



**First  
Presbyterian**  
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

## Service for the Lord's Day

November 23, 2025

10:30 AM

The Reign of Christ 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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is  
Were You There

arr. Alec Wyton  
arr. Mary Beth Bennett

#### 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

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

Erik Routley

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

The heavens are not too high, God's praise may thither fly;  
the earth is not too low, God's praises there may grow.

The church with psalms must shout: no door can keep them out.  
But, more than all, the heart must bear the longest part.

— George Herbert, 1633

*(Mitchell Nelson, trumpet)*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 46)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.**

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
but when God utters a word, the earth melts.

The Lord breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and declares, "Be still, and know that I am God!"

**The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.  
Let us worship the living God!**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Eternal God, you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things,  
and made us servants in your kingdom.  
By your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need.  
Then at the last, bring us to your eternal realm  
where we may worship and adore you  
and be welcomed into your everlasting joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**\*HYMN #268**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.  
We confess that we have not bowed before him,  
and are slow to acknowledge his rule.  
We give allegiance to the powers of this world,  
and fail to be governed by justice and love.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors,  
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Prayers of confession continue in silence.*

**\*LORD, HAVE MERCY**

*Cantor first, then ALL*

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

The first line of musical notation is in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of two phrases: 'Lord, have mer - cy.' and 'Lord, have mer - cy.' Each phrase is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is simple and repetitive.

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

The second line of musical notation is in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of two phrases: 'Christ, have mer - cy.' and 'Christ, have mer - cy.' Each phrase is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is simple and repetitive.

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

The third line of musical notation is in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of two phrases: 'Lord, have mer - cy.' and 'Lord, have mer - cy.' Each phrase is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is simple and repetitive.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God has rescued us from the power of evil  
and claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption.  
Beloved people of God, hear and believe the good news:  
through the grace of Jesus Christ, we 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**

As forgiven people, we are set free to live at peace with God and with one another,  
and so I say to you: the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**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

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Pew Bible, OT p. 725

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us William Bradley Roberts

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need thy tender care;  
in thy pleasant pastures feed us for our use thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us learn thy will;  
do thou, Lord, our only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us; love us still.

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:33-43

Pew Bible, NT p. 89

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON

“Christ the King”

Rev. Clark Scalera

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*HYMN #274

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Colossians 1:15-20*)

**Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;  
for in Christ all things in heaven and on earth were created,  
things visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers —  
all things have been created through him and for him.  
He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.  
He is the head of the body, the church;  
he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
so that he might come to have first place in everything.  
For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.**

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP**

MaryKay West

**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 6 of the worship bulletin.*

**OFFERTORY #227**

Jesus, Remember Me

*– Please join in singing –*

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

**\*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 #265** Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Prince of Denmark’s March Jeremiah Clarke  
(arr. Michel Rondeau)

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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.*
- *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.*

*If you have a prayer request, please feel free to email it to our confidential prayer group at [prayer@firstpresportland.org](mailto:prayer@firstpresportland.org).*

**SANCTUARY  
FLOWERS**

*Today’s sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Dr. James & Mary Brown by their family.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 2026 Stewardship Campaign

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

Our pledges allow us to plan for the year ahead and to fund crucial outreach and programs. For 2026 we set a goal of \$650,00 to support the mission and ministries of our church. We are grateful to all of those who have joined in pledging; **to date, we have reached 70.1% of our goal.** If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider making a pledge. You can make your pledge online on the church’s website ([firstpresportland.org](http://firstpresportland.org)) or by mailing in your pledge card to First Presbyterian Church, 1200 SW Alder Street, Portland, OR 97205.

## Poinsettia Online Order Form Now Open

Every year, poinsettias adorn our sanctuary and are given to homebound or ill members of FPC to brighten their holidays. You can help offset the cost by donating in memory of or in honor of a loved one. The online order form is available now at [shorturl.at/Hh6Ws](http://shorturl.at/Hh6Ws). Paper order forms will be available starting next Sunday. Deadline for orders is Mon, December 15. Donations for this year’s poinsettias are \$18 for each person remembered or honored. Thank you for supporting this ongoing FPC tradition!

## Annual PWM Bake Sale

**When: Today, Sun, Nov 23, 11:30 am**

**Where: Calvin Library**

The Annual PWM Bake Sale is today! 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: Today, 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. Becky Howe (Moreland PC) will share about her congregation’s work with two refugee families. Bring your friends for this free event! You can view the trailer here: [shorturl.at/JB56U](http://shorturl.at/JB56U)

## Women’s Book Club

**When: Tue, Dec 2, 11:15 am**

**Where: Heritage & Zoom ([shorturl.at/x6t9R](http://shorturl.at/x6t9R))**

Join us for our December meeting and discussion on *Lovely One* by Ketanji Brown Jackson. Marilyn Weber will lead us in the discussion of this book by the brilliant Justice Jackson, a fellow Christian and the first Black woman appointed to the Supreme Court in 2022 by President Joe Biden. We hope you’ll join us for this exciting and timely conversation!

## New Opportunity: Cookie Ministry!

**When: Sat, Dec 6, 9:00 am & Sun, Dec 14, 12:00 pm**

**Where: Kitchen & Geneva Hall**

Join us for two fun days of cookie making to share with fellow church members and our neighbors! Bring your recipe and ingredients to mix and bake cookies in the church kitchen or come decorate pre-made cookies. Not able to join the baking and decorating? You can also drop off pretzels, nuts, or other snacks or cookies to be added to goody bags for delivery on December 14. Sign up this week during coffee hour to participate!

## Pastoral Nominating Committee Vote

**When: Sun, Dec 7, after worship**

**Where: Sanctuary**

Next week, immediately following worship, we will hold a Congregational Meeting to elect the new Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC). We hope you’ll join us for this important meeting. You can see the bios for the PNC nominees at this link: [shorturl.at/VUtm0](http://shorturl.at/VUtm0)

## Welcoming New Neighbors at Julia West House

Thanks to your generosity, we have nearly completed collecting items for our new Julia West House neighbors’ welcome bags. We still need a few items, especially dish soap, toilet paper, and bath sponges/bath poufs. We also need a few (fewer than 10) shampoo, conditioner, pump hand soap, packs of kitchen sponges, and toothpaste. We have enough of the other items now to complete the remaining bags. Thank you for supporting this ministry to our new neighbors!

## 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](http://shorturl.at/yQSqw)

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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