First Presbyterian
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

October 25, 2026
10:30 AM
Twenty-Second 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 Sonata No. 14 in C# minor, Op. 27, No. 2 ("Moonlight")
I. Adagio sostenuto — Ludwig van Beethoven

(Darlene Cusick, pianist)

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 Out of the Deep — Sam Batt Owens

Out of the deep I called to you, O Lord; hear my plea.
Out of the deep I called to you, O God; answer me.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God calls us to live with open hands,
not hard hearts or tight fists.
We gather to worship the God who scatters abroad and gives freely.
The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly.
But the one who sows generously will reap a harvest of righteousness.
Let us give as we have made up our minds,
not reluctantly or under compulsion.
For God loves a cheerful giver.
Let us worship God together!

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

Generous God,
you have enriched us in every way
so that we can be generous on every occasion.
As we gather in your presence,
soften our hearts toward the needs of our neighbors.
Teach us to trust in your abundant grace,
that we might open our hands freely to those in need,
reflecting your limitless love to the world.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #385** All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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

Gracious God,
we confess that we often close our hands when we should open them.
When we see a brother or sister in need,
we sometimes turn away or give with a reluctant heart.
We let fear dictate our generosity,
worried that if we share, we will not have enough for ourselves.
Forgive our hard hearts and our tight-fisted ways.
Remind us that all we have is a gift from you.
Grant us the grace to give cheerfully,
trusting that you are able to provide us with every blessing in abundance.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayers of confession continue in silence.

***LORD, HAVE MERCY #576**

(choir first, then all)

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news:
God provides you with every blessing.
Out of our abundance,
we can share abundantly in every good work.
God's grace forgives and frees us for joy.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. 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.

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***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 Melissa Dailey

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 15:7-11 Pew Bible, OT p. 171

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Christ Has No Body Now but Yours David Ogden

Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which he sees, yours are the feet with which he walks,
yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

— attr. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

(Kathryn Hill, flute)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 Pew Bible, NT p. 183

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Open Hands, Cheerful People" Rev. Aaron Morris

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN #36 For the Fruit of All Creation

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

We believe in God,
the giver of every good gift,
the source and sustainer of all that is.
We believe that all we have and all we are comes from God's generous hand.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
who teaches us that life is more than possessions,
that our worth is more than what we own,
and that our treasure reveals our hearts.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who frees us from fear and scarcity,
teaches us contentment,
and opens our hands to generosity.
We confess that we are often tempted by more—
more wealth, more security, more recognition,
more than we need and more than we can hold.
Yet we trust that in God there is enough:
enough grace for our failures,
enough love for our brokenness,
enough bread for the journey,
and enough abundance to share.
Therefore, we choose gratitude over entitlement,
wisdom over impulse, contentment over comparison,
trust over fear, and generosity over accumulation.
We offer ourselves and all that we have for the healing of the world
and the flourishing of our neighbors.
For everything belongs to God,
and we are blessed to be stewards of God's gifts.
Thanks be to God.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Fonda Lucas

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 If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee Georg Neumark
(arr. Jody W. Lindh)

If thou but suffer God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that naught can move.

Only be still and wait God's leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content
to take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure and all-discerning love hath sent;
nor doubt our inmost wants are clear to one who holds us always dear.

Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving; in all thy labor faithful be,
and trust God's word, though undeserving, thou yet shalt find it true for thee;
God never yet forsook in need the soul that trusts in God indeed.

— Georg Neumark, 1641; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

***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 #320** The Church of Christ in Every Age

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Prelude on *Ein' Feste Burg* Helmut Walcha

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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 FPC in honor of all those who join us in worship throughout the year, in-person and online.

