



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

September 8, 2024

10:30 am

Sixteenth 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

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
When the Poor Ones

arr. Robert J. Powell
arr. Ronald A. Nelson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

South African

Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread: give to all who thirst and hunger.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Put your confidence in God.

Those who have God as their helper will rejoice.

God gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry.

God frees the prisoners and opens the eyes of the blind.

So, put your trust in God's goodness.

Let God's reign endure forever! Let us worship God.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy Lord, maker of us all,

you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves

and teach us that faith without works is dead.

Open us to the opportunities for ministry that lie before us,

where faith and works and the needs of our neighbors

come together in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

God of mercy,
 we know you judge the world with an eye for the poor and outcast.
 We confess we fail to live with the same eye for those on the margins.
 We have been silent when we should have spoken up,
 and uncaring in the face of injustice.
 We have not shown the same generosity to others that you have shown us.
 Forgive us for putting ourselves first,
 and help us to serve you with the kindness we meet in Jesus Christ.

Prayers of confession continue in silence.

*LORD, HAVE MERCY

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

The first line of musical notation is in 2/2 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4 (half note), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F3 (quarter), E3 (half).

Lord, have mer - cy.

The second line of musical notation continues the melody from the first line. It consists of quarter notes: D3 (half note), C3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), G2 (half).

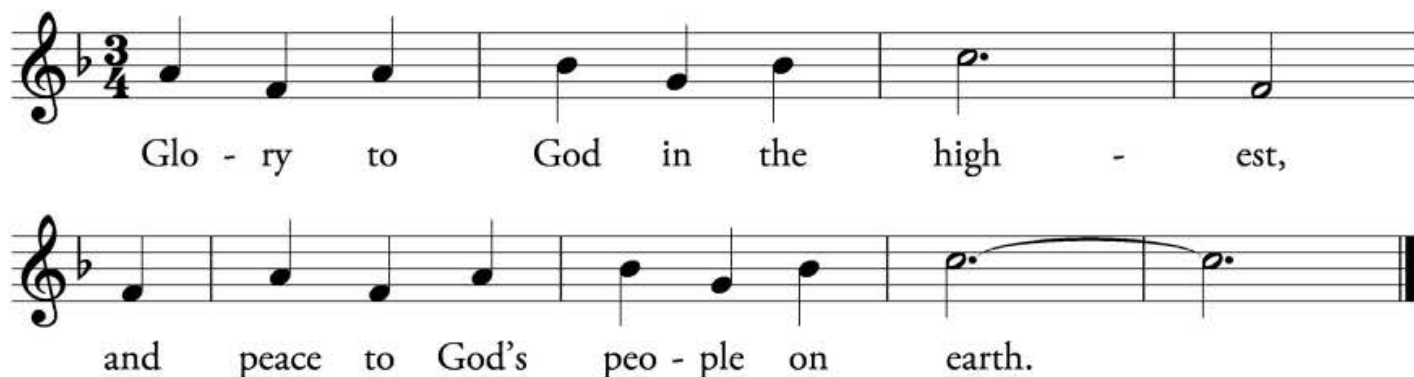
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*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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**

– Please join in singing the refrain –



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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

Linda Grabe

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Pew Bible, pg. 604

ANTHEM

Heaven Shall Not Wait

John L. Bell

Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their patience,
the scorned to smile, the despised to find a friend:
Jesus is Lord; he has championed the unwanted;
in him injustice confronts its timely end.

Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their fortunes,
the proud to fall, the elite to tend the least:
Jesus is Lord; he has shown the master's privilege:
to kneel and wash servants' feet before they feast.

Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great ideas,
thoughts of compassion divorced from cries of pain:
Jesus is Lord; he has married word and action;
his cross and company make his purpose plain.

Heaven shall not wait for triumphant Hallelujahs,
when earth has passed and we reach another shore:
Jesus is Lord in our present imperfection;
his power and love are for now and then for evermore.

