



**First  
Presbyterian**  
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

# Service for the Lord's Day

October 5, 2025  
10:30 am

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
World 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**

Prelude on *Rhosymedre*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT**

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

South African

Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.  
Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread: give to all who thirst and hunger.

\***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Based on Psalm 105*)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,

**Bless God's Holy Name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**and do not forget God's benefits,**

**who forgives all our iniquity,**

**who heals all our diseases,**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**who redeems our life,**

**who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**who satisfies us with good as long as we live**

**so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

**Bless the Lord.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*Based on Psalm 150*)

Gracious God, with grateful hearts we gather to bring you praise.  
May your praises fill the whole earth.  
We are thankful for your mighty works,  
and for the tender care you give us.  
We praise you with our voices, our bodies, our instruments, ourselves.  
We join all of creation to give you praise.  
In the name of your Son, our Lord, amen.

**\*HYMN #35**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

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

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.  
We look at a world undone by strife,  
torn by violence, separated by hatred.  
Yet you call us to walk the way of peace.  
Forgive us, O Lord, for refusing to follow you on this path  
because the cost is too high,  
the direction too confusing,  
the conditions too harsh.  
Forgive us our complacency.  
Grant us clarity of vision to see the light,  
and the strength to walk behind you.  
In the power of your Spirit we pray.

*Prayers of confession continue in silence.*

**\*LORD, HAVE MERCY**

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 2/2 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.' The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: 'Lord, have mer - cy.' The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

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**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

By the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

*- Please join in singing the refrain -*

The musical notation is written on two staves in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth." The first staff ends with a half note on "est," and the second staff ends with a half note on "earth." There is a fermata over the final note of the second staff.

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Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of the Father.

**\*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

Steve Chown

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 150

Pew Bible OT, p. 583

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

Psalm 150

John Harper

Alleluya, alleluya.

Praise God in his holy place, praise God in his mighty heavens,  
praise God for his powerful deeds, praise his surpassing greatness.  
O praise God with sound of trumpet, praise God with lute and harp,  
praise God with timbrel and dance, praise God with strings and pipe.  
O praise God with resounding cymbals, praise God with clashing of cymbals,  
let everything that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord.

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 14:12-26

Pew Bible NT, p. 51

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON

Rev. Canon John Mulindabigwi

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*HYMN #515

I Come with Joy

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Unison; from the Belhar Confession*)

**That Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church  
as the community of believers  
who have been reconciled with God and with one another;  
that this unity of the people of God must be manifested  
and be active in a variety of ways;  
in that we love one another;  
that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully  
to be of benefit and blessing to one another;  
that we share one faith, have one calling,  
are of one soul and one mind;  
have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit,  
are baptized with one baptism,  
eat of one bread and drink of one cup,  
con fess one name, are obedient to one Lord,  
work for one cause, and share one hope.**

*Thank you for your faithful support of the church.  
For various ways to contribute to the life and ministry of the church,  
please refer to page 7 of the worship bulletin.*

**OFFERTORY**

Benediction

James R. Day

I will not drink of the fruit of the vine  
until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom.

**COMMUNION**

*On World Communion Sunday, we are honored to acknowledge  
our international mission partners. The small table by the communion  
table features bread from these partners in the Philippines and Uganda.*

**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.**

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### GREAT THANKSGIVING ACCLAMATIONS

*– Today's Great Thanksgiving acclamations can be found on the numbered pages at the beginning of the hymnal –*

Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

**Holy, Holy, Holy – Page 9**

Thank you, O God.....

.....to live for him in joy and praise.

**Christ Has Died, Christ Is Risen – Page 10**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit.....

.....now and forever.

**Amen – Page 11**

### 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

In the Singing

Carlton R. Young

In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open,  
in the blessing, in the breaking, in the Presence at this table

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace:

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance,  
in the heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace:

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

*– Shirley Erena Murray, 1994*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

# THE SENDING

**\*HYMN #317**

In Christ There Is No East or West

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 553

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](http://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 the Bates, Paramour, & Everson families by Sally & Jon Bates.*

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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Tuesday - Friday | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **October Birthday Celebration Today!**

**When: Today, Sun, Oct 5, 11:30 am**

**Where: Geneva Hall**

After worship today, we'll wish a happy birthday to all those born in October! We want to celebrate you with cupcakes and a song. Please come to Geneva for a brief celebration at coffee hour!

### **God's Work and Call in Uganda**

**When: Today, Sun, Oct 5, 11:45 am**

**Where: Heritage Room**

Join us after worship for a special talk by Rev. Canon John Mulindabigwi, Founder and Director of Kamwenge Secondary and Vocational School in Uganda. Rev. Mulindabigwi will share the inspiring story of how he and his wife Jolly followed God's call - selling land to start a school that now serves over 1,500 students.

### **Women's Book Club October Meeting**

**When: Tue, Oct 7, 11:15 am**

**Where: Heritage Room/Zoom**

October's Women's Book Club is this week! Joyce Evans will lead our meeting with the book *What the Eyes Don't See* by Mona Hanna-Attisha. This riveting text details the true account of the 2014 discovery that the children of Flint, MI, were being exposed to lead in their tap water. It then discusses the battle with the government to expose the truth. We hope to see you in person or on Zoom: [us02web.zoom.us/j/81233316517](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81233316517)!

### **Menucha Fall Tree Walk**

**When: Sat, Oct 18, 1:00-3:00 pm**

**Where: Menucha**

Menucha's Fall Tree Walk is coming soon! Begin at the Greenhouse then set out on a self-guided stroll to enjoy the beauty and variety of Menucha's trees. Mark your calendars—you won't want to miss it!

### **Julia West House Welcome Bags Update**

We're so excited to welcome the new JWH residents. We now have the first 30+ welcome bags and continue to need your help! Our most needed items right now are: **toilet paper, pump hand soap and sponges/loofahs**. For the full list, visit this link: [shorturl.at/gBoCT](https://shorturl.at/gBoCT)

### **The Heresy of Christian Nationalism**

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

**Where: Heritage Room**

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. Join us for this timely course!

### **Big Ideas Book Group October Meeting**

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

**Where: Chapel**

Join us this month 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).

### **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).