The Gathering

Prelude
O God of Love  John Corigliano (arr. Richard Dirksen)

Introit
Introit for Lent  Iain Quinn
For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, come let us adore him. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

* CALL TO WORSHIP
We come to worship God, who calls us from our security and sameness down the unknown path that leads to God’s heart. With trust, we place our hands in God’s. Christ, the companion of our sleepless nights beckons us out of the shadows of our fears, calling us to bring our doubts and questioning hearts, to embrace the future God offers beyond the path of the familiar.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)
God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path of eternal life. Grant that we, being born anew of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully walk in your ways through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

* HYMN #49
The God of Abraham Praise LEONI

*Please stand if you are able.
Assisted hearing devices & large print copies of the sermon and hymns are available from the ushers.
**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)*

God of mercy,
you sent Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your ways.
In pride, we have seen ourselves as more than we are.
We have too often failed in love,
egneclected justice,
and hurt those closest to us.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Grant us grace to return to your ways.

*Our prayers continue in silence.*

**LAMB OF GOD**

![Music notation]

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world,
that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

John Merbecke, 1550 | arr. Healey Willan, 1930

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The proof of God's amazing love is this,
that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!
RESPONSE OF PRAISE

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

Text: American folk hymn, c. 1811 | Music: Walker’s Southern Harmony, 1835

PASSING THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we are 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
down the pew, so that you may know those sitting around you.

THE CHILDREN’S MOMENT

The nursery is available for small children during the service.
After the Children’s Moment, children in preschool through 5th Grade may attend
Children’s Music & Sunday School or stay in worship. Parents/Guardians should pick
up their children from the Sunday School classrooms at 11:45 am.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Greeters
Kathryn Hill

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-4 Pew Bible, pg. 10 (OT)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes John Rutter

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defense upon thy right hand;
so that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in: from this time forth for evermore.
Amen.

— Psalm 121
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING  John 3:1-10, 14-17  Pew Bible, pg. 93 (NT)
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON  “When it’s Not All She Wrote”  Rev. Audrey Schindler

*HYMN #618  O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High  DEO GRACIAS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)  from A Brief Affirmation of Faith
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah
chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Offertory  God So Loved the World  Philip W.J. Stopford
God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through Him might be saved. Amen.
— John 3:16-17

*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.


*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 #826
Lift High the Cross
CRUCIFER

*Charge and Benediction
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Closing Response
from I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes
John Rutter

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Timothy Crane, Acolyte
Estelle Brunner, Lector
Steve Anderson, Usher Captain

Our thoughts and prayers are with:
Sally Broughton, Liz Dean, Ed & Janice Gehrig, Herb Grose, Carl Hammond,
David Hall (caringbridge.org/visit/wdhall), Bob Hastings, Fran Hermanson,
Anna Myers, Wilma Peterson, Pete Taylor, Margery Van Deusen, Forrest Wheeler,
and others facing illness and loss.

If you would like your name added to the prayer section of the weekly bulletin, or confidential prayers,
please contact the church office at office@firstpresportland.org or by phone at (503) 228-7331.

This morning, the sanctuary flowers are given
in memory of Esther Reschke, loving mother and grandmother of
Vincent, Paula and Stefan Carpenter.
Announcements

Join In Wednesday Worship During Lent:
March 11th: FPC with Brenna Dykman, our Interim Associate Pastor (service only at 7 pm)
Services below will begin every week at 7 pm:
March 18th: First Christian Church - 1314 SW Park Ave.
   Soup Supper at 6 pm
March 25th: First Congregational Church - 1126 SW Park Ave.
   Soup Supper at 6 pm
April 1st: St. James Lutheran Church - 1315 SW Park Ave.
   Soup Supper at 6 pm

Adult Ed Lenten Series – The Passion Narratives of the Four Gospels
The Gospel writers give us distinct accounts of the passion, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus. In these sessions led by Dale Hess at noon in the Whitman Room, we will look at the distinct accounts given in the Gospels. We will focus on two questions: how are these accounts the truth for us and how can we respond to them as disciples. Refreshments provided.
   • Today – Mark/ Matthew as Total Despair
   • March 15th – Luke as Healing
   • March 22nd – John as Mission Control
   • March 29th – The Good News After All the Bad News

High School Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser
Six FPC high school youth will be serving at Camp Attitude, a camp for children and youth with disabilities in Foster, OR, on June 20th-26th this summer. Their fundraising goal was $1,200, which they met and exceeded on the first Sunday of the fundraiser due to your generosity having raised $2,724.00. Any funds raised in excess of expenses will be saved in the Youth Mission Fund to support future trips. This year’s fundraiser events will continue through March 15th during coffee fellowship, and each day has a fun theme:
   Today – Join the Mission Team at the Camp Fire!
   Free s’mores bars, dry s’mores trail mix, and wrapped mini hot dogs for all to celebrate going to camp!
   March 15th – How Sweet! Support the Youth Mission Team Bake-Off!
   Everyone in the congregation is invited to bring a homemade sweet treat to enter into this year’s food competition since the camp is near Sweet Home, OR!
   To enter, please let Emily Stecher know that you plan to participate!