— John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

James 2:1-10, 14-17

Pew Bible, pg. 229

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“From Belief to Behavior: How Faith Shapes our Lives”

Rev. Brenna Dykman

***HYMN #320**

The Church of Christ in Every Age

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

(*from the Confession of 1967*)

**The reconciliation of humanity through Jesus Christ
makes it plain that enslaving poverty in a world of abundance
is an intolerable violation of God's good creation.
Because Jesus identified himself with the needy and exploited,
the cause of the world's poor is the cause of his disciples.
The church cannot condone poverty.**

*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

When the Poor Ones

arr. David Cherwien

When the poor ones who have nothing still are giving;
when the thirsty pass the cup, water to share;
when the wounded offer others strength and healing:
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When compassion gives the suffering consolation;
when expecting brings to birth hope that was lost;
when we choose love, not the hatred all around us:
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness;
when our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth;
when our longings, free from envy, seek the humble:
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwellings;
when the nations work to change war into peace;
when the stranger is accepted as our neighbor:
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

— José Antonio Olivar, 1971; trans. Martin A. Seltz, 1998

***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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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

– Today's Great Thanksgiving acclamations can be found on the numbered pages at the beginning of the hymnal –

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

Holy, Holy, Holy – Page 9

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

Christ Has Died, Christ Is Risen – Page 10

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

Amen – Page 11

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 HYMN #520

Taste and See

– Please join in singing the refrain; the choir will sing the verses –

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September Birthday Celebration

Were you born in the month of September? Join us **today** after worship in Geneva Hall so we can celebrate you!

Sunday School Kick-off

Today is our Sunday School Kick-off! Children 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 facilitate our time together for this first meeting. Bring your book suggestions and we will gather for a brown bag lunch at **11:30 am** in the Heritage room. The discussion will begin at **12:00 pm**. A Zoom option is 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.

Screening of Feature Documentary 1946

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring two private screenings of the award-winning movie *1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture* on **Thursday, September 26**, in Geneva Hall, one at **5:00 pm** and one at **7:00 pm**. This feature documentary tells the story of researchers who found evidence in the Yale University archives that translators mistakenly used the word "homosexual" in a popular edition of the Bible. Rev. Josh White and members of Makers PDX will be joining us. Please feel free to bring friends and family to this free event.

Warm Springs Presentation

Join us on **Sunday, September 29**, after worship in Calvin Library for a presentation by Dan Martinez, Emergency Manager for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. He will discuss the water challenges faced by the community and how we can make a difference. We are now actively collecting bottled water in Geneva Hall to support those in Warm Springs. Please consider donating a case of water to aid those in need.

Emergency Food Pantry

We're gathering food donations for the Alder House emergency food closet and especially need **hearty soups**, as well as **canned chicken** and **tuna**. Drop off your contributions in the red bin in Geneva Hall or at the office. Thank you for your kindness! Your generosity helps us make a real difference in our community.

Spire Update

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 preceding the publication month. Please note we will only be accepting story-based articles and not general announcements.

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.

THE SENDING

***HYMN**

Now Let Us from This Table Rise

**Now let us from this table rise renewed in body, mind and soul;
with Christ we die and live again, his selfless love has made us whole.**

**With minds alert, upheld by grace, to spread the word in speech and deed,
we follow in the steps of Christ, at one with all in hope and need.**

**To fill each human house with love, it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do we humbly pledge ourselves to share.**

**Then grant us grace, Companion God, to choose again the pilgrim way
and help us to accept with joy the challenge of tomorrow's day.**

Text: Fred Kaan, 1964, alt. © 1968 by Hope Publishing Co.
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH, LM; Genevan Psalter, 1551

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Prelude on *Old Hundredth*

Johann Pachelbel

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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/
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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
Patricia and Theodore Ziel
by their daughter, Sharon Ziel.*



Christ and the Woman of Canaan
by Pieter Lastman, 1617

*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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