



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

July 7, 2024

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

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Emma Lou Diemer

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

Up to You I Lift My Eyes

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Up to you I lift my eyes, high enthroned above the skies:
teach me, Lord, to follow you, see your hand in all I do.

— Emma Turl, 1999

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is with us wherever we go;
let us together recognize God's presence here.

**God is the creator of our lives
and does not abandon us on life's pilgrimage.**

We live in covenant with God,
who is our rock and our salvation.

**We hear God calling us to covenant renewal,
offering us strength to overcome our weakness.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of grace and powerful weakness,
at times your projects were ignored, rejected, and unwelcome.
Trusting that we, too, are called to be prophets,
fill us with your Spirit,
and support us by your gentle hands,
that we may persevere in speaking your word
and living our faith. Amen.

***HYMN #14**

For the Beauty of the Earth

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We confess, O God,
to the doubts mixed in with our faith.
We have doubted your word, denied your love,
and forgotten the promise we have made to you.
Lift us out of the narrow circles of self-concern
that imprison us in limited vision and flawed wisdom.
Confront us with mystery powerful enough to change us.

Prayers of confession continue in silence.

***LORD, HAVE MERCY**

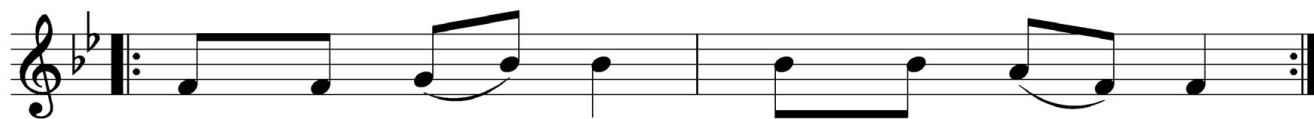
Cantor first, then ALL



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness.
Believe the good news of the gospel:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

THAXTED

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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***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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Anna Wells

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 123

Pew Bible, pg. 572

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Kyrie Eleison (Bridget)

John L. Bell

*Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison. Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.*

*The choir will sing through the Kyrie twice.
The third time, **the congregation is invited to join in singing** the responses.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:1-13

Pew Bible, pg. 40

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“How We Tell the Story”

Rev. Brenna Dykman

***HYMN #726**

Will You Come and Follow Me

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

(*from The Second Helvetic Confession*)

**Furthermore, the ministers of the new people
are called by various names.**

**For they are called apostles, prophets, evangelists,
bishops, elders, pastors, and teachers.**

**The apostles did not stay in any particular place,
but throughout the world gathered together different churches.**

**When they were once established, they ceased to be apostles,
and pastors took their place, each in the church.**

**In former times the prophets were seers, knowing the future;
but they also interpreted the Scriptures.**

Such people are also found still today.

*Thank you for your faithful support of the church.
For various ways to contribute to the life and ministry of the church,
please refer to page 6 of the worship bulletin.*

OFFERTORY

Thuma mina

South African

Thuma mina, Somandla.
Send me, Jesus; send me, Lord.
Lead me, Jesus; lead me, Lord.
Fill me, Jesus; fill me, Lord.

***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 #320**

The Church of Christ in Every Age

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

André Campra

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CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions to the church can be made in the following ways:

Mail a check to the church office.

Leave your gifts in the offering plates as you depart worship.

Scan the QR code on the right.

Visit <https://pushpay.com/g/firstpresportland>.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We join in holding in prayer: Suellen Bergdorf, Louise Grose, Fran Hermanson, Russ Mendenhall, Gordon Priedeman, Bruce Purdy, Phyllis Whittington, and others facing illness and loss. If you would like your name added to the prayer section of the weekly bulletin, please contact the church office.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of my grandparents, Minnie & Jack McNeel, by Judy Morton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July Birthday Celebration

If you were born in the month of July, please come to Coffee Hour **today** so we can celebrate you!

July Coffee Hour Volunteers

If your last name begins with T, U, or V, July is your month to shine at Coffee Hour! Please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AABA92BA2FFCE9-46813925-coffee#/> to sign up or call Alexis in the church office at (503) 228-7331 or Amy Hall at (503) 330-0377. Thank you for helping to make Coffee Hour a welcoming, warm, and tasty event!

Labor Day Retreat—Registration Opens July 8!

Complete your summer with First Church's All-Church Retreat, **Friday, August 30** through **Sunday, September 1**, at Menucha Retreat and Conference Center in the beautiful Columbia Gorge. Everyone is invited! This year's program theme is Life-Transitions, guided by experienced retreat leader, the Rev. Joyce Emery of East Woods Presbyterian in Vancouver. She will help us dig into biblical narratives that present major transitions in life. Come play, ponder, and practice marking our transitions together. Look out for a special eBlast on **Monday, July 8** to register for this exciting church event!

Walk The Wildwood Event

If you haven't already, please take a moment to register for Walk The Wildwood, taking place on **Saturday, August 10th!** This year features an easy, 1-mile walking path, suitable for all ages and abilities. For those seeking more of a challenge, we also have a 3.5-mile and a 7.5-mile route! For event details, visit <https://pim-africa.org/walk-oregon> or contact Kathryn Hill at hillka@teleport.com. If you're unable to attend but would like to donate to support Kamwenge Secondary and Vocational School, please visit [Donate to Walk the Wildwood](#). Also, don't forget that we're partnering with GotSneakers? this year to raise funds and keep sneakers out of landfills. Drop off your gently used sneakers in Geneva Hall or at the event on August 10. This effort will not only help support the school in Uganda but also the environment.

Retirement Celebration for Pastor Spencer

Join us after worship on **August 11**, as we celebrate Pastor Spencer's retirement. We are preparing a treasure box for Spencer filled with cards, letters, poems, and drawings. Feel free to send your contributions to the church office in advance or bring them on **August 11**. You may also email a message for Spencer to Alexis in the church office at office@firstpresportland.org to be included in the treasure box. Stay tuned for details to come.

Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC)

The Congregational Nominating Committee is starting to meet to nominate new Elders and Deacons to serve terms starting in January 2025. If you would like to be considered or would like to nominate someone to serve, please contact Pete Vanden Bosch at petevandenbosch@gmail.com or (503) 440-7886.

Pushpay Giving

Our online payment processing migration to Pushpay (parent of CCB) platform continues. Members with recurring gifts in CCB for pledges and other donations will receive emails with prompts for recreating recurring gifts in Pushpay. Contact Marc Lavender at cba@firstpresportland.org with any questions. Visit <https://pushpay.com/g/firstpresportland> to begin using the new platform.

Seeking Summer Volunteers

Can you help paint the exterior fence around the plaza at FPC? Pick a time that works for you Monday - Thursday between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. Supplies will be provided. For more details, contact John Kelly at facility@firstpresportland.org.

Youth Internship Application

Calling all high school students! Do you want to play a meaningful role in the life of a child at FPC and grow as a leader while having fun on Sunday mornings? Consider applying to serve as one of our Children's Ministry Interns. Compensation is provided! To learn more about this faith-enriching opportunity or to apply, please contact Session elder Kristine Olson at kristineolson4@gmail.com.



Vocation of the Apostles
by Domenico Ghirlandaio, 1481-82

*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.

CHURCH STAFF

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Rev. Brenna Dykman, Bridge Pastor

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