FPC Musicians at Trinity Cathedral Today
Members of the FPC Chancel Choir will provide musical leadership for a service of Evensong at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral today at 5 pm. Evensong is an ancient contemplative service of music and scripture, and will last about 45 minutes. All are welcome. Trinity Cathedral is located at 147 NW 19th Ave (at NW Everett), and there is a parking lot on the East side of 19th Ave (it is normally metered, but parking is free during service times.)

Many thanks to John Jensen, who has tirelessly shepherded the project of replacing all the pew cushions in the entire sanctuary over the past several years! The project is complete, including 335 separate cushions, most of them with different measurements. Please join in thanking John for his great work in helping our sanctuary be more comfortable for all!

Presbyterian Womens Ministry, March 15th
The Presbyterian Womens Ministry will be having a follow up meeting on March 15th at 11:45 am in Calvin Library to approve the budget for the Whitman Room furnishings. Women, please plan to attend. In addition, we will have an outline of responsibilities for the Presbytery of the Cascades Spring Gathering May 16th at FPC. Keynote speaker will be Jane Kirkpatrick so you will want to be in attendance for that. Mark your calendars now. Questions? Please contact (ann.walsh@gmail.com).

Next Celebration Works Concert on March 20th
Thanks to everyone who made a gift in support of the 2020-21 Celebration Works season! We look forward to announcing our most exciting season yet in the coming months. In the meantime, the next concert will be on Friday, March 20th at 7 pm. Bach and Sons is a multimedia organ concert celebrating the life of J.S. Bach and his sons, narrated by women who were important in the lives of these great composers. The concert features organist and narrator Dr. Jeannine Jordan, with media artist David Jordan, who will bring the story to life with visual projections. All Celebration Works concerts are presented free of charge, as gifts to the greater Portland community from FPC and our generous donors.

J. Herbert Nelson II Preaching on March 22nd
Our Special Guest Preacher on Sunday, March 22nd, will be The Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Dr. Nelson will also be speaking at the meeting of the Cascades Presbytery, at Westminster Church, Portland, on Friday, March 21st.
Second Menucha Forum, March 22nd
For over a year, a workgroup appointed by Session has been exploring the merits of making Menucha a separate nonprofit corporation. A recent article about the group’s work appeared in the March Spire, and a congregational forum about the proposal was held in February. A second forum is scheduled for Sunday, March 22nd from noon to 1 pm in Geneva Hall. All are welcome! Light snacks will be provided.

Palm Sunday Brunch
You are invited to attend the annual Palm Sunday Brunch at Menucha on Sunday, April 5th at 1 pm. This family friendly event costs $18.50 per adult (13 and older), $10.50 per youth (7-12), and children 6 and under eat for free. Rides can be arranged and scholarships are available upon request. For more information or to purchase tickets, please see Lauren Deming downstairs in Geneva Hall during coffee hour immediately following the service.

Capital Campaign Mission Giving – Third Round!
What are your ideas for mission projects that you would like our congregation to support? The application form is available on the church website, or from the church office. The deadline for submissions is April 1st, 2020. If you need assistance completing the application, please contact committee members – Kathryn Hill (hillka@teleport.com), Steve Primack, Linda Killen and Greg Aldrich.

Lenten Carbon Fast Calendar
Six downtown churches have collaborated on a Lenten calendar with reflections and ways to reduce your carbon impact on the planet (drawdown4creation.org). Also, have you taken the PC(USA)’s Climate Care Challenge at (bit.ly/2HPbK4M).

Fair Trade Personal Orders in March
Members of the Fair Trade Team are eager to provide Fair Trade items as personal orders throughout March. Please see Roberta, Marilyn, Carolyn, Christy, Karen or contact Gail at the office who will pass along your request for Canaan Fair Trade olive oils and exotic spices, a delicious Equal Exchange chocolates and dried fruits and Café Justo Fair Trade coffees. Thank you for supporting Fair Trade.

