

Service for the Lord's Day

Please remember to turn off your cell phone.



January 15, 2017
Second Sunday
After Epiphany

The Gathering

PRELUDE O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig*, BWV 656 (I, II) Johann Sebastian Bach

The prelude provides an opportunity for us to quiet our hearts and prepare our minds for worship.
**O innocent lamb of God*

INTROIT Behold the Lamb of God Bob Burroughs
Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

The introit is a musical reflection to help us turn toward God.

— John 1:29b (KJV)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
who laid down his life for us.
We join the great song of the people of God:
Blessing and honor and glory and power
be to God and to the Lamb forever and ever!

We are called together to give God praise and worship.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
As John recognized in you the Lamb of God,
given for the world, so may we see your sacrificial love
poured out for all the world.
Grant that we may follow in your way,
great Shepherd of the sheep. Amen.

As we come into God's presence, we turn to the Lord in prayer, giving thanks for God's blessings.

*HYMN No. 299 You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim HANOVER

We lift our voices in praise.

**Please stand if you are able.*

In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others.
We turn to God in prayer, asking forgiveness.

In this traditionally sung response, we ask for Christ's mercy and forgiveness.

We express gratitude that through God's grace and Christ's giving of himself on the cross, we are forgiven and restored to God and one another.

We sing in thanks for the gift of forgiveness and new life.

Jesus often greeted his disciples, saying, "Peace be with you." By extending his peace we affirm our unity in Christ and our reconciliation with God's people.

We celebrate ways the church seeks to glorify God and serve our neighbors through fellowship, study, and service.

***INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

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

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of Christ, have mercy upon us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.

Our prayers continue in silence.

***LORD HAVE MERCY**

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
- on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

LAUDA ANIMA

**With the saints we lift our voices, God of power, God of might.
All creation shines with glory, singing praises day and night:
alleluia, alleluia, holy, holy, holy light.**

Text: © 2011 by David Gambrell (admin. Presbyterian Publishing Corp.)

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
we ought also to forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you!
Please greet one another with signs of God's peace.

WELCOME AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Folder and return the folder back down the pew,
so that you may know those sitting around you.*

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Children up through 8th Grade are dismissed to their classes after the Children's Moment.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 49:1-6 Pew Bible, pg 679 (OT)
The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM I Waited for the Lord Barrie Cabena
I waited for the Lord, he bent down to me and heard my cry.
And on my lips he put a new song, a song of praise to our God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON John 1:29-42 Pew Bible, pg 92 (NT)
The Gospel of the Lord.
 Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "Behold the Lamb" Rev. Audrey Schindler

***HYMN** O Lamb of God Most Holy! O LAMM GOTTES



O Lamb of God most ho - ly! Who on the cross did suf - fer,



And pa-tient still and low - ly, Your - self to scorn did of - fer;



Our sins by You were tak - en, Or hope had us for - sak - en:



1. Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus!
2. Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus!
3. Your peace be with us, Je - sus!

Text: Nikolaus Decius (c. 1541) Trans. Arthur Tozer Russell (1806-1874)
Tune: O LAMM GOTTES, 7777 77 7; Nikolaus Decius

The children of the church gather to hear the Scripture story told in an engaging way.

We ask the Holy Spirit to help us understand and respond to the scriptures.

God's story points toward the restoration of all creation.

An offering of music with text linked to the Scriptures of the day.

Jesus is the Lamb of God bringing deliverance to God's people.

The sermon is a reflection on the day's Scriptures suggesting implications for our faith and life.

The middle hymn deepens our encounter with the Word.

The affirmation of faith invites us to join with God's people over the centuries, affirming God as Creator, Redeemer and Sustaining Spirit. It often calls for our response as people of faith in the world.

We offer gifts for the work of God's kingdom as a sign of our dedication to serving and loving Christ and the world.

We sing praise to God as the source "from whom all blessings flow."

