



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

June 28, 2026

10:30 AM

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Andante in D Major (Theme and Variations) Felix Mendelssohn

(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

God Welcomes All

John L. Bell

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who hunger for the bread of life.

God prepares a table in the wilderness and provides enough for all.

Come, all who thirst for grace.

Christ welcomes the stranger, feeds the hungry, and gathers us into one body.

We come not because we have earned a place here,

but because God has made room for us.

Let us worship the One whose love is generous,

whose mercy is abundant, and whose welcome knows no end.

Let us worship God!

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

Generous and gracious God,
As we gather this day, make room within us for your Spirit.
Quiet our distractions.
Loosen our grip on fear and scarcity.
Open our hearts to your Word and to one another.
Teach us what it means not only to receive your hospitality with gratitude,
but to become people whose lives reflect your generous welcome.
May this time of worship nourish us, challenge us,
and send us into the world as signs of your grace.
Through Christ our Lord we pray.
Amen.

***HYMN #396**

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

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

Gracious God, you have welcomed us with a love we have not earned,
yet we often live as though your grace were scarce.
We confess that we have been slow to notice those who are lonely,
hesitant to welcome those who are different,
and reluctant to make room in our lives for others.
Too often we protect our comfort more than we practice compassion.
We cling to what we have instead of trusting your abundance.
We pass by opportunities to see Christ in those who hunger, thirst,
or stand at the edges of our communities.
Forgive us.
Create in us generous hearts, open hands, and attentive spirits.
Teach us to receive your welcome with humility,
that we may joyfully extend it to others
through Jesus Christ, who welcomes us still.

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**

Hear the good news.

The God who fed Israel in the wilderness has not forgotten us.

The Christ who welcomed sinners, strangers, and outcasts still calls us beloved.

In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven and our hearts are made new,

not because we are worthy, but because God's mercy is abundant.

Friends, remember this:

We welcome because we have first been welcomed.

Thanks be to God, who has made room for us in Jesus Christ.

*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; 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Deborah Resley

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 16:1-8, 13-18, 31-35
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Pew Bible, OT p. 62

ANTHEM

You Thirsty Ones, Come

James E. Clemens

You thirsty ones, come to the spring! Have you no money? Come,
buy wine and milk; come, buy and eat without a price or sum.

Why do you work and earn and spend on that which is not bread?
O listen now and come to me; eat what is good instead.

This food delights and satisfies, the food your God can give;
incline your ear and come to me; O hear, that you may live.

Return while God may still be found, and call while God will hear;
now let the wicked quit their ways while yet the Lord is near.

My word like heaven's snow descends; it falls like heaven's rain;
it waters all the thirsty earth and shall not go in vain.

— Andrew Donaldson, 1996

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

Matthew 25:31-46

Pew Bible, NT p. 29

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*We are grateful for the joy and energy children bring to our faith community
and look forward to our Children's Moments resuming after the summer months!*

SERMON

"Making Room"

Rev. Dr. Joan Miller

***HYMN #36**

For the Fruit of All Creation

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Unison*)

We believe in God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
who provides daily bread,
hears the cries of the hungry,
and makes a way through every wilderness.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
who welcomed the stranger,
ate with saints and sinners alike,
identified himself with the least of these,
and invites all people to his table of grace.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who gathers the Church into one body,
breaks down walls of fear and division,
and teaches us to love our neighbors with generous hearts.
We believe the Church is called
not merely to speak of God's welcome, but to embody it—
making room for the lonely,
sharing with those in need,
receiving others with humility,
and bearing witness to Christ's kingdom,
where all are invited and none are forgotten.
In gratitude for God's gracious hospitality toward us,
we offer ourselves in joyful service,
until every table reflects God's abundance
and every life bears witness to Christ's peace.
Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Thank you for your faithful support.

Contributions to the life and ministry of this congregation 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.*



OFFERTORY

When the Poor Ones

arr. David Cherwien

When the poor ones who have nothing still are giving;
when the thirsty pass the cup, water to share;
when the wounded offer others strength and healing:
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When compassion gives the suffering consolation;
when expecting brings to birth hope that was lost;
when we choose love, not the hatred all around us:
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness;
when our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth;
when our longings, free from envy, seek the humble:
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwellings;
when the nations work to change war into peace;
when the stranger is accepted as our neighbor:
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

— José Antonio Olivar, 1971; trans. Martin A. Seltz, 1998

*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 #766**

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Allegro

Felix Mendelssohn

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We join in holding in prayer: Dennis Bradley, Hal Broughton, Kathy Callas, Doug Marcks, 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 Dr. John & Ruth Van Bruggen by Anna Myers.