FPC Women’s Retreat at Menucha April 17-19th
To sign up, please visit: (https://bit.ly/2VJmQR5). This year’s theme is, “In the Sanctuary of Women.” Our very own Interim Associate Pastor Brenna Dykman will be using the work of Poet and Pastor Jan Richardson to exploring questions related to how we create holy space with our community. Come, join a vibrant community of women and we ponder, reflect, and pray about topics such as where do we find refuge, understanding, belonging, and blessings. Questions? Please contact a member of our planning team: Nancy Callison at (nwcallison@att.net), Lori Webb at (lorilwebb@comcast.net) or Amy Wood at (awood6961@gmail.com).

Higher Education Scholarship
Application deadline is Monday, May 11th. (Formerly known as the college scholarship.) For high school seniors or others who may have delayed entrance to further education and have been accepted into an accredited two-year, trade, license or certification program or full college and who were or are currently active with the community of First Presbyterian Church in their high school years. You can obtain more information about the requirements and an application form from the office or from Emily Stecher.

Sign-up for the FPC Day of Service Today!
Every wonder why volunteers aren’t paid? It’s because they’re priceless! Won’t you join us May 9th for the church-wide Day of Service? The first 100 volunteers that sign up in Geneva Hall will receive a Free FPC shirt to wear at the Day of Service. Sign up at the table in Geneva Hall during coffee hour or online: (https://bit.ly/2HIML98).

Seeking Artists from our Church for June Exhibit
The Shared Expressions Exhibition is looking for artists within our church to display their paintings, photographs, sculpture, needlework, poetry - any creative endeavor that can be displayed. The show runs from June 7th - July 12th. Questions? Please contact Susan Miner (503) 274-7024.
Weekly Calendar

Second Sunday in Lent, March 8
8 am Calvin Library Open, check out a book!
9 am-1 pm Bob Gleason: An Artist’s View (Chapel)
9 am Adult Bible Study (306)
10:15 am Nursery Infants-2’s (100)
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
10:45 am Children’s Music (203)
11 am Godly Play (Pre-K-2nd Grade) (204)
Fish Tank (3rd-5th Grade) (Youth Rm, 305)
11:45 am Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser (Geneva)
Coffee Fellowship (Geneva)
Medieval Art Students Visit (Sanctuary)
1 pm Downtown Youth Collective
Gathering (Outing to the Grotto, gathering in Geneva Hall)
Noon Adult Ed: Passion Narratives of the Four Gospels (Whitman)
Thursday, March 12
7 am BIG Bible Study (off-site)
9 am-3 pm Bob Gleason: An Artist’s View (Chapel)
10 am Open Circle (Whitman)
10:30 am Meadowlark Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
11:30 am Open Circle Brown Bag Lunch (Calvin)
6 pm Mission Standing Committee Mtg. (Calvin)
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Monday, March 9
6 pm Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)
AA Mtg. (Geneva)
Tuesday, March 10
9 am-3 pm Bob Gleason: An Artist’s View (Chapel)
10 am Disciple III In Action
(Meeting Off-Site Today)
1:30 pm Christian Ethics & More Book Group
(Whitman)
10:15 am Nursery Infants-2’s (100)
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
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Fish Tank (3rd-5th Grade) (Youth Rm, 305)
11:30 am Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser (Geneva)
Coffee Fellowship (Geneva)
Confirmation Class (Youth Rm, 305)
Deacon’s Mtg. (Chapel)
Presbyterian Women’s Ministry Mtg.
(Whitman)
Noon Adult Ed: Passion Narratives of the Four Gospels (Whitman)

Wednesday, March 11
9 am-3 pm Bob Gleason: An Artist’s View (Chapel)
Noon Practical Theology (308)
Safety Committee Mtg. (Whitman)
12:30 pm All Staff Mtg.
7 pm Lenten Service with Brenna Dykman,
Interim Associate Pastor (Sanctuary)
Saturday, March 14
9 am NEFP Food Bank Service (4800 NE 72nd Ave.)
10:30 am Meadowlark Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Third Sunday in Lent, March 15
8 am Calvin Library open, check out a book!
9 am-1 pm Bob Gleason: An Artist’s View (Chapel)
9 am Adult Bible Study (306)
10:15 am Nursery Infants-2’s (100)
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New to First Church? We’re glad you are here!
Please make yourself known to us by signing the Friendship Register. You’ll find
a nursery, restrooms and coffee through the doors at the front of the Sanctuary on
the right side. Interested in exploring membership in First Church? If you’d like more details, or
if you’re ready to sign up for one of the classes, please contact the church office at (503) 228-7331.
“What is born of the Spirit is spirit...”
*Nicodemus* Harold Coppen, 1910

**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.

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