



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

October 6, 2024
10:30 am

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
World 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

Communion Meditation
Adagio from Sonata in F minor

Victor C. Johnson
Felix Mendelssohn

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

Come, Let Us Eat

Robert W. Schaefer

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. Our Lord's body let us take together.
Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured. Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.
In his presence now we meet and rest. In the presence of the Lord we gather.
Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word. Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

*— from Liberia; stanzas 1-3, Billema Kwillia, 1960s; trans. Margaret D. Miller, 1969
stanza 4, Gilbert E. Doan, 1978*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come with joy to worship you!

How majestic is your name in all the earth!

When we look at the heavens, and the work of your hands,
we are humbled that you are mindful of us.

We are gathered as one people, ready to proclaim your faithfulness.

How majestic is your name in all the earth!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*Unison*)

God of brilliant sunsets and shining seas,
God of birds and fish and autumn leaves,
God of people young and old, weary and strong,
you made the world and everything in it.
Creation reveals your glory.

As we turn to you in worship today, help us hear and receive your Word.
Remember us in your mercy as we remember you,
through the proclamation of your good news, in story and in song,
and through the hospitality of your gracious table. Amen.

***HYMN #515**

I Come with Joy

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Unison*)

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, you offer us abundant life
and ask that we share joyously with those around us.
But we confess we are prone to hoard while the world goes without.
You offer us the waters of peace and justice,
but we choose violence and discord instead.
Have mercy on us, O Lord.
Forgive us and transform us.
Help us to live in the manner of your Son,
in whom we hope, and in whose strong name we pray.

Prayers of confession continue in silence.

***LORD, HAVE MERCY**

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 2/2 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy." The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "Lord, have mer - cy." The notes are simple, with some slurs and ties to indicate phrasing.

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***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God's grace is abundant. God's mercy knows no end.
Trust, believe, and live the good news of the Gospel:
in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

– Please join in singing the refrain –

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff contains the melody for the words "Glo - ry to God in the high - est,". The second staff continues with "and peace to God's peo - ple on earth." The melody is simple and suitable for congregational singing.

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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

Rev. Dr. John Evans

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 8

Pew Bible, pg. 492

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light...

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild...

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven...

— *Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864, alt.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 26:17-19, 26-30

Pew Bible, pg. 30

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“The Extravagant Love of Jesus”

Rev. Carmen Goetschius

*HYMN #516

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)** *(Excerpt from the Brief Statement of Faith, 1983)*

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal..
..With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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

We are Coming, Lord, to the Table

arr. Greg Scheer

We are coming, Lord, to the table.
With the gift of bread, with the gift of wine, we are coming, Lord.
To receive the bread, to receive the wine, we are coming, Lord.

— from Sierra Leone

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

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

Holy, Holy, Holy (*Sung – page 9, at the beginning of the hymnal*)

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

Christ Has Died, Christ Is Risen (*Spoken*)

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

Amen (*Spoken*)

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

All communion bread is gluten-free.

COMMUNION MUSIC

In the Singing

Carlton R. Young

In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open,
in the blessing, in the breaking, in the Presence at this table

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace:

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance,
in the heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace:

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

– Shirley Erena Murray, 1994

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October Birthday Celebration

Do you have an October birthday? If so, please join us after worship **today** in Geneva Hall so we can celebrate you!

Peace and Global Witness Offering

This morning, we dedicate the annual Peace & Global Witness Offering. This offering affirms that the peace of Christ, which is central to the gospel, starts with us. Our gifts provide opportunities for partnership, learning, and witnessing by addressing systems of injustice locally, nationally, and around the world. Twenty-five percent of our donations stay with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community. Contributions can be made online through the church website, by mail, or during worship.

PWM Meeting Today

Ladies, please join us **today** after worship in the Heritage Room for the Presbyterian Women's Ministry Meeting.

