



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day
November 16, 2025
10:30 AM

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

Fantaisie No. 1 in E-flat Major

Camille Saint-Saëns

(Jaebon Hwang, guest organist)

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

Behold, I Make All Things New

John L. Bell

Behold, behold I make all things new, beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold, behold I make all things new, my promise is true for I am Christ the Way.

(Paul Butler, guest choir director)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Peace to you and welcome, from the God who suddenly fulfills old promises,
the Savior who heals old wounds, the Spirit who changes old truths.

Let us worship our God, three in one, worthy of our praise.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Ever-living God, before the earth was formed
and even after it shall cease to be, you are God.
Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal,
that we may serve your purpose in all we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious and loving God, we confess that we are troubled
 by the events of our lives and the state of this world.
 Headlines are full of wars, insurrections, suffering,
 earthquakes, famines, and death.
 These things are enough to shake our faith
 and undermine our confidence in your promise.
 Lord, we believe; help our unbelief.
 Deliver us from speculation
 that distracts us from faithful living and loving service.
 Forgive us when we doubt your promises.
 Help us to endure that we may gain our souls,
 always bearing witness to your love and grace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers of confession continue in silence.

***LORD, HAVE MERCY**

Cantor first, then ALL

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

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***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“For as the heavens are high above the earth,
 so great is God’s steadfast love toward those who fear him.”
**“As far as the east is from the west,
 so far God removes our transgressions from us.”**
 Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**



O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day
and sing the love a - maz-ing that songs can-not re - pay;
for we can on-ly won-der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:
we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up-on your Word,
we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might-y Lord.

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Tune: THAXTED, 13.13.13.13.13.13; Gustav Holst, 1918

***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

Malachi 4:1-2a

Pew Bible, OT p. 890

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson
(arr. Richard Erickson)

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ, I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

Pew Bible, OT p. 696

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“On Earth As It Is In Heaven”

Rev. Heidi Bolt

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN #756

O God of Every Nation

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from the Brief Statement of Faith*)

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*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

Prayer of St. Hugh

Kevin Clarke

God the Father: on our pilgrimage with your Son toward the heavenly city,
give us holiness of life, humility when leading others,
generosity toward the future and merciful love for the weak;
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

— Hugh of Lincoln, 12th century

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

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Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH, LM; Genevan Psalter, 1551

***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 #373**

O Day of Peace

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Sortie in E-flat Major

Louis Lefébure-Wély

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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 in loving memory of Walt Meihoff by his wife Jean Meihoff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Big Ideas Book Group

When: Tue, Nov 18, 6:00 pm

Where: Chapel

The Big Ideas Book Group will meet this week to discuss *Faithful Rebels: Does the Old Style of Religion Fit the New Style of Life?* by Roy Blumhorst. This unique, out-of-print book discusses building Christian community in downtown Chicago in the 1960s. It is available in PDF format, making it a great introductory book for anyone curious about Big Ideas. You can access the text at this link: shorturl.at/CwQqP

Annual PWM Bake Sale

When: Sun, Nov 23, 11:30 am

Where: Calvin Library

The Annual PWM Bake Sale is happening soon! Come join us in Calvin Library during coffee hour to purchase delicious baked goods and canned goods as well as crafts. Pre-ordered items will also be available for pickup. Proceeds from this event support our annual women's retreat! We look forward to seeing you there.

Meaningful Movies PDX: From Here

When: Sun, Nov 23, 5:00 pm

Where: Chapel

Join us for a free screening of the award-winning documentary "From Here." This film follows four children of immigrant families as they seek belonging. Beckie Howe (Moreland PC) will share about her congregation's work with two refugee families. Bring your friends for this free event!

Parking Garage Updates Member Vehicle Info

Part of the ongoing FPC parking garage transition includes collecting information about FPC member vehicles in order to ensure ease of access and validation for FPC attendees when parking in our garage. You can submit your vehicle information on the paper copies of the submission form at the name tag table in the Chapel Narthex or online at this link: shorturl.at/yQSqw

Welcoming New Neighbors at Julia West House

Thanks to dozens of generous donors and enthusiastic volunteers, we have assembled and delivered two thirds of the Welcome Bags we committed to make for the residents of the new Julia West House next door. We still need the following items to complete the final bags: toilet paper, dish soap (18 oz), toothbrushes, toothpaste (6.5 oz), pump hand soap, shampoo, conditioner, bath sponges/loofahs. Thank you for your generosity and support in welcoming our new neighbors!

2026 Stewardship Campaign

"Let Your Light Shine Before Others"

Last Sunday, we dedicated our 2026 pledges to First Presbyterian. Our 2026 goal is **\$650,000**. The pledges are a commitment to our church's health and its mission. We thank all of you who already submitted pledges - **61 families and 1 matching corporate gift have helped us reach \$410,303!** If you haven't, we ask you to prayerfully consider to make a pledge for 2026. You can use the pledge card you received in the mail or pick one up in the narthex. You can pledge online at firstpresportland.org and click on "2026 Stewardship Campaign." Thank you for your ongoing support of First Presbyterian Church, Portland.

SNAP Benefit Disruptions – How to Help

Helping our neighbors access food is deeply aligned with FPC's faith and values. The current SNAP benefit delays and reductions affect an estimated 143,000 people in Multnomah County, including roughly 38,000 children and 18,000 seniors who rely on SNAP. Here are three ways to help:

- **Northeast Emergency Food Program (NEFP):** NEFP is seeking more volunteers for food distribution sessions (Tue, 3:30-6:45 pm; Thu & Sat, 9:00 am-12:15 pm). More info and volunteer sign-up here: shorturl.at/Zg5oW
- **Alder House:** We expect increased demand for food and more volunteers are needed. Join a Tuesday session—even if it appears "full"—to learn how the Alder Emergency Food Closet operates. We'll also need volunteers for a new food closet at Julia West House starting next year. Sign up here: shorturl.at/qrD20
- **Lift Up Portland:** Our mission partners at LiftUP support emergency food pantries and food boxes in 50 affordable housing buildings throughout Portland. You can read more about their work and make financial contributions here: lifturbanportland.org
- **Portland Restaurants Providing Food:** Many local restaurants, farms, and community groups are offering meals and food items to SNAP recipients - no questions asked. Access the list here (map included): shorturl.at/DspC0

Together, we can weather this difficult time and keep Portland fed!

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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