

## *Sabbatical Bulletin*

### *Our Season of Gratitude and Stewardship*

*Creation, Children Sabbath, Relationships, The Saints Triumphant,  
Resources Entrusted to Our Care, Our Discipleship Together  
In the Chapel*

## **Common Ground**

The Presbyterian USA Congregation  
in the Colonial Heights Neighborhood



Sabbatical: Rest, Refresh, Renew

Welcome newcomer or long time friend.

We're glad you are with us today!

We invite you to share in the ministry &  
celebration of our life together in Christ  
through Worship, Study, & Service.

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*Gratitude  
makes sense of our past,  
brings peace for today,  
and creates a vision  
for tomorrow.*

*Gratitude  
makes things right.  
Gratitude  
turns negative energy  
into positive energy.*

*There is no situation  
or circumstance  
so small or large  
that it is not susceptible to  
gratitude's  
power.*

*Say thank you,  
until you mean it.  
If you say it long enough,  
you will believe it.*

Melody Beattie

## *Welcome*

*Those at home, please mute during the songs so you can sing—this allows all participants to hear the music provided in the service. No playlist-Live music only this week.*

*We are following the requirements to mask (vaccinated or not) and request that those for whom this poses too great a burden join with us online.*

GREETING

PRELUDE

*Please join us as we light our candles as a sign of our gathering.*

**OUR CALLING**

*Psalms 24:1 & Ps. 19:1*

The earth is God's and all that is in it,

**The world and those who live in it.**

The heavens declare the glory of the Holy One.

**The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**

The plants and trees show God's presence.

**Let us join with creation in praising the Holy One.**

**HYMN AS OUR PRAYER FOR GATHERING & GRACE**

*Selections offered each week by our guest preachers or our music director.*

**SEEKING WHOLENESS**

God of life, You created us in your image to care for one another and for all creation.

**Forgive us for turning away from you,**

**ignoring the needs of our neighbors and the cries of the earth.**

As the sun brings light to this earth, as the rains refresh and give blessing,

**make us signs of your grace, through Christ, our light and life, we pray.**

*We continue our prayer for wholeness with a time of silence; for in silence God may be able to get a word in edgewise—and we know that to practice listening for God in self-reflection and confession enlarges our capacity to recognize and live the truth.*

**ASSURANCE & PEACE**

Compassion, creativity, and joy are ours through Jesus Christ.

In the waters of baptism the Holy Spirit moves us giving clear witness to the life-giving purpose of our creator. Healing and forgiveness are ours in Christ.

**Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

The peace of Christ be with you,

**and also with you**

Let us share the signs of peace now and through our life this week.

**CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE #692 vs 2 *Spirit Open My Heart*** WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

**Refrain: *Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.***

***As you love may I love, in receiving, and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.***

***Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.***

***In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. Refrain***

## *Word*

TIME OF WONDER & **BLESSING #699** *Fill My Cup*

FILL MY CUP

*Refrain: Fill my cup; let it overflow; fill my cup; let it overflow; fill my cup;  
let it overflow; let it overflow with love.*

*Lord let me be your instrument, spreading sunshine in the land;  
let people see your works in me; help me live the best I can. Refrain*

### OUR PRAYER FOR HEARING GOD'S WORD

Gracious God, your Word is a living word. By your Spirit awaken us, that we may see and hear your presence in the world and in the scripture that we read today.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our brother and guide. **Amen**

### THE STORY OF FAITH FROM THE SCRIPTURES

*Each week our guest preachers will offer scriptures from the  
Revised Common Lectionary or from their own selections for sharing Good News.*

### REFLECTING ON THE SCRIPTURES TOGETHER

Guest Preacher

## *Offering Our Discipleship*

OUR OFFERING-*our trust, our prayers, our gifts and tithes*

**#717**

***For the Life That You Have Given***

PLEADING SAVIOR

***For the life you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor,  
with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we  
bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.***

AN INVITATION TO PRAY **#469** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* CHILDREN PRAYING

***Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit to this place.***

***Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.***

*Thanks & Praise: Gracious God we give thanks and praise you. . . Yours is the love that cannot be contained.*

People of Common Ground for what would you give thanks and praise?

*In a word or phrase you are welcome to share your prayer aloud or in silence...*

And so we lift our voice and sing: ***Lord, Listen to your children. . .***

*Petitions & Concerns: In you all concerns are welcomed, all questions of direction and purpose honored...*

People of Common Ground for what needs would you pray?