Menucha Fall Volunteer Work Party

Menucha will host a work party on **Saturday, October 12**, from **10:00 am to 3:00 pm**. Enjoy a Menucha-sponsored lunch at noon and choose from various indoor and outdoor projects. Connect with fellow volunteers and staff while making a lasting impact. To sign up, email hello@menucha.org or call 503-695-2243.

Street Books Presentation

On **Sunday, October 13**, at **11:45 am** in Calvin Library, guest speaker Laura Moulton, an educator from The Attic Writing Institute and founder of Street Books, will share the inspiring history of Street Books, which started as a summer art project and continues to serve those living outside. Ben Hodgson, a former customer and current Board member, collaborated with Laura on the book *Loaners: The Making of a Street Library*, available in our FPC Library and local bookstores. Bette Hess calls it "one of the most enlightening and uplifting books I've read." We hope you'll join us for this inspiring event.

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.

Youth Halloween Party

Calling all youth! Join us on **Sunday, October 27**, in the Youth Room after worship for our Halloween Party! You won't want to miss it!

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.

Seeking Visual Arts Committee Volunteers

The Visual Arts Committee is looking for new volunteers to help with our gallery exhibitions, which change every two months. This provides a delightful experience for church members and a valuable space for local artists of faith. Volunteers will assist with installations, exhibition planning, communication, and gallery receptions. Join our fun committee to enhance the church's beauty and promote faith expression. Artistic experience or abilities are not necessary. Call Susan Miner at (503) 274-7024 for more information.

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.

THE SENDING

***HYMN #366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Festival Prelude on *Hyfrydol*

Alfred Fedak

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CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

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

Leave your gifts in the offering plates as you depart.

Mail a check to the church office.

Scan the QR code on the right.

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



IN MEMORIAM

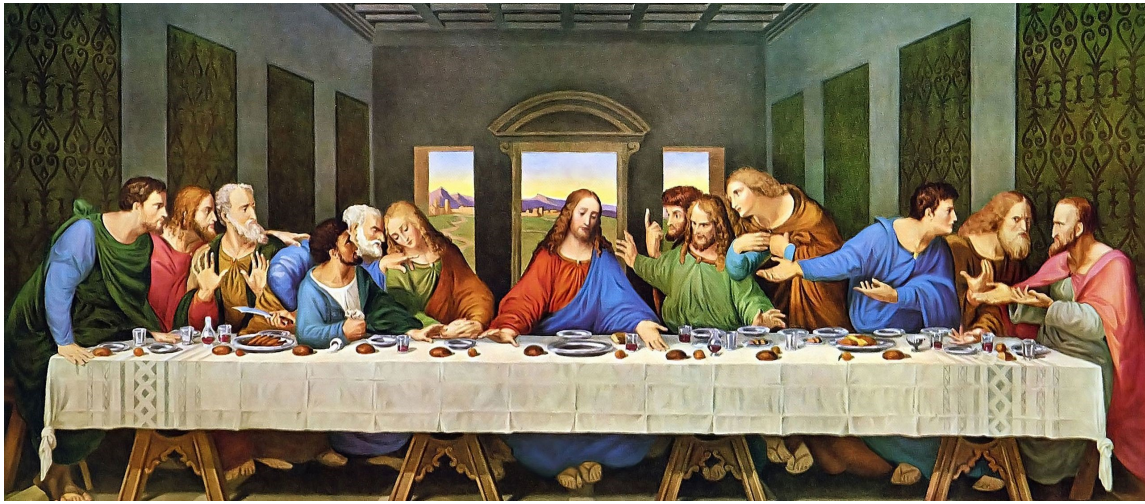
Our prayers and sympathy are with the family and friends of Graham Bryce, who died on Sunday, September 29, 2024. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. (Psalm 121:8)

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 the Bates, Paramour, and Everson families by Sally and Jon Bates.



The Last Supper

by Leonardo da Vinci, c. 1495–1498

*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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