



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

November 9, 2025

10:30 AM

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Dedication 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

Here I Am, Lord

arr. Mark Hayes

(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.

Blessed are they who are meek and humble, they will inherit the earth.

Bless us, O Lord, make us meek and humble; bless us, O Lord, our God.

– Please join in singing –

**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.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Peace to you and welcome,
from the God who loves without boundary,
the Savior who bridged death and life,
the Spirit who subverts every barrier.

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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, your blessed Son came into the world
that he might destroy the works of evil
and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life.
Grant that, having this hope,
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

***HYMN**

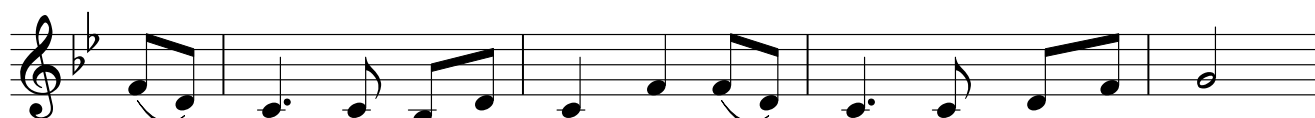
O God Beyond All Praising



1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day
2. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with - out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:
we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up-on your Word,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might-y Lord.
and make a joy-ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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TUNE: THAXTED, 13.13.13.13.13.13; GUSTAV HOLST, 1918

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, we confess
that we are too easily influenced by peddlers of despair and alarm,
too quick to sink into numbness and apathy,
too tired to imagine another way.
Our hopes have crumbled, and our hearts are faint.
Breathe new life into us, we pray.
Help us to be mindful of your promises, your faithfulness, and your presence
as we face the challenges of our lives.
Restore our vision and give us courage to live in your truth.

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). The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff continues the melody, featuring a 6/4 time signature change and a fermata over the final note. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us."

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***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God's ways are just, and God's kindness is constant.
The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
Beloved, God draws near to us with compassion and forgives our sins.
Thanks be to God, we are a forgiven people. 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

Linda Grabe

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Job 19:23-27a

Pew Bible, OT p. 468

ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus

arr. Benjamin Harlan

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus; you can have all this world, give me Jesus.

Just before the break of day...

And when I come to die...

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Luke 20:27-38

Pew Bible, NT p. 84

SERMON

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

Rev. Heidi Bolt

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN #691**

Lord, When I Came into This Life

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from the Barmen Declaration*)

**The Christian Church is the community of brethren in which,
in Word and Sacrament, through the Holy Spirit,
Jesus Christ acts in the present as Lord.
With both its faith and its obedience,
with both its message and its order,
it has to testify in the midst of the sinful world,
as the Church of pardoned sinners,
that it belongs to him alone and lives and may live by his comfort
and under his direction alone, in expectation of his appearing.
We reject the false doctrine that the Church could have permission
to hand over the form of its message and of its order
to whatever it itself might wish
or to the vicissitudes of the prevailing ideological
and political convictions of the day.**

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Andrew and Caroline Baker

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*During the offertory music, you are invited to come forward to place your pledge
in the offering on the communion table.. If you have already submitted a pledge,
please join in coming forward as a sign of your commitment on this dedication Sunday.*

OFFERTORY #709

God, We Honor You

– Please join in singing –

**God, we honor you, God, we trust in you. God, we worship and adore you.
Take what we bring, offered to you. Teach us to show your abundant blessings.
Alleluia, amen.**

– James E. Clemens, 2008

***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 #697

Take My Life

*BENEDICTION

INTERLUDE

Prelude on *St. Anne*

Healey Willan

ANNUAL MEETING

*HYMN #687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

POSTLUDE

This Little Light of Mine

arr. Aaron David Miller

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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 Svetla Rousseva, by Ann & Peter van Bever.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting & All-Church Potluck

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

Where: Sanctuary & Geneva

Join us today for our Annual Meeting immediately following worship. We'll discuss important information, followed by our All-Church Potluck. We look forward to spending this time of updates and fellowship with you all!

Big Ideas Book Group

When: Tue, Nov 18, 6:00 pm

Where: Chapel

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

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!

2026 Stewardship Campaign

"Let Your Light Shine Before Others"

As our stewardship season draws to a close, we give thanks for the ways God's light continues to shine through this congregation. Throughout November, we've heard heartfelt stories shared, beautiful reminders of how generosity, faith, and community reflect the love of Christ in powerful ways. Thank you for your commitment to the life and mission of our congregation. Your generosity ensures that our ministries continue to grow and that the light of Christ shines brightly in our community. May we move forward with hearts full of gratitude, ever ready to share God's abundant love with the world.

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!

Volunteer Opportunity: Soup for the Showers

Each Wednesday we are delivering 10 quarts of soup to 1st 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/jyha8

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
- **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/DspCO

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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