



**First  
Presbyterian**  
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

# Service for the Lord's Day

August 4, 2024

10:30 am

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
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

Prelude on *One Bread, One Body*  
Prelude on *Nettleton*

James Biery  
Craig Phillips

### 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

There Is One Lord

Jacques Berthier / Taizé

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, there is one God who is Parent of all.

Bear with one another in love and charity, be humble, be patient, be selfless, be as one.

There is one body, there is one Spirit, there is one hope to which we are called.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship our God, for there is one Lord,  
one faith, one baptism, one God and Parent of all,  
who is above all and through all and in all.

**We come with humility, gentleness, and patience,  
bearing with one another in love.**

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God, you call us to be of one body and one spirit.  
Help us to love each other and be humble and gentle;  
to be patient, bearing with one another in love. Amen.**

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,  
 help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
 Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;  
 teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;  
 send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.  
 Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;  
 may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast  
 where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.  
 There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,  
 as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

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 Tune: NETTLETON, 8 7 8 7 D; *Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

God, you have called us to live lives worthy  
 of the calling to which we have been called.  
 But we confess to you and each other  
 that we have not always spoken the truth in love;  
 we have not always made every effort to maintain  
 the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.  
 Forgive us and, by your grace, help us to grow in every way.

*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**

Melissa Dailey

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 78:23-29

Pew Bible, pg. 538

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

O God Unseen

Mark Schweizer

O God, unseen yet ever near, thy presence may we feel;  
and thus inspired with holy fear, before thine altar kneel.

Here may thy faithful people know the blessings of thy love,  
the streams that through the desert flow, the manna from above.

Thus may we all thy word obey, for we, O God, are thine;  
and go rejoicing on our way, renewed with strength divine.

— Edward Osler, 1836

*(Paul Butler and Emily Jo Jensen, handbells)*

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Ephesians 4:1-16

Pew Bible, pg. 193

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

“Unity Not Uniformity”

Rev. Brenna Dykman

**\*HYMN #515**

I Come with Joy

**\*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 faithful support of the church.  
For various ways to contribute to the life and ministry of the church,  
please refer to page 8 of the worship bulletin.*

**OFFERTORY**

Christ Has No Body Now but Yours

Rick Gunn

Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours.  
Here on this earth, yours is the work, to serve with the joy of compassion.

No hands but yours to heal the wounded world, no hands but yours to soothe all its suffering,  
no touch but yours to bind the broken hope of the people of God.

No feet but yours to journey with the poor, to walk this world with mercy and justice.  
Yours are the steps to build a lasting peace for the children of God.

— *Teresa of Avila* (adapt. Stephen C. Warner, 2003)

**\*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

## 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 (*Spoken*)

...we glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

...that we might proclaim the One crucified and risen.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### 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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### August Birthday Celebration

If you were born in the month of August, please come to Coffee Hour on **Sunday, August 4**, so we can celebrate you!

### August Coffee Hour Volunteers - W, X, Y, or Z

If your last name begins with W, X, Y, or Z, August is your month to shine at Coffee Hour! Please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COD4AABA92BA2FFCE9-46813925-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!

### Opening Reception for Mary (Mimi) Cernyar Fox's Exhibition: Painting from the Holy Well

Join us **this morning** following worship for the Opening Reception of Artist Mary (Mimi) Fox's Exhibition, "Painting from the Holy Well." Mary has devoted her life to the Visual Arts, and her study of Philosophy and Theology with the Benedictine priests at St. Benedict/ Mt. Angel informs her work. Also vital to her work is her early life story. "Growing up on a farm had many responsibilities. We took care of our animals, rode horses, and I looked after my younger siblings while my father was at work. The experience has given me a profound appreciation for nature and a compassionate understanding of creation, inspiring the art I create. As a Christian American artist, my spiritual paintings explore the sacred and are meant to inspire. I aim to help strengthen each other, to work for peace through these particular paintings, and to express the hope of a better life." Please join us in viewing her colorful and deeply spiritual work.

### Congregational Meeting Notice

The Session of First Presbyterian Church is calling a congregational meeting on **Sunday, August 11**, directly after the morning service for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship with Rev. Dr. Parks and designating him as honorably retired to the Presbytery.