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples, using the version from Matthew's Gospel that prays to be forgiven our "debts."

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Unison*) *from The Confession of 1967*

**God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ
is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways.
It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep,
atonement by a priest...and payment of debt.
These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond
the reach of all theory
in the depths of God's love for all people.**

OFFERTORY

Agnus Dei

Kristina Vasiliauskaite

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: *Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,*
miserere nobis. *have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: *Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,*
dona nobis pacem. *grant us peace.*

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

Text: © 1990 by Neil Weatherhogg Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH, LM; Genevan Psalter (1551)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS 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**

Thus Says the Lord of Hosts

NUN DANKET

Thus says the Lord of hosts to his belov'd creation,
'My servant I commend, a light for every nation.
My people he will call from every time and place,
and wholeness, my desire, this broken world embrace.'

Behold, the Lamb of God, our sinful souls befriending.
The Spirit is his sign, in pow'r and grace descending.
Of higher nature he than all who went before,
to lost and guilty come, with perfect grace in store.

Now may the Father's grace to all the world be given,
through his eternal Son, with perfect peace of heaven.
O fellowship divine, and love's eternal spring,
your never-ending praise let all creation sing!

Text: Michael Forster © 1993 by Kevin Mayhew, Ltd.
Tune: NUN DANKET, 67 67 66 66; Johann Crüger (1598-1662)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, BWV 656 (III) J.S. Bach

Music reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-706706

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor
Rev. Zane Buxton, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries
Emily Stecher, Director of Christian Education
Robert Moyer, Lector
Anne Foley, Acolyte
Jim Walsh, Usher Captain

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Maryhelen Calderwood, Herb Grose, Carl Hammond, Fran Hermanson,
Karen Keefer, Ann Leuthauser, George McGowan, Dorothy Steward,
and Helen Weber.

*The arrangement of flowers this morning is given in loving memory
of Davison, Suzanne, and David Castles, from their family.*

Having sung God's praise and heard God's word of hope and grace, we are sent from worship to follow Christ and serve his people in the world.

The benediction assures us that God's presence and blessing go with us as we go out into the world.

The Postlude is joyful music to send us on our way to serve God and our neighbors.

WORSHIP LEADERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 15

- 8 am Calvin Library Open, check out a book!
- 9 am Adult Bible Study (306)
Adult Study: Biblical Interpretation
(Kerygma Series) (Whitman)
- 9 am-1 pm Photo Exhibit (Chapel)
- 9:30 am Young Musicians Choir (203)
- 10:15 am Nursery Infants-2's (100)
- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 am Godly Play (PreK - 3 yrs) (203)
Godly Play (K - 2nd) (204)
Fish Tank (3 - 5th) (305)
Middle School (6 - 8th)(MS Room)
- 11:45 am Coffee & Fellowship (Geneva)
Deacon's Mtg. (Whitman)
Fair Trade Holiday Market (Geneva)
- Noon Adult Ed. Mtg. (306)
- 3:45 pm MS Youth Group (Ice Skating)
(Winterhawks Skating Center)

Monday, January 16

- 6 pm AA Meeting (207)

Tuesday, January 17

- 9 am-3 pm Photo Exhibit (Chapel)
- 9:30 am English Language Center (Geneva)
- 10 am Building Committee Mtg. (308)
- 1 pm Faith Development Mtg. (309)
- 4:30 pm English Language Center (Calvin)
- 6:30 pm AS&J Committee Mtg. (306)

Wednesday, January 18

- 9 am-3 pm Photo Exhibit (Chapel)
- 9:30 am Disciple II (Whitman)
- Noon Practical Theology (306)
- Noon Personnel/staff luncheon (Geneva)
- 7 pm Service of Healing and Hope (Sanctuary)

Thursday, January 19

- 7 am BIG Bible Study (Calvin)
- 9 am-3 pm Photo Exhibit (Chapel)
- 9:30 am English Language Center (Geneva)
- 10 am Open Circle (Whitman)
- 5:30 pm Julia West House Commission (JWH)
- 6:15 pm Transitional Youth (Geneva)
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Friday, January 20

