First Presbyterian
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

November 1, 2026
10:30 AM
All Saints' Day
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 Elegy — James Biery

(Esther Shim, violinist)

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 Be Still and Aware — Sally Ann Morris

Be still and aware of God's presence within and all around.

— John Philip Newell, 2000

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

I will bless the Lord at all times;
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.
O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt God's name together.
We gather with the faithful of every time and place,
with those who have gone before us and those who will come after us.
We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
held together in the love of God.
For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd,
guiding us to the springs of the water of life.
And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.
Let us worship the God of life, whose love endures forever.

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

Eternal God,
you have been our dwelling place in every generation.
We give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us,
for their faith and courage,
their love and witness,
and for the ways their lives continue to shape our own.
As we worship today,
open our hearts to the mystery of your eternal love.
Comfort us in our grief,
strengthen us in hope,
and remind us that neither death nor life can separate us from your love
in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

***HYMN #326** For All the Saints

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

Merciful God,
you have called us to live as people of hope,
yet too often we live as though death has the final word.
We cling to what we cannot keep,
fear what we cannot see,
and struggle to trust the promises of your love.
We confess that we have not always lived as faithfully
or loved as generously as those who have gone before us taught us to do.
Forgive our failures of faith and love.
Free us from fear,
open our eyes to your presence
and renew in us the courage to live as your saints in the world today.
Through Jesus Christ,
who is our hope in life and in death.

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:
The Lord redeems the life of God's servants,
and none who take refuge in God will be condemned.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored,
and held forever in the love of God.
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 Psalm 34:1-10, 22 Pew Bible, OT p. 508
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Taste and See James E. Moore, Jr.

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord; for God has been so good to me.

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free.

Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust.

– Please join in singing the final refrain (GTG #520) –
Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 7:9-17 Pew Bible, NT p. 249
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Other Side of the Curtain" Rev. Dr. Joan Miller

THE READING OF THE MEMORIAL ROLL

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN #731 Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(Unison)*
We believe in God, the Creator of heaven and earth,
who calls us into life and whose love never ends.
We believe in Jesus Christ, who lived among us, died and rose again,
and who is the resurrection and the life.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who gathers us into one communion of saints,
joining the faithful of every time and place.
We believe that in life and in death we belong to God;
that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus;
and that beyond all we can see, God's promises endure.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, the life everlasting,
and the day when God will wipe away every tear. Amen.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Sharon Brown

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 I'll Fly Away Albert E. Brumley
(arr. Andrew E. Clarkson)

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away
to a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.
I'll fly away O glory, I'll fly away in the morning.
When I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away.
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away.
I'll fly away O glory, I'll fly away in the morning.
When I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.

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 – #552
...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.
Great is the mystery of faith.
Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen – #553
...with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.
Amen – #554

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 Ave Verum Corpus W.A. Mozart

Ave verum corpus	*Hail, true body*
natum de Maria Virgine,	*born of the virgin Mary,*
vere passum immolatum	*who having truly suffered, was sacrificed*
in cruce pro homine;	*on the cross for all;*
cujus latus perforatum	*whose pierced side flowed*
unda fluxit et sanguine:	*with water and blood:*
esto nobis praegustatum	*may it be for us a foretaste*
in mortis examine.	*in the trial of death.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE SENDING

***HYMN #65** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE For All the Saints arr. Phil Lehenbauer

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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 Jeanne Bradley, Thomas Crawford, and their families in loving memory of Rev. Dr. Edd W. Crawford and wife, Mary Crawford.

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: Today, Sun, Nov 1, 11:45 am
Where: Heritage Room
Join Pastor Andrew after service today for the second week of an 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.

Sign Up Now: PWM Bake & Craft Sale
When: Sun, Nov 22, 11:30 am
Where: Geneva Hall
The PWM Bake and Craft Sale is this month! 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: *shorturl.at/UAjoV*

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 tomorrow, Mon, Nov 2.

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

ESTHER 4:14

Giving Campaign 2027

In *Enough*, Adam Hamilton invites us to imagine the good life not as having more, but as living with gratitude, simplicity, generosity, and purpose. For such a time as this, stewardship invites us to consider what matters most and how we can faithfully share the gifts God has entrusted to us.

At First Presbyterian Church of Portland, our generosity sustains worship, community, service, and our care for neighbors near and far. May our giving be an expression of gratitude—and a joyful way of living the good life together.

This Week at FPC

Sun	**11/1**	11:30 am	**Coffee Hour & November Birthdays Celebration** (Geneva Hall)
		11:45 am	**Adult Ed: Israel/Palestine Conflict** (Heritage)
Tue	**11/3**	11:15 am	**Women's Book Club** (Heritage & Zoom)
		7:00 pm	***Accidental Saints* Book Discussion** (Zoom)
Thu	**11/5**	10:00 am	**Open Circle** (Heritage & Zoom)
Fri	**11/6**	11:00 am	**Practical Theology** (John Knox & Zoom)
		1:00 pm	**Two Dudes** (John Knox & Zoom)
Sun	**11/8**	9:00 am	**Lectionary Study Group** (John Knox & Zoom)
		9:15 am	**FPC Youngish Adults Gathering** (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 authentially with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love while expanding the circle where God's love is known.

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Tuesday - Friday | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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