



**First  
Presbyterian**  
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

# Service for the Lord's Day

November 2, 2025  
10:30 am  
All Saints' Day  
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 *Nicaea*  
Prelude on *When the Saints*

Charles Callahan  
Rebecca Groom te Velde

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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.

Blessed are they who will mourn in sorrow, they will be comforted.  
Bless us, O Lord, when we share their sorrow; bless us, O Lord, our God.

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

Praise the LORD!

**Sing to the LORD a new song.**

Praise God among the communion of saints.

**Let the people of God rejoice in their creator.**

**Let them praise the LORD with dance, and celebrate with musical instruments,  
because the LORD delights in them, and adorns the despairing with welfare.**

Let all the saints jump for joy; let them cry out with gladness where they rest.

**Let high praises of God be in their throats:**

**word and song that overcome injustice,**

**binding rulers in chains and the powerful in iron shackles;**

**bringing justice to them, and honor to all God's faithful. Praise the LORD!**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Eternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from your love.  
Grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth,  
and in heaven rejoice with all your saints who ceaselessly proclaim your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**\*HYMN #1**

Holy. Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

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

Eternal God,  
in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith.  
We confess that we are indifferent to your will.  
You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent.  
You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle.  
You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Give us courage to follow in your way,  
that joined with those from ages past,  
who have served you with faith, hope, and love,  
we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

*Prayers of confession continue in silence.*

**\*LORD, HAVE MERCY**

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins in 4/4 time and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up-". The second staff continues the melody, starting with a 6/4 time signature and ending with a 4/4 time signature. It contains the lyrics: "- on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The melody features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with a prominent melisma on the word "us" in the second line.

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**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Beloved, God hears us when we cry out.  
God knows our hearts, despite our failures, and treasures the beings that we are.  
You are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
You are loved. We are loved.  
Let us live in this peace and find the courage to try again  
to bring God's kingdom into being,  
knowing that we will fail again but we are transformed by our small acts of trying.  
**Amen.**

**\*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**

Shelby Walker

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 149

Pew Bible OT, p. 583

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

**ANTHEM**

Sing Me to Heaven

Daniel E. Gawthrop

In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poet's gloss.  
Words alone are vain and vacant and my heart is mute.  
In response to aching silence memory summons half-heard voices,  
and my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song.  
If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby. If you would win my heart, sing me a love song.  
If you would mourn me and bring me to God, sing me a requiem, sing me to heaven.  
Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure, grief and comfort.  
Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem.  
Love me, comfort me, bring me to God: sing me a love song, sing me to heaven.

— Jane Griner, 1991

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Ephesians 1:11-23

Pew Bible NT, p. 192

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

“She Has Eyes Like Her Mother”

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

**THE READING OF THE MEMORIAL ROLL**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

\***HYMN #731**

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from the Declaration of Faith*)

**The church's story with God did not end  
with the latest events recorded in Scripture.  
Across the centuries the company of believers  
has continued its pilgrimage with the Lord of history.  
It is a record of faith and faithlessness, glory and shame.  
The church has been persecuted by hostile societies,  
but it has also known times of privilege and power  
when it joined forces with dominant cultures.  
It has sought holiness through separation from society,  
as well as through involvement in the world's affairs.  
It has experienced life-giving reformations.  
It has known missionary expansion throughout the world,  
but also periods of dwindling resources and influence.  
It has divided into rival orders, sects and denominations,  
but it has also labored for cooperation and union.  
We confess we are heirs of this whole story.  
We are charged to remember our past,  
to be warned and encouraged by it, but not to live it again.  
Now is the time of our testing  
as God's story with the church moves forward through us.  
We are called to live now as God's servants  
in the service of people everywhere.**

*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.*

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP**

Jean Meihoff

**OFFERTORY**

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Tom Trenney

*[the text can be found at #463 in the Glory to God hymnal]*

**\*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

## COMMUNION

### 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

...we glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise.