- 9 am-3 pm Photo Exhibit (Chapel)
- 9:30 am Quilters (Quilter's Room)

Saturday, January 21

- 12:30 pm Celebration Works- PHAME
Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sunday, January 22

- 8 am Calvin Library Open, check out a book!
- 9 am Adult Bible Study (306)
Adult Study: Biblical Interpretation
(Kerygma Series) (Whitman)
- 9 am-1 pm Photo Exhibit (Chapel)
- 9:30 am Young Musicians Choir (203)
- 10:15 am Nursery Infants-2's (100)
- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 am Godly Play (PreK - 3 yrs) (203)
Godly Play (K - 2nd) (204)
Fish Tank (3 - 5th) (305)
Middle School (6 - 8th)(MS Room)
- 11:45 am Coffee & Fellowship (Geneva)
- 2 pm Celebration Works Concert - PHAME
(Sanctuary)

Stewardship Update!

Our current Stewardship pledges are \$710,295; 95.99% of the way toward our goal of \$740,000 to support the church's worship, care and mission. Thank you to those who have had a chance to pledge, and if you haven't yet done so, please join in adding your support by pledging toward the church's work and life!



New to First Church? We're glad you are here!
Please make yourself known to us by signing the Friendship Register.
Following worship today, one of our church members will in the Welcome Center during coffee hour in Geneva Hall to greet visitors and answer any questions you may have.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church office will be closed this coming Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday.

Please be advised that due to roof repairs, parking on the south side of Alder street between 12th & 13th will be unavailable from Friday, January 20 through Tuesday, January 31. The Parking Garage will be open during this time.

Fair Trade Table Today

Please visit the Fair Trade table in Geneva Hall to discover the new shipment of Equal Exchange, Canaan Fair Trade olive oil products and Café Justo coffees. Thank you for supporting this mission of empowerment for women in developing countries.

Middle School Youth Group - Ice Skating (TODAY)

Middle School Youth Group for 6th – 8th graders will meet today for an ice skating outing, from 3:45 – 5:15 pm at the WinterHawks Rink (9250 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy)! RSVP to Emily Stecher, and please bring \$10 to cover the cost of skating and pizza! Also, the deadline for the Middle School Winter Retreat that will be on February 24-26 at Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp is January 22. Register online at tinyurl.com/youthwinterretreat2017

Community Forum on Race Relations

This past year, our church had a series of meetings with leaders from the community on fostering greater racial understanding, and to support efforts in mentoring children. This Tuesday, January 17 at 7 pm, Southminster Presbyterian (12250 SW Denney Rd, in Beaverton) is hosting a Community Forum on Race Relations with other neighboring churches, discussing "What Happened to the Dream?" The event is free, with donations accepted for honoraria for presenters.

Service of Healing and Hope This Wednesday, January 18

FPC will be offering a special Service of Healing and Hope this Wednesday, January 18, at 7:00 pm. This contemplative service will be a chance to gather for prayer, Scripture, singing and communion, as we reflect on God's grace and unite as a community. We hope you will be able to attend.

The Tuesday Women's Book Club meets on February 7 at 11:30 am in Calvin Library. Bring your lunch; beverages and cookies will be provided. We'll be discussing "Poems New and Collected 1957-69" by Wislawa Szymborska. For more information contact Marilyn Weber at schatzimlw@gmail.com or 503 241-4081.

Adult Ed: "Listening to Scripture" with Rev. Audrey Schindler (January 15 – February 26)

Starting today and continuing through February 26, Rev. Audrey, with support from Rev. Zane and Will Deming, will lead an adult class on Sunday mornings at 9 am in the Whitman Room. Come to explore different approaches to Scripture and how looking at its literary, historical, and sociological background can illuminate Scripture's meaning for us today. Childcare is available upon request by contacting Emily Stecher.

