



First Unitarian Portland  
*Order of Service*

Sunday, November 24, 2024 | In-person or [Livestream](#) | 10:15 a.m.  
November 2024 Spiritual Theme: "Story"

Gathering Hymn	"We Give Thanks"	
Welcome		Jen Thomas, Member Engagement Coordinator
Chalice Lighting		
Call to Worship		Rev. Thomas Disrud
Anthem	"La Marche des Rois" arr. Robert Shaw / Alice Parker	Cascade of the Portland Gay Men's Chorus Garrett Bond, Conductor
Responsive Reading	"Life is the Only Way" Wislaw Szymborska	Rev. Disrud
Doxology	"Spirit of Life"	
Offertory	"Merry Everything" Ernie Lijoi	Cascade
Pastoral Concerns & Prayer		Jen Thomas
Silent Meditation		
Hymn	"Heap High the Farmer's Wintry Hoard"	
Reading	"Once the World Was Perfect" Joy Harjo	
Anthem	"Jul, jul, strålande Jul" Gustaf Nordqvist	Cascade
Sermon	"Gratitude Anyway"	Rev. Disrud
Prayer		
Hymn	"We Sing Now Together"	
Benediction		
Postlude	"J-I-N-G-L-E Bells" arr. Jonathan Black	Cascade

# A Glimpse of Upcoming Gatherings

Subscribe to our weekly "Front Steps" for FULL church updates, links, events, and special information: [tinyurl.com/enews-signup](https://tinyurl.com/enews-signup).

## Happening Sunday 11/24/2024

- **New folks!** Please join us right after the service // Gather at the "Welcome Circle" sign at the Sanctuary's front right corner.

- **"T" Time: A Trans, Nonbinary, & Gender-Expansive, Exclusive Gathering:** Please join us in B-102 // 12 p.m.

- **Care & Action for Reproductive Dignity (CARD):** From 12:00 – 1 p.m. // Location: Fireside Room

- **Childcare 6mo-3yrs:** Location: A-103 Nursery.

- **Social Hour:** Immediately following the service // This Sunday we will be in Fuller Hall.

- **Free Parking Every Sunday** in the U-Park across the street until 4 p.m. // First-come first-serve.

## Recurring Workshops, Classes & Open Gatherings

**Art Wall Exhibition:** Come down to Fuller Hall and enjoy a wide variety of art each month!

**Loving Kindness Meditation:** On Zoom Mondays from 8-8:30p.

**Caregivers Support Group:** Open to Newcomers. Fourth Sunday of each month at 9a [via Zoom](#).

**First Steps:** First Sunday of most months @12:15p in Channing.

**Friday Vesper Services:** from 5 - 5:40p [via Zoom](#).

**Mental Health Caregivers Group:** Second Wednesdays every month via Zoom 7-8:30p. [Email](#).

**"T" Time: A Trans, Nonbinary, & Gender-Expansive, Exclusive Gathering:** Meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in Channing Room after the service.

**Alliance Presents:** Usually every first Wednesday of the month @10:30a in Eliot Chapel.

**Labyrinth:** First Sundays of the month in Fuller Hall.

## Shower Project Needs

Your donations of these specific items will make a big difference in the lives of those we serve. Thank you for your support!

- Blankets and sleeping bags
- Winter coats/jackets (all sizes)
- Men's clothes (all sizes)
- Snacks of all kinds

Items can be left in the COHHO bins in Fuller Hall.



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Navigate to the [Front Steps](#) or [Church Calendar](#) for more information on gatherings: [beacons.ai/firstupdx](https://beacons.ai/firstupdx)

Your donations support the work of this church.

Thank you! Please feel free to add a note to direct your donation to a specific effort.

**Need help locating a room?**

Ask an usher! They'd be happy to help.

## Pick up your name tags!

**Location:** Sanctuary Narthex/Lobby

### Our Mission

First Unitarian aims to create a welcoming community of diverse individuals; to promote love, reason, and freedom in religion; to foster lifelong spiritual growth; and to act for social justice.

### Our Vision

First Unitarian Portland is a beacon of hope for us and for our community, a spiritual center in the heart of our city that helps each of us to find our moral compass, calling and challenging us to build the beloved community with an ever-deepening sense of spirit, diversity, & inclusion.

### Shared Plate Plate

For the month of November, we share our plate with Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (IMIRJ). Its mission is to support and equip communities and people of faith to advance immigrant justice through direct accompaniment of immigrants facing detention and deportation, policy advocacy, and purposeful organizing. IMIRJ creates a more just world for immigrants, migrants, and asylum seekers by taking both immediate and long-term collective, intentional action.