



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day
July 12, 2026
10:30 AM
Seventh 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

Prelude on *Ubi caritas*
Prelude on *Llangloffan*

Norah Duncan IV
Robert Chamberlin

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

God of welcome, God of the stranger.

We come as strangers.

We come as those who you welcome.

We come as those called to welcome.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Unison*)

O God, who loves all of this world,
we remember Abraham and Sarah

who did not know whether their visitors meant harm or good,
still they opened their tent in welcome, and they were blessed.

From the stranger, we hear the good news of God's covenant love.
Amen.

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

Holy One, we are humbled by your Spirit of radical welcome,
love for all and courage to reach out across boundaries and cultural lines.
We confess that we have failed, individually and collectively,
to always follow in your example.
We have walked past those who are hurting,
we fail to be conscious of the interconnected nature of our world,
we have judged those that we feel threatened by
and that challenge our sense of self,
we have failed to welcome people into our lives
that are outside of our comfort zone.
Forgive us when we do not see you reflected in the face of a stranger,
when we fail to welcome them as you have welcomed us.

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**

“The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.”
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
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

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

*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!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Linda Grabe

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18:1-15

Pew Bible, OT p. 14

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I Will Be Your God

Trad. Welsh melody

To Abraham and Sarah the call of God was clear:
"Go forth and I will show you a country rich and fair.
You need not fear the journey, for I have pledged my word
that you shall be my people and I will be your God."

From Abraham and Sarah arose a pilgrim race,
dependent for their journey on God's abundant grace;
and in their heart was written by God this saving word,
"That you shall be my people and I will be your God."

We of this generation on whom God's hand is laid,
can journey to the future secure and unafraid,
rejoicing in God's goodness and trusting in this word,
"That you shall be my people and I will be your God."

— Judith A. Fetter, 1984

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 10:17-19

Pew Bible, OT p. 167

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Welcoming the Stranger"

Rev. Brenna Dykman

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN #154

Jesus Entered Egypt

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Unison; from the Confession of Belhar*)

**We believe that God has revealed God's self
as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity,
is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;
that God calls the church to follow God in this;
for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger,
helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly.**

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Friendly House Elder Pride

Deborah Resley
& Cindy Finch

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 firstpresportland.org.*



OFFERTORY

Together We Serve

Daniel Charles Damon

Together we serve, united by love, inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy, extending God's love to the last and the least.

We seek to become a beacon of hope, a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor, the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come, our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace, we witness and work, remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in spirit and truth, remembering love is the strength of our song.

***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 maestoso
from Sonata in C Major, Op. 65 No. 2

Felix Mendelssohn

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IN MEMORIAM

*Our prayers are with the family of Hal Broughton
who passed away on June 26, 2026.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We join in holding in prayer: Dennis Bradley, 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 by Kathy Callas
in loving memory of her father, Dr. Stan Callas.*

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

Summer Choir Invitation

All are welcome to join in singing with the Summer Choir through the end of August. There is no mid-week rehearsal, but participants are asked to prepare on their own during the week. Contact Greg Homza (ghomza@firstpresportland.org) for more info.

Plaza Redevelopment Listening Session

When: Today, Jul 12, 11:45 am

Where: Calvin Library

All are invited to join the Plaza Redevelopment team for a listening session after worship today. 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!

August Spire Articles Deadline

When: Fri, Jul 17, end of day

We'd love to include your articles and photos from recent church events in the August edition of The Spire! If you have anything you'd like to share, please complete the Google form at shorturl.at/ti4eE by **this Friday, July 17 (extended from the original deadline)**. If you have any questions, reach out to Alexis at communications@firstpresportland.org.

Sign Up: Portland Pride Parade!

When: Sun, Jul 19, 10:30 am

Where: FPC garage & downtown PDX

Join us next Sunday for our third year of celebrating love, inclusion, and community by walking with the Friendly House delegation in the Portland Pride Parade! Everyone is welcome. We'll meet in the FPC parking lot and walk together downtown to join the one-mile long parade. We'll have FPC stickers to share and tshirts for those who need one. We hope you'll join us!

Sandwich Social

When: Tue, Jul 21, 11:30 am

Where: Geneva Hall & Calvin Library

All FPC adults are invited to this newly refreshed event, formerly known as the Retirees' Luncheon! Join us next week for lunch, an engaging program, and fellowship as we build new friendships and reconnect with old ones. Enjoy your choice of sandwich or salad from Elephants Delicatessen. A \$15 cash contribution is requested. Sandwich and salad options can be found in the most recent eBlast or are available directly from Jean Smith. Please RSVP **today** to Jean at Jeanel53@gmail.com or 971-454-6455.

Register Now: Walk the Wildwood

When: Sat, Aug 8, 7:30 am

Where: Hoyt Arboretum

Ready to walk for a great cause? Registration help continues after worship today for the upcoming Walk the Wildwood. Celebrate 20 years of impact at Kamwenge Secondary and Vocational School with guided walks through the arboretum, warm community, and a catered lunch. Here's where we are so far: 58 registered, \$4,555 raised, 2 new student champions, 72 pairs of sneakers collected. Every step and donation supports students and teachers in Uganda. Bring gently worn sneakers to Geneva Hall and sign up today! More info and registration 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/eVnBQ

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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