- January 15: Introduction & Scripture in the Life of the Community of Faith
- January 22: Historical Setting
- January 29: Literary Context and Audience

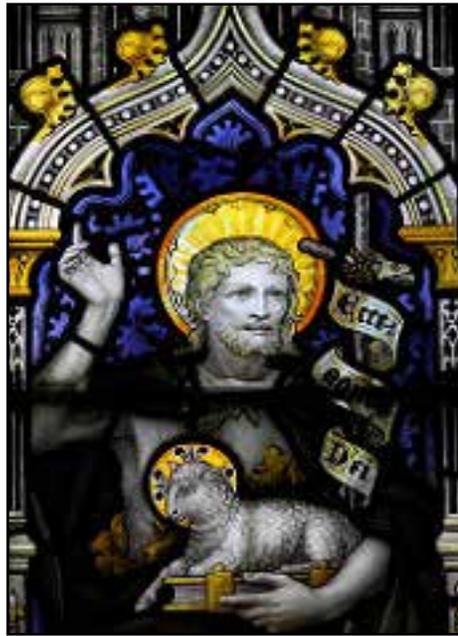
Celebration Works concert Next Sunday, January 22, at 2 pm!

Please join us in the Sanctuary **Next Sunday**, for the PHAME and Friends Winter Concert. The program will feature the PHAME Choir, Rock Ensemble, and special guests including The Bylines (Marianna Theilen, vocals & Reece Marshburn, piano; www.thebylines.com) and bassist Andre St. James (www.andrestjames.com), and will be directed by Matthew Gailey (PHAME's Director of Education and Performance Programs). Four hours of **free** parking will be offered, so you can hang around downtown before or after the show. And remember, all of this season's programs are offered **free** of charge, as gifts to the community, thanks to a group of generous and visionary donors. Please plan to attend! www.phamepdx.org

Food Drive, January 22nd & 29th and February 5th

The Mission Committee is sponsoring a food drive to provide needed food for families in need and for those without reliable sources of food in our community. Nutritious and protein filled and/or monetary donations will be received on January 22nd and 29th to support the following mercy organizations: the Oregon Food Bank and The Lift Urban of Portland. On Sunday, February 5th, Children and Youth will conclude this food drive with the Souper Bowl of Caring, receiving monetary donations at the Sanctuary doors. Contribute virtually at: goo.gl/SJrpNh We hope you will participate in one or more of these ways, as we help in our Lord's name to feed those who are hungry.





Behold, the Lamb of God
Agnus Dei window, St. Hilda's Church, Yorkshire



Mission Statement:
**Glorifying God,
Proclaiming Christ,
Serving Others**

Vision Statement:
At First Presbyterian Church, we commit to building faithfully on our legacy as a Christ-centered community, serving the spiritual needs of a multi-generational congregation, welcoming and accepting all, honoring all voices. Through engaging worship, thoughtful education, warm fellowship and caring outreach, we will develop and sustain disciples for Christ, serving our neighbors near and far.

PRINCIPAL CHURCH STAFF

Pastoral

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks, Menucha Director, Associate Pastor

Rev. Zane Buxton, Parish Associate

aschindler@firstpresportland.org

spencer@menucha.org

zbuxton@firstpresportland.org

Christian Education

Emily Stecher, Director of Christian Education

estecher@firstpresportland.org

Music

Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries

ghomza@firstpresportland.org

Administration

Bonnie Garcia, Business Administrator

cba@firstpresportland.org

First Presbyterian Church
1200 SW Alder Street Portland, OR 97205
www.firstpresportland.org

Sunday Services broadcast live on 1330 AM KKPZ radio and online at www.firstpresportland.org

Church Office (503) 228-7331
Pastor/Emergency Pager (503) 778-3008

Menucha (503) 695-2243
Julia West House (503) 916-4009