



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

January 11, 2026
10:30 am
Baptism of the Lord

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

Three settings of *Bunessan*

Charles Callahan (I)
& Richard Proulx (II, III)

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

Come, Holy Spirit

John L. Bell

Come, Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit.
Maranatha! Come, Lord, come.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, darkness covered the deep, and God said: Let there be light.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

Through the words of the prophet, the Lord said:

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

When Jesus was baptized by John, suddenly the heavens were opened and a voice said: You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased!

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*Unison*)

Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners,
to seek and save the lost.

May we, who have been baptized in his name,
never turn away from the world,
but reach out in love to rescue the wayward;
by the mercy of Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

***HYMN #482**

Baptized in Water

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

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.

We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from one another.

We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another.

We allow the past to hold us captive.

In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us and free us from sin.

Fulfill the promises of our baptism

so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace.

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.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, God speaks to us:
You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

**With the saints we lift our voices, God of power, God of might.
All creation shines with glory, singing praises day and night:
alleluia, alleluia, holy, holy, holy light.**

Text: © 2011 by David Gambrell Tune: LAUDA ANIMA, 8.7.8.7.8.7; John Goss, 1869

***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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Collette Joy Hojnacki, child of Michael and Lauren Hojnacki

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lori Sievert

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:34-43

Pew Bible, NT pg. 129

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Down in the River to Pray

Traditional
(arr. Philip Lawson)

As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way
and who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way.
Oh, sisters [fathers] [sinners], let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
Oh, sisters [fathers] [sinners], let's go down, down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way
and who shall wear the robe and crown. Good Lord, show me the way.
Oh, brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
Come on, brothers, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way
and who shall wear the robe and crown. Good Lord, show me the way.
Oh, mothers, let's go down, let's go down, don't you wanna go down?
Come on, mothers, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:13-17

Pew Bible, NT pg. 3

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“You Are Beloved”

Rev. Heidi Bolt

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN #164**

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

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

We trust in God the Holy Spirit

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers

in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed,

claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,

and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

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

You Are Beloved

Ana Hernández

You are beloved for God is love, you are beloved of God.
You are beloved for God is love, for God is love.

*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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*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 #485**

We Know That Christ Is Raised

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on *Engelberg*

Charles Callahan

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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: Dennis Bradley, Kathy Callas, Louise Grose, Russ Mendenhall, Anna & Bill Myers, Jackie West, and others facing illness and loss.

You can request prayer by calling 503-228-7331 x 2 or emailing prayer@firstpresportland.org. Please let us know whether you would like someone to follow up with you and whether your request should be shared publicly or kept confidential.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Today's sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Mary E. & William R. Myers II by Bill & Anna Myers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Artist Talk: Joanne Kollman

When: today, Sun, Jan 11, 11:45 am

Where: Chapel Art Gallery

Join us after worship today for an artist talk from our current gallery artist, Joanne Kollman. From the artist: “Problem-solving in painting and in life seems to always migrate back to relationships, and mine are close to home.”

Big Ideas Book Group December Meeting

When: Tue, Jan 20, 6:00 pm

Where: Chapel

The Big Ideas Book Group will meet next week to discuss the second half of *Belonging Without Othering: How We Save Ourselves and the Word* by John A. Powell and Stephen Menendian. Powell is a law professor at UC Berkeley and former legal director of the ACLU. The text is divided into two parts: Othering and Belonging. We discussed the first four chapters in December and will discuss “Belonging” (chapters 5-7) this month. We hope you’ll join us for this time of conversation and education!

Women’s Book Club

When: Tue, Feb 3, 11:15 am

Where: Heritage & Zoom

(us02web.zoom.us/j/87566750637)

Join us for February’s discussion of *Becoming Madame Secretary* by Stephanie Dray, led by Jan Mittelstaedt! This historical novel highlights political events from 1909-63 including the life of Frances Perkins, first woman ever to serve as Secretary of Labor in FDR’s Cabinet. Her ideas changed the country and the role of women forever so that women today are able to do many things they take for granted. The book covers the Great Depression, Suffragette Movement, New Deal, Social Security, Child Labor Laws, her romance and marriage.

Menucha Winter Volunteer Work Party

When: Sat, Feb 7, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Where: Menucha

Join us in a few weeks for the next Menucha work party! We would greatly appreciate your time and talents contributed to critical projects while connecting with fellow volunteers and our staff. We will be working inside, so the weather will not hinder us! You will make a lasting impact and get time on the property. Please email hello@menucha.org to sign up or call the Menucha office at 503-695-2243.

Camp & Retreat Sunday

When: Sun, Feb 8, 10:30 am

Where: FPC Sanctuary

In February, we honor the ministry of Camp & Retreats with a special worship service open to all! Menucha’s Executive Director, Rev. Courtney McHill, will be preaching at this meaningful service. Join us for the opportunity to celebrate sacred spaces like Menucha and hear inspiring words from the retreat center’s very own leader.

2026 Stewardship Campaign

“Let Your Light Shine Before Others”

As we enter 2026, we enter the final phase of our 2026 Stewardship Campaign. Our theme, “Let Your Light Shine Before Others,” has invited us to see stewardship not as an obligation, but as a joyful response to God’s lavish mercy. Together, we are helping our church be a place where God’s grace is known, where faith is nurtured, and where light reaches far beyond our walls. To date, we have received 98 pledges for a total of \$570,721. This puts the campaign at almost 88% of the goal of \$650,000. Thank you for your generosity!

Seeking Coffee Hour Volunteers!

Coffee hour is one of the most meaningful ways we connect as a church community, a time of fellowship that brings the most people together each week. We rely on volunteers year-round, rotating by last name to share the joy and the work (January is last names starting with H) but everyone is always welcome to help any time! It’s a simple, fun way to serve, meet new people, and support our shared life together. Please consider signing up online (shorturl.at/Xvif) or in Geneva during today’s coffee hour. We’d love to have you!

***Have an announcement for the bulletin or eBlast?
Submit it at this link by the Monday each week!***

shorturl.at/sj0DU

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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