



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

September 29, 2024

10:30 am

Nineteenth 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

The Peace May Be Exchanged
Prelude on *Repton*

Dan Locklair
Charles Callahan

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

Dona nobis pacem

Ana Hernández

Dona nobis pacem. Grant us peace.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Startle us, O God, with your truth,
and open our mind to your Spirit,
that we may be one with Christ our Lord,
and serve as faithful disciples, through Jesus Christ.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Unison*)

**Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly cares,
but to love that which is above,
and even now, while we live among transient things,
to hold fast to those things that shall endure;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

O Lord our God,
you call us to work for a world
where all will be fed and have dignity,
but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.
You call us to seek justice and peace,
but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.
You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,
but we do not insist on freedom for all.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Turn us to your will by the power of the Spirit,
so that all may know your justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

Prayers of confession continue in silence.

*LORD, HAVE MERCY

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

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*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Do not fear says the Lord, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name, you are mine.
God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!
By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

– Please join in singing the refrain –

Glo - ry to God in the high - est,
and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of the Father.

***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

Anna Wells

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:38-50

Pew Bible, pg. 45

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

ANTHEM

God Be in My Head

Philip W.J. Stopford

God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in my heart and in my thinking.
God be at mine end and at my departing.

— from Sarum Primer, 1514

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-30

Pew Bible, pg. 129

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Work of the People”

Rev. Heidi Bolt

***HYMN #432**

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

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

(*from a Brief Statement of Faith*)

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

In a broken and fearful world

**the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

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

The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee

Jean Berger

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their food in due season.
Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

*DOXOLOGY



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all
peo-ple here be - low; praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev - er - more;
praise Tri-une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

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*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 #546**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Tocatta in 7

John Rutter

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CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions 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 [https://pushpay.com/g/
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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 Herb Grose, by Louise and family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacons Dear Fund

Today, on the fifth Sunday of a month, we kindly ask for contributions to the Deacons DEAR Fund (Deacons Emergency Assistance Resource), which provides financial assistance to those in our community struggling to pay their bills. If you or someone you know needs assistance, please contact Pastor Brenna at bdykman@firstpresportland.org. Donations can be made using giving envelopes in the pews, mailed to the office, dropped in the offering plates, or given online — please note "DEAR Fund" with your donation. Thank you for your generosity!

SALTSHAKERS

This fellowship opportunity is a wonderful way to connect with others in the FPC congregation. You'll sign up for four potluck dinners in small groups of eight, held in homes throughout the year from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025 — one dinner each quarter. The deadline to sign up is **today**. You can register as an individual or with a friend. Each participant will host one dinner, which can take place at home, in a backyard, at a park, or a food cart. For more details, contact Jean Smith, who will be signing up participants after the service in Geneva Hall, or via email at jeanel53@gmail.com.

Warm Springs Presentation

Join us **today** after worship in Calvin Library for a presentation by Dan Martinez, Emergency Manager for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. He will discuss the community's water challenges and how we can make a difference.

Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, October 1**, from **11:00 am to 1:00 pm** in the **Heritage Room**. We'll enjoy a bag lunch at 11:00 am, followed by a discussion of *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak. The meeting will also be accessible via Zoom (check the eBlast for the link). Moderated by Cindy Finch, the book explores themes of family, ancestry, and the impact of war on Cyprus, told through the unique perspective of a fig tree and the lives of sixteen-year-old Ada and her parents. We look forward to seeing you there!

Peace and Global Witness Offering

This offering focuses on global challenges such as conflicts between nations and peoples, the plight of refugees fleeing war and persecution, human trafficking, and societal instability caused by violence in communities and families. Our gifts will be dedicated in worship on **World Communion Sunday, October 6**. A 25% share will remain with our congregation to assist local programs. Donations can be made online, by mail, or during worship.

November Quilt Show

FPC is excited to host a stunning Quilt Show throughout November, and we want to feature your cherished quilts! Whether made by you or someone special, we'd love to showcase it if it holds meaning for you. Please drop off your quilts by **Sunday, October 20**. Reach out to Jean Smith at jeanel53@gmail.com for more details.

Joel Nickel's Artwork

Eight paintings by retired Lutheran minister and abstract geometric artist Joel Nickel will be on display in our Chapel Narthex until Advent. They depict Old Testament passages normally associated with Lent. Watch for announcements to look more closely at these paintings to understand how the artist tells these stories. We are grateful to our friends at St. James Lutheran for sharing them.

Emergency Food Pantry

We're collecting food donations for the Alder House emergency food closet, particularly **hearty soups, canned chicken, and canned tuna**. Drop off your contributions in the red bin in Geneva Hall or at the office. Thank you for your support!

Volunteer study

You may be contacted to provide information about your volunteer time in FPC programs. The questions are part of a study that Session has directed to help them be better stewards of our most important resource — volunteers. We ask for your support and participation in this three-month study to help Session make better decisions. For more information, contact Rev. Dykman at bdykman@firstpresportland.org or Pete Vanden Bosch at petevandenbosch@gmail.com.



Looking For Peace

Brazilian street artist Eduardo Kobra, focused his painting on just the eyes of his subjects – Nobel laureates Mother Theresa, Nelson Mandela, and Martin Luther King, Jr., 2013.

*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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