



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

August 25, 2024

10:30 am

Fourteenth 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

Passacaglia in d minor

Dietrich Buxtehude

(Bill Crane, Guest Organist)

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

What Does the Lord Require of You?

Jim Strathdee

What does the Lord require of you?
To seek justice and love kindness
and walk humbly with your God.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ abides in us,
and we abide in him.

Christ has the words of eternal life:

we believe and trust that he is the Holy One of God.

As we hear the gospel of peace today,

let us choose again whom we will serve.

We will serve the God of liberation and new life,

the God who hears and answers when we call.

We bring our praises and our prayers to God,

trusting God to meet us as we gather.

Let us worship our God together!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

***HYMN #327**

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, through Christ you abide in us,
and you invite us to abide in you.
But so often we are restless and unsatisfied.
Instead of resting in the fullness of life Christ offers to us,
we chase after money and fame,
recognition and power, status and control.
Instead of honoring the image of God in all our neighbors,
we push others down in the pursuit of our own desires.
Forgive us for forgetting that you call us to
a different way of being in the world,
to lives grounded in the self-giving love of Christ.
Lead us out of self-interest
and into communal care for one another
and the world you have made.
In Christ's name we pray.

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**

John's Gospel tells us:

“God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him” (John 3:17).

Christ forgives us and makes us whole.

Christ fills us with life and sets us free for love.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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

Diane Ponder

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Pew Bible, pg. 304

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

A Grateful Heart

Edward Miller

A grateful heart is what I bring, a song of praise, my offering.
Among the saints I lift my voice: in you, O God, I will rejoice.

Your name is known in all the lands. You feed the poor with gentle hands.
Your word is true, your works are just; in you, O God, the faithful trust.

With saving love you set us free, and still you dwell in mystery
with wisdom none can comprehend. Your praise, O God, will never end.

— David Gambrell, 2009 (based on Psalm 111)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:3-11

Pew Bible, pg. 197

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Whatever Happened To Humility?”

Rev. David Dornack

***HYMN #727**

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

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

(*the Apostles' Creed*)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Thank you for your continued support of the church.
For ways to contribute to our ministry, please see page 6 of the worship bulletin.*

OFFERTORY

Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

Robert J. Powell

Jesus! Name of wondrous love! Name all other names above,
unto which must every knee bow in deep humility.

Jesus! Name of priceless worth to the fallen ones of earth,
for the promise that it gave, "Jesus shall his people save."

Jesus! Name of wondrous love, human name of God above;
pleading only this, we flee, helpless, O our God, to thee.

— William Walsham How, 1854

***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 #450**

Be Thou My Vision

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Chorale-prelude on “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

J.S. Bach

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Thanks to Bill Crane for serving as guest organist and choir director today.

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: Kathy Callas, 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

Today's sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Jack and Polly Chapman's September 3, 1942 wedding at First Presbyterian Church by their son, Rob.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Open Circle Resumes

Open Circle resumes meeting on **Thursday, September 5**, in the Heritage Room. Meetings have a soft start at **10:00 am** when our Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88908907928> goes live. We begin our study time with prayer at **10:15 am**. We will read *From Judgment to Hope: A Study on the Prophets* by Walter Bruggemann. Books will be available for purchase for \$11.

Sunday School Kick-off

Join us for the Sunday School Kick-off on **September 8!** Children in grades K-8 are invited to join our weekly Sunday classes, where we'll enjoy crafts, games, and Bible stories. We can't wait to see you and hope you'll make Sunday School a regular part of your routine this year!

Women's Book Club is Back!

Please join us on **Tuesday, September 10** for the start of this year's book club. Pastor Brenna will be joining to facilitate our time together for this first meeting. Bring your book suggestions and we will be selecting our books for the year. We will be gathering for a brown bag lunch at **11:30 am** in the Heritage room and we will officially start the discussion at **12:00 pm**. A Zoom option will be available at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81233316517>.

Blessing of the Backpacks

The annual "Blessing of the Backpacks" will take place on **Sunday, September 15!** Invite your children and grandchildren to bring their backpacks to worship and receive a special blessing from Pastor Carmen for the school year.

Ice Cream Social

Join us for a sweet gathering at the Deacons' Ice Cream Social! Get to know your neighbors and enjoy a variety of delicious ice cream treats on **Sunday, September 15**, following worship. Don't miss this chance to connect and enjoy some ice cream together!

New Book Group

Big Ideas is a book group for those interested in exploring recently published non-fiction works addressing challenges faced by Christians in the Portland area. We will meet in person once a month. Join our first meeting at **6:30 pm** on **Monday, September 16**, in Calvin Library. We will discuss *The Great De-Churching* by Jim Davis and Michael Graham. Reach out to Marilyn Howe at harrietwho92@gmail.com for more information.

Mary (Mimi) Cernyar Fox's Exhibition

Discover *Painting from the Holy Well*, Mary (Mimi) Cernyar Fox's exhibition, on display in the Chapel Gallery through **October 27**. Her paintings are inspired by her studies, early life, nature, and a commitment to peace. For additional information, visit marycernyarfoxart.com.

Spire Update

Please note that the Spire will be transitioning to a bimonthly publication starting this fall. Issues will be sent out in October, December, February, April, June, and August. The summation date will stay the same, which is the second Tuesday of the month. Please note that we will also only be accepting story-based articles and not general announcements. Announcements will be shared via the weekly bulletin and e-blast.

Summer Choir Thanks

Thanks so much to everyone who participated in Summer Choir! If you are interested in singing with the FPC Chancel Choir for the fall season, please contact Greg Homza at ghomza@firstpresportland.org for more information.

Walk the Wildwood

Walk the Wildwood 2024 saw an incredible turnout with over 80 participants! Thanks to your generosity, we have raised **\$7,983** to date. We will continue to accept donations through the end of August at <https://bit.ly/3U7vCVc> or drop off used sneakers in the GotSneakers bin in Geneva Hall. We're so grateful for your ongoing support!



Humility - Jesus Washing Feet
by Lance Brown

*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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