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 in Geneva Hall after the service. We'd love to get to know you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Understanding the Israel/Palestine Conflict
When: Sun, Oct 25 & Nov 1, 11:45 am
Where: Heritage Room
Starting today, join Pastor Andrew for a two-week historical overview of the history of Israel/Palestine and the conflict between the Israelis and the Palestinians. *The goal of this class is to give historical context in order to better understand what is happening today, not be a debate forum.* Join us to learn more about the roots for a very complicated current-day issue.

Vaccine Clinic at FPC
When: Thu, Oct 29, 1:30-3:30 pm
Where: Geneva Hall
FPC is hosting a vaccine clinic this week! Sponsored by Community for Positive Aging and staffed by Lecare Pharmacy, the clinic will offer updated COVID, RSV, flu, and high-dose flu vaccines. *Registration is required.* Please call 503-288-8303, ext. 123. Those receiving a vaccine will receive a $10 gift card courtesy of the Oregon Health Authority.

Dec Spire Deadlines and Volunteers
When: Mon, Nov 2 & Wed, Nov 18
Where: Online & Geneva Hall
We'd love to include your articles and photos from recent church events in the December edition of The Spire! If you have anything you'd like to share, please submit them here by Mon, Nov 2: tinyurl.com/3pnpvdut. Interested in helping prep the Spire to be mailed? Sign up here: tinyurl.com/36nenfbz. Please reach out to Alexis (communications@firstpresportland.org) with any questions.

Coming Up at Menucha
- **Sat, Oct 31, 9:00 am-2:00 pm:** Fall Work Party (email hello@menucha.org to sign up)

November Women's Book Club
When: Tue, Nov 3, 11:15 am
Where: Heritage & Online
November's book club will discuss *Keeper of My Kin: Memoir of an Immigrant Daughter*, a deeply moving, multigenerational memoir by a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, Ada Ferrer. This memoir explores the enduring power of family, faith, and the human spirit amid migration, exile, and geopolitical division. Through an intimate family story woven with historical reflection, the book invites readers to consider the importance of love, perseverance, belonging, and the hope that sustains us through seasons of hardship and separation. We hope you'll join us for this month's discussion!

FPC Annual Meeting & Luncheon
When: Sun, Nov 8, 11:30 am
Where: Geneva Hall
Our annual meeting is coming up in November! We'll discuss important information, followed by an all-church luncheon, food provided by FPC. Our goal is to celebrate the pledges turned in on that day and the many FPC accomplishments of the past year. *We need volunteers to help with set up, serving, and cleanup for the luncheon.* None of these will take much time or effort. If you'd like to help, please sign up in Geneva Hall or contact Sarah Schwab (qtipschwab@msn.com) by Mon, Nov 2.

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

ESTHER 4:14

Giving Campaign 2027

As we look toward 2027, we are called to put our faith into action through generosity, grace, and service. Every pledge helps sustain FPC's ministries, welcome others, and bring hope to our community.

Please prayerfully consider a financial commitment for 2027. Our campaign goal is **$650,000** in pledges and **$120,000** in other contributions by November 29. Together, we can respond courageously to our faithful calling by sharing our gifts and serving our neighbors with compassion.

Let us give faithfully and generously,
making a difference for such a time as this!

This Week at FPC

Sun	**10/25**	11:30 am	**Coffee Hour Fellowship** (Geneva Hall)
Mon	**10/26**	2:00 pm	**Community Dinners** (Cooking & Prep, FPC Kitchen)
		5:00 pm	**Community Dinners** (Serving, Alder House, Rosenbaum, JWH)
Tue	**10/27**	7:00 pm	***Accidental Saints* Book Discussion** (Zoom)
Fri	**10/31**	11:00 am	**Practical Theology** (John Knox & Zoom)
		1:00 pm	**Two Dudes** (John Knox & Zoom)
Sun	**11/1**	9:00 am	**Lectionary Study Group** (John Knox & Zoom)

Email hello@firstpresportland.org for more information & Zoom links.

FPC's Vision Statement

We are committed to loving God and loving our neighbors. We do this through being 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 authentially with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love while expanding the circle where God's love is known.

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