*In a word or phrase you are welcome to share your prayer aloud or in silence...*

And so we lift our voice and sing: ***Lord, Listen to your children. . .***

With confidence that you hear our prayers, we offer ourselves for your good purposes,

watching and waiting for the healing of your creation as we work toward your coming reign as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught:

**Our Father, who is in heaven, holy is your name, your kingdom come,  
your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

## Sending

### HYMN OF SERVICE

*Selections offered each week by our guest preachers or our music director.*

### CHARGE AND BLESSING

May the One who creates us, go with and before us,  
May the One who saves us, lead us into everlasting life,  
May the One who gives us wisdom, guide us in the way of peace.  
**Alleluia! Amen.**

### POSTLUDE

*Many thanks to our liturgist's prayers and leading our worship, to Ivona Schacker, MUSIC DIRECTOR and our Musicians in Residence for the ministry of music, and our online host, Kate Belt, who ensures that the technology is a blessing, not a burden for our congregation.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**During this sabbatical time, we can share announcements** as we gather at 10:15 and as we close—just before the Postlude, please give your announcements to the liturgist or guest preacher.

**This Season of Gratitude and Stewardship** includes our preparation for making our stewardship pledges for 2022 and our dedication of those pledges. This has always included ways we hope to serve in the mission and ministry of the congregation and our financial gifts planned for 2022. You may have been part of communities that share a proposed budget as a part of the request for making a pledge. At some level this encourages us to see giving as giving to a budget—giving for something we want to see done or at least our priorities enacted. Our practice of stewardship sees Christian stewardship at its heart as returning to God some portion of what God has entrusted to us. Built on the Psalmist's declaration, "The world is God's and the fullness there of, the earth and all its people." we witness with our stewardship that all we have and all we are belongs to God, and the symbolic portion we pledge is simply a token of that understanding. As you prepare for our pledge dedication know that your Session members are praying for you in your household's discernment of giving for 2022. **On Sunday, November 21 we will dedicate our pledges** with this sung prayer of stewardship:

**#694**

***Great God of Every Blessing***

AURELIA

***Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care, you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share. How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start: sincerely and completely, I offer you my heart.***

***Your word is our salvation, the source of endless grace, in death and life extending your covenant embrace. In Christ we are one body; each member has a part: sincerely and completely, I offer you my heart.***

***Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search, transforming broken people into the holy church. For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart: sincerely and completely, I offer you my heart.***

### ***2021 CURRENT BUILDING USE***

*Hawthorne Family Playschool Monday through Friday*

*8:00-9:00 am-set up, 12:00-1:00 pm cleanup, classroom time 9:00 am -12:00 pm*

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| Sunday | 9:00-10:00 am  | Musician Rehearsals Chapel & Sanctuary  |
|        | 10:00-11:00 am | MCC Worship-Sanctuary in-person and on Facebook   |
|        | 10:15 am       | Welcome & Greeting for Common Ground in the Chapel  |
|        | 10:30 am       | Common Ground Worship in the Chapel & Zoom- see worship page for weekly details of our guest preachers and communion observations |

