



**First  
Presbyterian**  
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**October 19, 2025**  
**10:30 AM**  
**Nineteenth Sunday after 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 and Fugue in B-flat Major, BWV 866

J.S. Bach

*(Darlene Cusick, piano)*

### 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

We Are the Light of the World

Jean Anthony Greif

Blessed are they who are poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Bless us, O Lord, make us poor in spirit; bless us, O Lord, our God.

We are the light of the world, may our light shine before all,  
that they may see the good that we do, and give glory to God.

Bless those who hunger and thirst for justice, they will be satisfied.  
Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for justice; bless us, O Lord, our God.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We lift up our eyes to the hills — from where will our help come?

**Our help comes not from the hills,  
but from the Lord who made heaven and earth.**

I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message;

be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable;

**The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.**

With endurance, expectation, and joy, let us worship the living God!

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord, tireless guardian of your people,  
ever prepared to hear the cries of your chosen ones,  
teach us to rely, day and night, on your care.  
Support our prayer, lest we grow weary.  
Drive us to seek your enduring justice and your ever-present help.  
Grant this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**\*HYMN #667**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of the covenant, you promise to write your law in our hearts,  
that we might be faithful people who know you and your will for us.  
Still we stray from your ways,  
we fail to tell the truth,  
we mirror the world around us more than the good news of the gospel,  
and we fail to acknowledge that you are our God.  
Forgive us, and by your Spirit renew us.  
Engrave your covenant upon us once more.  
Grant us courage and faith  
that we might begin again to live what it is we say we believe.

*Prayers of confession continue in silence.*

**\*LORD, HAVE MERCY**

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
- on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics, including a 6/4 time signature change and a fermata over the final note.

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Healey Willan, 1928

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

No longer shall they teach one another  
or say to each other, “Know the Lord,”  
for they shall all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord,  
for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

**Hear and believe this good news!  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #694 (verse 1)**

**Great God of ev’ry blessing, of faithful, loving care,  
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.  
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:  
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

– David Gambrell, 2011

**\*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**

Genesis 32:22-31

Pew Bible, OT p. 30

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

## Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown

Erik Routley

Come, O thou Traveler unknown, whom still I hold but cannot see;  
 my company before is gone, and I am left alone with thee.  
 With thee all night I mean to stay, and wrestle till the break of day.

I need not tell thee who I am, my misery or sin declare;  
 thyself hast called me by my name, look on thy hands and read it there.  
 But who, I ask thee, who art thou? Tell me thy name, and tell me now.

Yield to me now, for I am weak but confident in self-despair;  
 speak to my heart, in blessings speak, be conquered by my instant prayer.  
 Speak, or thou never hence shalt move, and tell me, if thy name is Love.

'Tis Love, 'tis Love! Thou diedst for me! I hear thy whisper in my heart:  
 the morning breaks, the shadows flee. Pure Universal Love thou art;  
 thy mercies never shall remove, thy nature and thy name is Love.

— Charles Wesley, 1742

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

Pew Bible, NT p. 213

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****SERMON**

“Evangelists All”

Rev. Heidi Bolt

<b>RESPONSE TO THE WORD</b>
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**\*HYMN #432**

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Confession of 1967, Inclusive Language edition*)

**The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.**

**In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.**

**The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are.**

**They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.**

**The new life does not release people from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, and fear.**

**They still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems.**

**Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in their life with Christ, they live in freedom and good cheer,**

**bearing witness on good days and evil days,**

**confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.**

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP**

Greg Aldrich

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

*Thank you for your faithful support. To contribute to the life and ministry of this congregation, please refer to page 6 of today's worship bulletin.*

**OFFERTORY**

Total Praise

Richard Smallwood

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills, knowing my help is coming from you.

Your peace you give me in time of the storm.

You are the source of my strength. You are the strength of my life,

I lift my hands in total praise to you. Amen.

