the inmost heart*
tuorum fidelium. *of all thy faithful.*
Sine tuo numine, *Without your grace,*
nihil est in homine, *there is nothing in us,*
nihil est innoxium. *nothing that is not harmful.*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Diversity and Unity in Christ”

Rev. Heidi Bolt

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN #289**

On Pentecost They Gathered

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from the Nicene Creed*)

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*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

Allegro from Gethsemane

Nancy Hascall

(Handbell Choir; Paul Butler, director and percussion; Mike Starosciak, bass)

***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!**

***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**

Holy Spirit, Source of Love

**Holy Spirit, Source of love, Alleluia!
Wisdom coming from above, Alleluia!
Gifts of blessing to bestow, Alleluia!
On your waiting Church below. Alleluia!**

**You have been our constant guide, Alleluia!
Ever watching by our side. Alleluia!
May we now till life shall end, Alleluia!
Choose and know you as our friend. Alleluia!**

**Give us life to live for you, Alleluia!
Give us love, forever new. Alleluia!
Come, O blessed Spirit, come, Alleluia!
Make each eager heart your home. Alleluia!**

Text: William Dalrymple Maclagan, 1873, alt.
Tune: EASTER HYMN, 7.7.7.7 with alleluias; Lyra Davidica, 1708

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Prelude on *Veni Creator Spiritus*

Paul Benoit, OSB

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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 Christy DuCharme in honor of Victoria DuCharme, her beloved daughter, acknowledging her recent 27th birthday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children and Youth Ministry Events

When: Today, Sun, Jun 8, 10:45 am

Where: Sunday School rooms

Today is the last day of kids' Sunday School before we take a break for the summer! PreK through 7th grade children are invited to gather immediately after the children's lesson upstairs on the 2nd floor for fun, games, and a celebration of the program year led by our Children's Ministry interns.

Pentecost Special Offering Today

When: Today, Sun, Jun 8, during worship

Where: in-person, by mail, online

The annual Pentecost Special Offering of our Presbyterian Church (USA) serves to nurture the growing faith of children and young adults in our community and around the globe. Your contributions support programs that inspire and train new young leaders for the future church and assist at-risk youth. Forty per cent of the funds collected will remain with our congregation. The offering will be dedicated today; you may give in person, online, or by mail to the church office.

Stewardship Celebratory Coffee Hour

When: Today, Sun, Jun 8, 11:30 am

Where: Geneva Hall

As we celebrate the close of our 2025 campaign, the Stewardship Committee would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to everyone for your generosity.

We are thankful for your support of our church through your financial gifts and gifts of time and talent. Please join us downstairs after worship for ice cream and cookies and a celebratory coffee hour!

Stewardship Committee: Greg Aldrich, Steve Anderson, Doug Blomgren, Rev. Heidi Bolt, Alice Estes, Patty Macfarlane Hoder, Aaron Morris

Graduation Sunday

When: Sun, Jun 8, 10:45 am

Where: Sunday School rooms

Next Sunday, we will honor our three graduating high school seniors during worship! Join us in celebration of these young people and this important milestone in their lives. Each graduate will receive a gift from their church family, and we'll send them off with our prayers and a special blessing. We hope to see you there!

Stephen Ministry Training Applications Open

When: Now! (trainings start in September)

Are you interested in helping others by serving as a compassionate and faithful listener? FPC would like to expand our Stephen Ministry program. Training classes begin in September, mainly on Zoom. Stephen Ministry equips and empowers lay caregivers—called Stephen Ministers—to walk alongside people who are hurting with confidential, Christ-centered support. You can find general information at

StephenMinistry.org. Apply by contacting Janet Leatherwood (Dmjslwood@comcast.net, 503-238-1155) or Bill Resley (kayak500@gmail.com, 713-256-6658). Applications are also sent to Pastor Brenna, Stephen Ministry supervisor.

Looking Ahead: No Labor Day Retreat for 2025

A group of stakeholders met to determine the possibility of holding the Labor Day Retreat at Menucha again this year. After much discussion, it was recommended that because there are fewer and fewer participants, perhaps we should shift to a biannual retreat (to create more bandwidth for planning and fundraising). This recommendation was sent to the Fellowship Committee who concurred and shared this decision with Session. The church's ongoing covenantal relationship with Menucha is important and a small group is currently being gathered to meet with several folks from Menucha to re-evaluate the covenant and to find ways to continue and strengthen the church's connection to Menucha even as things change and will look different than they have in the past. While many of us will grieve this change, we look forward to new memories at Menucha and enjoying the sacred space there for years to come.

Summer Sermon Series: Holy Disruptors

Beginning next week, we are starting a summer sermon series called *Holy Disruptors: How Christian Saints, Prophets and Mystics Led in Times of Difficulty*. Beginning with the Desert Mothers and Fathers, we will journey through Christian history and examine how Christians of every time and place have led through the challenges of their day.

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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