



**First Presbyterian Church,
Port Townsend, WA**

Welcome!

Sunday, May 12, 2024

We strive to welcome everyone without regard to ability, race, religious background or perspective, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

In that spirit, we begin our gathering by acknowledging the first residents and stewards of this land. We acknowledge that the land we now use for worship and service in Port Townsend is on the traditional homeland of the S'Klallam and the Chemakum Peoples. We commit to uplifting indigenous voices long silenced, and we pledge to honor, in word and in deed, the Creator, the original stewards of this land, and the creation they hold dear. Peace be with you!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Leaders reads plain text **Congregation reads bold text** 🙏 Please stand as you feel comfortable

PRELUDE & WELCOME

CENTERING SILENCE & CALL TO WORSHIP

Centering Silence

Blessed are those who seek God. **God is the sun, the light, and the light maker.**

Blessed are those who delight in God's Word. **God is the song, the melody, and the song maker.**

Let us worship God!

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 1

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| <p>¹ The truly happy person
doesn't follow wicked advice,
doesn't stand on the road of sinners,
and doesn't sit with the disrespectful.</p> <p>² Instead of doing those things,
these persons
love the LORD'S Instruction,
and they recite God's Instruction
day and night!</p> <p>³ They are like a tree
replanted by streams of water,
which bears fruit at just the right time
and whose leaves don't fade.</p> | <p>Whatever they do succeeds.</p> <p>⁴ That's not true for the wicked!
They are like dust
that the wind blows away.</p> <p>⁵ And that's why the wicked
will have no standing
in the court of justice—
neither will sinners
in the assembly of the righteous.</p> <p>⁶ The LORD is intimately acquainted
with the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is destroyed.</p> |
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† GATHERING SONG

#795 Healer of our Every Ill

HONESTY WITH GOD

...Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

O Christ who prayed for us, died for us, and lives for us,
you taught us that we belong to you, and your word is our truth.

Forgive us, O Lord, when we live as if we belonged only to ourselves.

**Forgive us, O Lord, when we foolishly think that power is the ultimate truth,
and violence the most trustworthy way.**

Silent, Personal Confession

Speak your words of peace to us this day,

and make our lives a testimony to your grace.

For you are the source of life itself, and only in you can we truly live. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings. We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace.

Friends, *trust* in the good news of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

† RESPONSE TO PARDON

#44 Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

With caring for ourselves and our neighbor in view, we greet and welcome our fellow pilgrims this morning with a bow of the head, a word of peace, a 'namaste.' Please save close contact for other settings.

May the Peace of Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

ENCOUNTER WITH THE WORD

MUSICAL INVITATION TO THE WORD

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

John 17:6–19

⁶ “I have revealed your name to the people you gave me from this world. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you.⁸ This is because I gave them the words that you gave me, and they received them. They truly understood that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

⁹ “I’m praying for them. I’m not praying for the world but for those you gave me, because they are yours.¹⁰ Everything that is mine is yours

and everything that is yours is mine; I have been glorified in them.¹¹ I’m no longer in the world, but they are in the world, even as I’m coming to you. Holy Father, watch over them in your name, the name you gave me, that they will be one just as we are one.¹² When I was with them, I watched over them in your name, the name you gave to me, and I kept them safe. None of them were lost, except the one who was destined for destruction, so that scripture would be fulfilled.¹³ Now I’m coming to you and I say these things while I’m in the world so that

they can share completely in my joy.¹⁴ I gave your word to them and the world hated them, because they don't belong to this world, just as I don't belong to this world.¹⁵ I'm not asking that you take them out of this world but that you keep them safe from the evil one.¹⁶ They don't

belong to this world, just as I don't belong to this world.¹⁷ Make them holy in the truth; your word is truth.¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.¹⁹ I made myself holy on their behalf so that they also would be made holy in the truth.

Silent Reflection

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Rose" ~ Elisabeth Heiner & Susanne Skadron

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:15–17, 21–26

¹⁵ During this time, the family of believers was a company of about one hundred twenty persons. Peter stood among them and said,¹⁶ "Brothers and sisters, the scripture that the Holy Spirit announced beforehand through David had to be fulfilled. This was the scripture concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus.¹⁷ This happened even though he was one of us and received a share of this ministry."

²¹ "Therefore, we must select one of those who have accompanied us during the whole time the Lord Jesus lived among us,

²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when Jesus was taken from us. This person must become along with us a witness to his resurrection."²³ So they nominated two: Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.

²⁴ They prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's deepest thoughts and desires. Show us clearly which one you have chosen from among these two²⁵ to take the place of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas turned away to go to his own place."

²⁶ When they cast lots, the lot fell on Matthias. He was added to the eleven apostles.

Silent Reflection

The Gift of the Living Word in the written Word

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

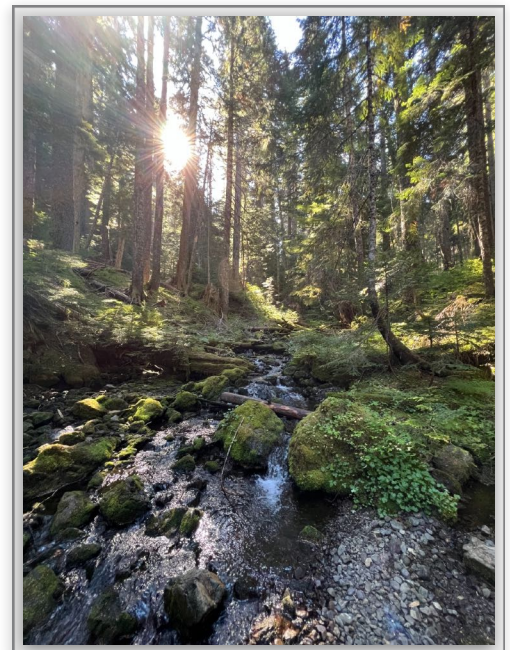
Pastor Paul

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

WHAT DO WE GIVE TO GOD?

*Along with the voices of all creation,
let us worship God with our giving,
praising and giving thanks to the God who created all life
and called it awesomely good.*

OFFERTORY



DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Presbyterian Counseling Center, Dr. Elisabeth Heiner

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

We invite you to breathe deeply and offer your prayers to God.

For those live online, if you would like to lift up a particular prayer concern or individual, please feel free to use the chat function. Please be sensitive to the privacy of others.

When the leader prays "Lord in your mercy," you are invited to respond, "hear our prayer."

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD**WORSHIP IN SONG**

#767 Together We Serve

CHARGE, BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

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We are Writing**

FPCPT Stewardship 2024

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TEWARDSHIP 2024

What story would you tell about church being gone from your life?

THINK: _____

WRITE: _____

TEWARDSHIP 2024

COMPASSION - PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT TOWNSEND

With and in celebration of God's abundant grace and steadfast love, we feel called to give to God through the ministry of First Presbyterian Church

Weekly Monthly Annually