VISITING US?

*We're so happy to welcome you to FPC!
Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card
(located in the back of the pews) or scan the
QR code to the right for a digital version.*

*We hope you'll join us at coffee hour
downstairs in Geneva Hall after the service.
We'd love to get to know you!*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Steps Membership Luncheon

When: Today, Sun, Jun 28, 11:45 am-1:00 pm

Where: Heritage Room

Interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church or learning more about membership? Join us today for fellowship and a casual lunch! Our pastors and Membership committee members will be there to answer any questions you may have and review the steps to membership.

FPC Office Closure

When: Fri, Jul 3, all day

The FPC offices will be closed this Friday in observance of Independence Day. Feel free to leave us a voicemail or email us and we'll return your message as soon as we're able. We hope you have a safe and happy holiday!

Uganda Interest Meeting

When: Sun, Jul 5, 11:45 am

Where: Heritage Room

Please join us next week for a mission trip interest meeting! Learn more about our spring 2027 mission trip to with our mission partners at the Kamwenge School in Uganda. This is a time to ask questions and to start to discern if this trip is right for you.

July Birthdays Celebration

When: Sun, Jul 5, 11:30 am

Where: Geneva Hall

After worship next week, we'll wish a happy birthday to all those born in July! We want to celebrate you after the congregational meeting with cupcakes and a song at coffee hour!

Plaza Redevelopment Listening Session

When: Sun, Jul 12, 11:45 am

Where: Calvin Library

All are invited to join the Plaza Redevelopment team for a listening session after worship next month. The team is looking for congregational input into how the plaza might be envisioned to serve our communities in the future. We hope you'll join us!

Save the Date: Pride Parade

When: Sun, Jul 19, time TBD

Where: Tom McCall Waterfront Park

For the third year in a row, please join us in celebrating love, inclusion, and community by walking with the Elder Pride Friendly House delegation at the Portland Pride Parade! More details to come. For questions, contact Deborah Resley (713-256-6657).

Support Needed: Emergency Food Closets

Please consider supporting the emergency food closets at Alder and Julia West House. While supplies are currently adequate, continued recent declines could create challenges through the summer. Current needs include canned chicken, tuna, soups, chili, pasta, rice, cereal, peanut butter, and other shelf-stable foods. Hygiene items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, and toilet paper are also appreciated. For additional information and complete shopping lists, please see the materials posted near the donation barrels in Geneva.

Volunteers Needed: Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl and blessing blanket ministry is looking for knitters and crocheters! Prayers and loving thoughts are carefully stitched into shawls and blankets given to recipients as a sign of God's comfort and healing presence. If you're interested please contact Jenny Anton (239-919-6210 or snjanton@mac.com).

Volunteer Needed: JWH Clothes Closet

FPC has been asked to consider hosting a clothes closet for residents of the Julia West House. For it to move forward, we need a hearty soul (or a team of two!) to champion the effort by planning, coordinating, and executing the logistics necessary to make this a reality. You would not be alone! Others on the Service Beyond Our Walls (SBOW) team would be available to help. If you are interested, please contact Dave Palmer (dwpalmer10@gmail.com).

Register Now: Walk the Wildwood

When: Sat, Aug 8, 7:30 am

Where: Hoyt Arboretum

Today is the perfect time to register for the 5th annual Walk the Wildwood on Saturday, August 8 at Portland's Hoyt Arboretum. Walk beautiful Forest Park trails, share a catered lunch, and support Kamwenge Secondary and Vocational School's 20th anniversary. To date, we have signed up 2 of 10 new student champions, raised \$2565 of \$15,000, and registered 37 of 100 walkers. Registration help is available in Geneva Hall after service today. Register and purchase this year's T-shirt (by June 30!) at firstpresportland.org/news-events/walk-the-wildwood.

Have an announcement for the bulletin or eBlast?

Submit it at this link by 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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