



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

October 4, 2026

10:30 AM

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

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

Schmücke dich, o Liebe Seele*, BWV 654

J.S. Bach

**Adorn yourself, O dear soul*

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

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

South African

Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread: give to all who thirst and hunger.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From every corner of the earth, God's people gather in worship.

We are many peoples, yet one body in Christ.

We come with different languages, histories, cultures, and traditions.

Yet we share one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

Jesus reminds us that where our treasure is, there our hearts will be also.

Turn our hearts toward you, O God.

Let us worship the God whose abundance is greater than our scarcity,
whose love crosses every boundary,
and whose table has room for all.

We come with grateful hearts. Amen.

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

Gracious God, you gather us from every place and make us one in Christ.
Teach us to recognize the abundance of your gifts,
to trust that there is enough,
and to share what we have with generosity and joy.
Shape our hearts to seek not more for ourselves,
but lives of gratitude, compassion, and love.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #32**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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

Merciful God, we confess that we often live as though we never have enough.
We cling to what we have,
compare ourselves with others,
and forget that all we possess is a gift from you.
Forgive us when our desire for more
keeps us from noticing what is already enough.
Free us from fear, greed, and scarcity,
and teach us to live with gratitude, generosity, and trust.
As we gather at your table with Christians around the world,
remind us that we are one people,
fed by your grace and called to share what we have.
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:
In Christ, God has broken down the walls that divide us.
We are not strangers to one another.
We are members of one household.
We are one body.
The grace of God is not scarce.
The love of Christ is not scarce.
The mercy of God is not scarce.
Receive that grace today and let it make us generous people.
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

Shelby Walker

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 21:5, 20-21

Pew Bible, OT p. 603

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

Trad. German

Alleluia! Laud and blessing to our God, whose Word is sure;
by whose grace we find redemption, in whose love we live secure.
Righteousness and rich compassion shall attend us all our days;
may God's promise to be faithful echo through our songs of praise!

Alleluia! God sustains us; matchless are the gifts we share:
light in darkness, hope in conflict, answers to our deepest prayer.
Ours to give as we are given: arms to lift when others fall;
images of God's great goodness, faithful servants to God's call.

Alleluia! Holy Parent, all your children now reclaim;
may our lives reflect your justice, heirs to your most sacred name.
Fill our hearts with understanding, brace our weakness by your might;
awesome honor, born in wisdom; your great glory, our delight!

— Michael Morgan, 2011

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Living Wisely”

Rev. Dr. Joan Miller

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN #716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*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.

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

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Johann Crüger (harm. J.S. Bach)

Jesus, priceless treasure, source of purest pleasure, truest friend to me;
ah, how long I've panted, and my heart has fainted, thirsting, Lord, for thee!
Thine I am, O spotless Lamb: nothing in the world can hide thee; naught I ask beside thee.

In thine arm I rest me; foes who would oppress me cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking, every heart be quaking, Jesus calms my fear;
lightnings flash and thunders crash: yet, though sin and hell assail me, Jesus will not fail me.

Hence, all fears and sadness! For the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in:
God, who dearly loves us, from all trial saves us; gives sweet peace within;
I have borne this worldly scorn; still in thee lies purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!

— Johann Franck, 1650; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863

*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

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF GREAT THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING ACCLAMATIONS

...with all the faithful of every time and place
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy – #562

...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.
Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen – #563

...with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.

Amen – #564

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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Johann Crüger

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness; leave the gloomy haunts of sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendor; there with joy your praises render.
Bless the one whose grace unbounded this amazing banquet founded;
Christ, though heavenly, high, and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Sun, who all my life does brighten; light, who does my soul enlighten;
joy, your wondrous gift bestowing; fount, from which all good is flowing;
at your feet I cry, my Maker, let me be a fit partaker
of this blessed food from heaven, for our good, your glory given.

Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, truest friend and dearest treasure,
peace beyond all understanding, joy into all life expanding:
humbly now, I bow before you, love incarnate, I adore you;
worthily let me receive you and, so favored, never leave you.

— Johann Franck, c. 1649 (trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, and John Caspar Mattes, 1913, alt.)

Schmücke dich, o Liebe Seele, Op. 122, No. 5

Johannes Brahms

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE SENDING

*HYMN #317

In Christ There Is No East or West

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 553

J.S. Bach

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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 in loving memory of the Bates, Paramour, & Everson families by Sally & Jon Bates.

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

New Chapel Art Gallery Opening Reception

When: Today, Sun, Oct 4, 11:45 am

Where: Chapel Art Gallery

Join us after worship today to welcome artist Inga Dubay as she discusses her remarkable paintings and books. This from Inga Dubay "Art-making to me brings a realization of the wondrous nature of creation and how we interact with that creation." Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

General Assembly Delegate Talk

When: Today, Sun, Oct 4, 1:30 pm

Where: Heritage Room

Kris Voss-Rothmeier will share about his time at GA and the process and rationale behind decision RIW-04, in which the denomination addressed the ongoing war in Gaza and declared Israel's actions in Gaza as a genocide. Join us this afternoon!

Menucha Annual Fall Tree Walk

When: Sat, Oct 24, 1:00-3:00 pm

Where: Menucha Retreat Center

Menucha's annual Fall Tree Walk is coming up later this month! Begin with a warm drink and a cookie, then set out on a self-guided stroll to enjoy the beauty of Menucha's trees in their autumn colors.

Pastor Appreciation Day

When: Sun, Oct 11, all day

Where: Sanctuary & Geneva Hall

Next week, we'll have an opportunity to thank the pastors who shepherd our church family here at FPC. Their care shows up in sermons, hospital visits, and quiet moments we may never see. You can show them that same love by signing a card at coffee hour, offering a hug, or just saying "thank you." A card-signing table will be in Geneva Hall on October 4 & 11.

Sign Up Now: PWM Bake & Craft Sale

When: Sun, Nov 22, 11:30 am

Where: Geneva Hall

The PWM Bake and Craft Sale is coming up soon! If you plan to donate items to this sale, now is a great time to start thinking about what you'd like to share. We'd love to have a myriad of items available—baked goods, jams, pickles, garden bounty, handmade crafts, soaps, potholders, or other creative items! Sign up at this link: shorturl.at/UAjoV

FPC's Annual Season of Giving: For Such a Time as This

During our season of giving this fall, we invite you to reflect on how God is calling FPC to be a faithful presence in our community and world in "such a time as this." Stewardship is more than meeting a budget. It is a spiritual practice of gratitude, trust, and generosity. Our gifts of time, talent, and resources help us sustain a community where people worship, find belonging, serve our neighbors, and share Christ's love.

This Week at FPC

Sun	10/4	11:30 am	Coffee Hour Fellowship & Oct Birthdays Celebration (Geneva Hall)
		11:45 am	Inga Dubay Art Gallery Opening Reception (Chapel)
		1:30 pm	General Assembly Talk with Kris Voss-Rothmeier (Heritage)
Tue	10/6	11:15 am	Women's Book Club: <i>Far From Home</i> (Heritage & Zoom)
		7:00 pm	<i>Accidental Saints</i> Discussion (chapters 9-11, Zoom)
Fri	10/9	11:00 am	Practical Theology (John Knox & Zoom)
		1:00 pm	Two Dudes (John Knox & Zoom)
Sun	10/11	All Day	Pastor Appreciation Day (Sanctuary, Online, & Geneva Hall)
		9:00 am	Lectionary Bible Study (John Knox & Zoom)
		9:15 am	FPC Youngish Adults (St. Honoré, SW Broadway)

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 authentically with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love while expanding the circle where God's love is known.



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