### Retirement Celebration for Pastor Spencer

Join us on **August 11** as we celebrate Pastor Spencer's retirement. We're creating a treasure box filled with cards, letters, poems, and drawings for Spencer. You're welcome to contribute by sending your items to the church office beforehand or bringing them on **August 11**. You can also email a message for Spencer to Alexis at [office@firstpresportland.org](mailto:office@firstpresportland.org) to include in the treasure box. To assist with the party or bring food, please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COD4AABA92BA2FFCE9-50300472-spencers>. We look forward to seeing you there!

### FPC Labor Day Retreat at Menucha

Join us for FPC's All-Church Retreat, **August 30 - September 1**. Relax, reflect, and enjoy the fellowship at Menucha Retreat and Conference Center. Everyone is invited to spend the weekend with activities for all ages. Sign up **today** during Coffee Hour or online at <https://bit.ly/3RXKy8v>. This year's program theme is Life-Transitions, guided by the Rev. Joyce Emery of East Woods Presbyterian in Vancouver. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for community building as we worship, learn, and play together. **Registration closes on Friday, August 9.**

### FPC Menucha Barbecue Picnic

Even if you can't attend our Labor Day Retreat, you can still enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and fun at the annual Big Barbecue Picnic on **Sunday, September 1, at 1:00 pm**. This traditional meal is prepared on the BBQ smoker at Menucha Retreat and Conference Center. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for kids (7-17). Sign up at <https://bit.ly/3RXKy8v> or **today** during Coffee Hour.

### Open Circle Resumes

Open Circle resumes meeting on **Thursday, September 5** in the Heritage Room on the second floor of the Parish House. Our 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**. This season, we are using *From Judgment to Hope: A Study on the Prophets* by Walter Bruggemann. Books can be purchased at the first meeting for \$11.

*The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain...*

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.**

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more...

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all...

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all...

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**THE SENDING**

**\*HYMN #306**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Prelude in F Major

Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel

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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>.*



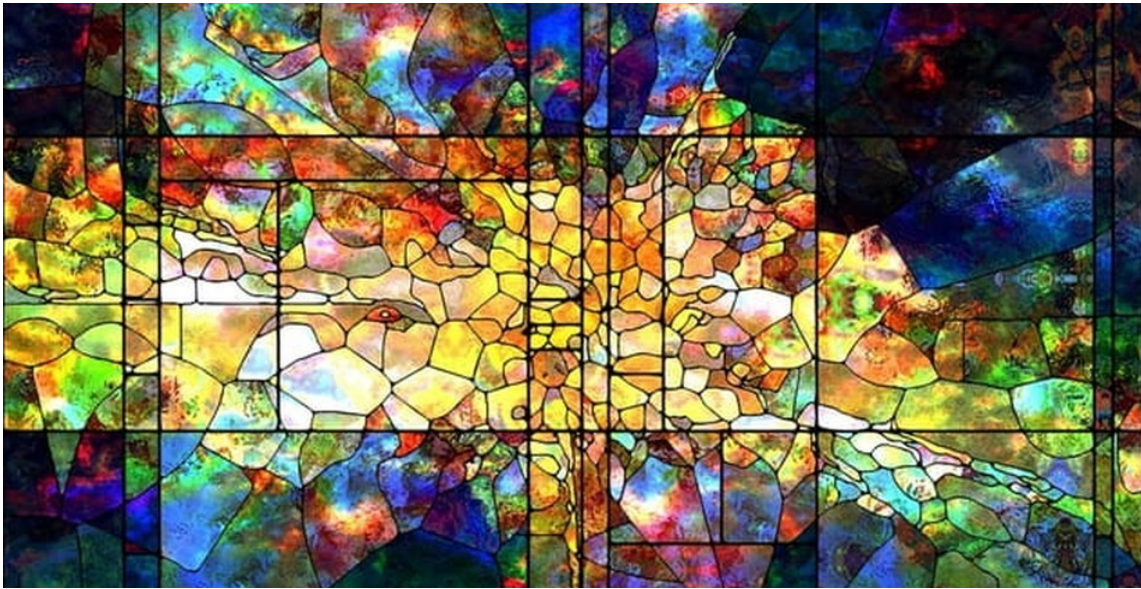
**PRAYERS OF  
THE PEOPLE**

*We join in holding in prayer: 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 Lynn Hermanson Blum,  
by Robin Blum Flaig and Bob Blum.*





*Metaphorical Stained Glass*

*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

### Principal Church Staff:

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

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