— based on Psalm 121

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #717**

**For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.**

— Carl P. Daw Jr., 1987

**\*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 #546** Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Prelude and Fugue in B-flat Major, BWV 560 J.S. Bach

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*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 Nathan & Eleanor Primack by Steve & Candace Primack.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 2026 Stewardship Campaign

### **“Let Your Light Shine Before Others”**

This Sunday is the beginning of our annual stewardship campaign. We continue in our time of transition as a vibrant church, thinking about the church we are and the church we are called to become. We know that God will guide us in that process and we believe that our actions allow our light to shine before others. Please prayerfully consider your stewardship pledge and the ways you can offer your time and talent in the coming year. Our pledges will be dedicated on Sunday, November 9. We appreciate your support!

## PWM Bake Sale Presales

**When: Today, Sun, Oct 19 & 26, 11:30 am**

**Where: Geneva Hall**

PWM will be offering samples and presale signup opportunities at the Sunday coffee hour throughout October. Come enjoy delicious baked and canned items and support our fundraiser!

## Randall Vemer Exhibit Opening Reception

**When: Today, Sun, Oct 19, 11:30 am**

**Where: Chapel Art Gallery**

You are invited to join us today in the art gallery to meet artist Randall Vemer and view his multimedia gallery, MusArt. This project is a multifaceted experience of 50 music-inspired paintings featuring musicians from around the world, QR codes to hear them play, poetry, instruments, a 90-page book, and a documentary film with original music by a Grammy-winning composer. Refreshments will be served.

## The Heresy of Christian Nationalism

**When: Today, Sun, Oct 19 & 26, 11:45 am**

**Where: Heritage Room**

Join us for this timely course beginning today! This two-part class with Dr. Chauncey Handy of Reed College explores Christian nationalism as a modern expression of the classical heresy of Arianism. The course will highlight problematic trends, especially how this movement reflects itself in distorted practices of biblical interpretation.

## Volunteer Opportunity: FPC Nursery

We are in need of more volunteers to work in the nursery during Sundays. Can you volunteer for one Sunday a month, once a quarter, or even once a year? We need caring adults to help look after the younger members of our church. If you can help please reach out to Paula at [paulacarpenter26@gmail.com](mailto:paulacarpenter26@gmail.com).

## Big Ideas Book Group October Meeting

**When: Tue Oct 21, 6:00 pm**

**Where: Chapel**

Join us this week as we explore *The Other Half of Church* by Jim Wilder and Michel Hendricks. Discover how brain science and biblical truth come together to address spiritual stagnation, shallow community, and fleeting transformation. Could living a “full-brained faith” be the key to lasting joy and vibrant Christian community? Let’s talk about it! All are welcome—come ready to engage with big ideas and honest questions.

## Menucha Volunteer Work Party

**When: Sat, Oct 25, 9:00 am-3:00 pm**

**Where: Menucha**

Join us for the next Menucha Volunteer Work Party! We’ll spend a day together, sharing meaningful work, good company, and lunch. This gathering will focus on preparing the grounds and planting their new Peace Pole, a special gift in honor of Rev. Spencer Parks. To sign up email Menucha at [hello@menucha.org](mailto:hello@menucha.org).

## Peace Pole Dedication

**When: Sun, Oct 26, 4:00 pm**

**Where: Menucha**

All are invited later this month to celebration the dedication of the Peace Pole our congregation gave to Menucha in honor of Spencer Parks’ twenty years as executive director. Weather permitting, we’ll hike to the Columbia River overlook where the pole is planted; otherwise we’ll gather in The Barn. A short time of fellowship over Menucha cookies will follow in The Barn.

## Parking Garage Updates & Modernization

We are pleased to announce the management and technology transition of the FPC parking garage as of October 15, 2025. PMC (Parking Management Company) is the new operator of the FPC parking garage. Parking for Sunday morning worship will be much the same - for now, you will be able to simply drive in and out of the garage for Sunday services. When the new LPR (License Plate Recognition) system is fully operational, members’ cars will be enrolled in the system to enjoy touchless entry and free parking at any time they are visiting. Until then, the system will be a hybrid of free access and digital validation. We will provide further updates on this new parking garage system and management as LPR installation proceeds. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact the church office.

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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