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| Monday      | 11:00 am-6:30 pm<br><b>12:00 -2:00 pm</b><br>12:00-5:00 pm<br><b>4:00 pm</b><br>6:30 pm   | Meg Dixon, MIR- Voice & Piano Lessons-Chapel<br><b>No Office Hours</b><br>Megan Cronin, MIR-Violin & Viola lessons–Friendship Room<br><b>Session Meets</b> (lower level-room as available) December 15?<br>PDX Vox Lessons on the Front Porch and in the Chapel   |
| Tuesday     | <b>9:00 am-12:00 pm</b><br>6:30 pm<br><b>6:45 pm</b>  | <b>No Office Hours</b><br>PDX Vox Lessons on the Front Porch and in the Chapel<br><b>Monthly Reading &amp; Reflection Book Group-Zoom Nov. 11 (note change), Dec. 14</b><br><b>See new <u>reading list for 2021-22</u> at our website</b>   |
| Wednesday   | <b>11:00 am-3:00 pm</b><br><b>11:00 am-1:00 pm</b><br>11:00 am-4:00 pm<br><b>12:00 pm</b><br>Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81327678965?pwd=dURsbW9xdEZ0QVk2Z2NDTFRzZmJsUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81327678965?pwd=dURsbW9xdEZ0QVk2Z2NDTFRzZmJsUT09</a><br>6:30-8:30 pm<br>6:30-8:30 pm<br>7:00-9:00 pm<br>7:00-10:00 pm | <b>Possible Office Hours</b> —can you help?<br><b>Quiet Space in the Sanctuary</b><br>Meg Dixon, MIR- Voice & Piano Lessons-Chapel<br><b>Mid-day, Midweek Prayer—Rev. Tim Winslea, RN</b><br>HFP Board Meetings (first Wednesdays): 11/3, 12/1, 1/5<br>Community Meetings (typically 3rd Wednesdays) 10/20, 11/17, 12/15<br>2nd Wednesdays MCC Board Meeting-Social Hall<br>Logan Thane Brown, MIR- Brass groups- Sanctuary |
| Thursday    | <b>9:30-11:30 am</b><br><b>10:00-11:35 am</b><br>6:30-9:00 pm   | <b>Possible Office Hours</b> —can you help?<br><b>Weekly Tai Chi Joan Smith-Front Porch or Grounds</b><br>First Thursdays PDX Vox Invitation to Sing-Chapel/Front Porch Nov. 4, Dec. 2  |
| Friday      |   | <i>Office Closed</i>  |
| Saturday    | 10:00 -11:30 am<br>9:00 am-12:00 pm<br>1:30–6:30 pm   | <i>Office Closed</i><br><i>Overeaters Anonymous online at the moment in-person mtg. soon– Social Hall</i><br>Logan Thane Brown, MIR- Brass groups- Sanctuary<br>Gregor McGee, MIR—Sanctuary   |
| NEXT SUNDAY | <b>9:00-10:00 am</b><br>10:00-11:00 am<br><br><b>10:15 am</b><br><b>10:30 am</b>  | <b>Musician Rehearsals preparation, Chapel &amp; Sanctuary</b><br>MCC Worship-Sanctuary with in-person and on Facebook<br>We will not be scheduling Sanctuary use without MCC coordination<br><b>Welcome &amp; Greeting for Common Ground in the Chapel</b><br><b>Common Ground Worship in the Chapel &amp; Zoom</b><br><b>or use website resources for personal at home devotions</b>                                      |

### Looking Ahead:

- ◆ MCC's Annual Congregational Meeting is October 31 following their worship—both the Sanctuary & Social Hall
- ◆ **Linda's Sabbatical-part 1 is s planned for October 21-November 28**
- ◆ **Pray Away** this Netflix documentary (you can view at any time) will have a special viewing at the Q Center (in-person only) on November 7 at 2 pm, followed by a panel discussion on Zoom both by pre-registration only
- ◆ PDX Vox Fall Recital in the Sanctuary on Saturday November 20-use *all day*
- ◆ **Advent November 28-December19**
- ◆ Confluence Concert in Sanctuary on Saturday, December 4, 2021
- ◆ **Monthly Conversations and skill building in Mental Health & Illness begin at Noon Sunday, Dec 5 (January-March 2nd Sundays at Noon. Tim Winslea & Naomi Caster are part of a design team shaping this opportunity for our Common Ground congregations and neighbors.**
- ◆ Christmas Bird Count Sunday, January 2, 2022
- ◆ Confluence Concert in Sanctuary on Saturday, March 12, 2022
- ◆ Confluence Concert in Sanctuary on Saturday, June 4, 2022



***We Practice the Privilege of Prayer.  
Jesus said, "Abide in me...Love one another."***

Seeking ways for the light of Christ to be visible  
within and beyond our church walls.

May our door be narrow enough  
to keep out hate and prejudice,  
but wide enough to welcome all in God's love.

***We invite you to take time through the service to make your own list  
for our prayers of the people. We share our rejoicing and concerns:***

**We Give Thanks . . .**

**We Seek God's protection and guidance . . .**

**We Call upon God's Strength & Healing Presence . . .**

**We Ask for Hope & Assurance for Those Who Face Uncertainty . . .**

**Through Us May God Comfort Those Who Grieve . . .**

**We Pray for the Church and the World . . .**

***A Week of Intercessory Prayer for:***

**Our Church Family** The staff & community of Westminster  
Presbyterian Church of Portland

**Our Ministry & Mission** *Our Building Partners:* MCC, HFP, PDX Vox, 12 step groups,  
Musicians in Residence . . .

**Where did you see Jesus?**

Share your story in a few words (less than 250) send to the church office by  
email: [office@chpcpd.org](mailto:office@chpcpd.org), so we can share this good news.

