



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

July 5, 2026

10:30 AM

Sixth 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

Promised Land

Thomas Keesecker

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

Open Your Heart

Chris Shelton

Whoever you are, your prayer is welcome:
come pilgrim, come seeker, come outcast, come guest.
You can open your heart, for God's heart is open,
and God is our shelter, our refuge and rest.

Whatever your need, your prayer is welcome:
your yearning, your struggle, your hunger for bread.
You can open your heart, for God's heart is open,
and God sets a table where all shall be fed.

(Leah Papay, soloist)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us to service,
rather than honor.
God calls us to love the unknown,
rather than the familiar.
We come to this time of worship,
trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,
who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

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

Faithful God, in Jesus you show us a way of humility and hospitality
with power to transform our world.

Give us the grace to love those things that please you
and the courage to live them in your glory. Amen.

***HYMN #401**

Here in This Place (*verses 1, 2, 4*)

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

Lord, all that we have is a gift from you,
yet we do not live lives of gratitude.

We ignore strangers and turn way from those in need.

We seek honor for ourselves and allow pride to take root in us.

Forgive our foolish ways, O God, and restore us to you,
that we may walk in the way of love.

Prayers of confession continue in silence.

***LORD, HAVE MERCY**

Cantor first, then ALL

The musical notation is in 3/4 time, using a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three staves, each with a repeat sign at the beginning. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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**

Friends, hear the good news:

Christ has broken the power of sin and evil
and has opened to us the way of eternal life.

In the name 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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of six staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of eighth and quarter notes, and some rests. The final note of the sixth staff is a double bar line.

Text: Michael Perry © 1982 by Hope Publishing Co.
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

Diane Ponder

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:1-14

Pew Bible, NT p. 77

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ANTHEM

Litany of Peace

Barbara Bridge

Please join in singing the refrain...

God of love, your gift of peace is planted deep within our hearts:

Make me an instrument of your peace.

Make me an instrument of your peace.

God of peace, wherever there is hatred, may we bring your love:

May we bring your hope and gladness where despair and sadness are:

May we seek to understand another with a patient heart:

Faithful God, wherever there is darkness, may we bring your light:

God of mercy, help us to forgive when there is injury done:

Gracious God, whenever people hunger, may we fill their need:

Set us free from all our fear and anger; set us free to love:

— based on the prayer traditionally ascribed to Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:9-21

Pew Bible, NT p. 162

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Radical Hospitality”

Rev. Andrew Wall

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN #320**

The Church of Christ in Every Age

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

**“Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom,
our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.”
As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins,
so in the same way and with the same seriousness
is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life.
Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance
from the godless fetters of this world
for a free, grateful service to his creatures.
We reject the false doctrine,
as though there were areas of our life
in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords —
areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.**

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

Étincelles (Sparks), Op. 36, No. 6

Moritz Moszkowski

(Darlene Cusick, pianist)

***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.**

Text: © 1990 by Neil Weatherhogg
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

Fugue on *The Star-Spangled Banner*

John Knowles Paine

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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 by Judy Morton in loving memory of her grandparents, Minnie & Jack McNeel.

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.

Sign Up: Portland Pride Parade!

When: Today, Jul 5, 11:30 am

Where: Geneva Hall

Today after worship, sign up to join us for our third year of celebrating love, inclusion, and community by walking with the Friendly House delegation in the Portland Pride Parade on **July 19!** Everyone is welcome. We'll meet in the FPC parking lot at 10:30 am 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 join us!

July Birthdays Celebration

When: Today, Sun, Jul 5, 11:30 am

Where: Geneva Hall

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

Uganda Interest Meeting

When: Today, Sun, Jul 5, 11:45 am

Where: Heritage Room

Please join us today after worship 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. Ask questions and to start to discern if this trip is right for you!

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 week. 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!

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

Volunteer Opportunity: Friendly House

When: Tue-Fri, Jul 7-10, times vary

Where: Sauvie Island (21024 NW Gillihan Rd)

Friendly House is looking for berry picking and jam making volunteers this week! Jam-making volunteers need a Food Handler's Card, which is only \$10 and can be obtained online. More info at vhub.at/BerriesandJam.

Volunteer Opportunity: 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 Opportunity: 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. If you are interested, contact Dave Palmer (dwpalmer10@gmail.com).

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. For additional information and complete shopping lists, please see the materials posted near the donation barrels in Geneva.

Register Now: Walk the Wildwood

When: Sat, Aug 8, 7:30 am

Where: Hoyt Arboretum

Four weeks until Walk the Wildwood! Explore Hoyt Arboretum with a guided walk and gather for lunch at Stevens Pavilion — all while raising funds for Kamwenge Secondary and Vocational School in Uganda. Help welcome 10 new Student Champions, hit the fundraising target of \$15,000, and sign up 100 walkers! More info at firstpresportland.org/news-events/walk-the-wildwood.

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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