**Holy, Holy, Holy (#552)**

...that we might proclaim the One crucified and risen.

**Christ Has Died, Christ Is Risen (#553)**

...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**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

Prelude on *Land of Rest*

George Shearing

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

# THE SENDING

**\*HYMN #326**

For All the Saints

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

For All the Saints

arr. Phil Lehenbauer

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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.*
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- *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 Rev. Dr. Edd W. Crawford and wife, Mary Crawford, by their daughter (Jeanne Bradley), son (Thomas Crawford), and families.*

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

### Principal Church Staff:

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### Office Hours

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **2026 Stewardship Campaign**

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

As we celebrate All Saints’ Sunday, we can’t help but reflect on the good works of the saints of FPC—both today and in years past. In the past, our members helped start colleges, provided housing and education for immigrants, founded Friendly House, and did so much more. In so many ways, our congregation has “let its light shine” and, we hope, inspired others to “glorify our Father in heaven.” Please consider how you would like to help FPC shine its light for others and what kind of a commitment of your time, talent, and financial resources you can make. Thank you.

### **Volunteer Opportunity: Soup for the Showers**

We need some super soupers! Beginning in November, each Wednesday we will deliver 10 quarts of soup to 1<sup>st</sup> Unitarian Church as part of its Wednesday and Thursday Shower Project. We can cook and freeze the soup at church or at home. For more info, speak with Pastor Brenna, Bill Resley, or Greg Aldrich. Sign up here: [shorturl.at/vxSnc](http://shorturl.at/vxSnc)

### **Annual Meeting & All-Church Potluck**

**When: Sun, Nov 9, 11:30 am**

**Where: Sanctuary & Geneva**

Join us for our Annual Meeting next week immediately following worship. We’ll discuss important information, followed by our All-Church Potluck. Please bring a dish that shares the first letter of your first or last name: A-J side dish or salad, K-O dessert or appetizer, P-Z main dish or casserole. Please bring your labelled dish in ready-to-serve containers to the kitchen prior to the service. We look forward to this day with you all!

### **November Birthday Celebration Today!**

**When: Today, Sun, Nov 2, 11:30 am**

**Where: Geneva Hall**

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

### **Adult Ed: Filling Pulpits or Filling Churches? What Are Seminaries Trying to Do?**

**When: Today, Sun, Nov 2, 11:45 am**

**Where: Heritage**

Join us after worship for an adult education conversation with Rev. Andrew Pomerville. We look forward to hearing his thoughts on seminaries and their purpose in the life of the church at large.

### **Church Directory Photos**

**When: Today, Sun, Nov 2, before/after worship**

**Where: Chapel Narthex**

Initial prep for our new church photo directory is nearing completion! The deacons have added an extra opportunity to take pictures today. Close to 100 members have already been added—don’t miss this final opportunity to be included. We look forward to seeing your smile!

### **Women’s Book Club November Meeting**

**When: Tue, Nov 4, 11:15 am**

**Where: Heritage & Zoom ([shorturl.at/bXyBb](http://shorturl.at/bXyBb))**

Join us this week for our November meeting and book discussion! Allyn Kirkham will lead with the book *Where the Light Enters: Building a Family, Discovering Myself* by Dr. Jill Biden, a fellow Presbyterian and former First Lady. Her autobiography details her life growing up, her romance with Senator Joe, meeting the families, and becoming First Lady.

### **Applications for Pastor Nominating Committee**

Are you being called to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)? The Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) is now considering names to serve on the 7-member PNC. This group will write the profile for the head pastor position, conduct interviews and select the final candidate. It is a time-intensive commitment usually lasting 10-12 months but also an incredibly rewarding way to serve the church. Contact Cathy Chang-Lowe ([cchanglowe@gmail.com](mailto:cchanglowe@gmail.com)), chair of the CNC, for more information or if you have any questions.