



First Unitarian Portland
Order of Service

Sunday, November 17, 2024 | In-person or [Livestream](#) | 10:15 a.m.
November 2024 Spiritual Theme: "Story"

Gathering Hymn	"All Creatures of the Earth and Sky"	
Welcome		Rev. Thomas Disrud
Chalice Lighting		Eliot Chapel 100th Anniversary Committee
Call to Worship		Rev. Alison Miller
Anthem	"Hymn to Freedom" Oscar Peterson, arr. Paul Read	Chancel Choir Garrett Bond, Director
Responsive Reading	"They Are with Us Still"	Rev. Miller
Doxology	"Spirit of Life"	
Testimony	"Join the Journey of Generosity"	Laura Milne
Offertory	"Variations on a Shaker Tune" from Appalachian Spring / Aaron Copland	Joe O'Donnell, organ Garrett Bond, piano
Hymn	"Gather the Spirit"	
Pastoral Concerns & Prayer		Danielle Garrett, Assistant Minister
Silent Meditation		
Reading	Excerpt from "The Religion of the Spirit" Ulysses G.B. Pierce	
Anthem	"For Love Shall Be Our Song" Douglas E. Wagner	
Homily	"Generosity and Generativity"	Rev. Miller
Blessing Ritual		Rev. Miller, Rev. Disrud, Danielle Garrett
Hymn	"Forward Through the Ages"	
Benediction		Rev. Miller
Postlude	Finale from "Firebird Suite" Igor Stravinsky	Joe O'Donnell, organ Garrett Bond, piano

Nov. 17 - CELEBRATION SUNDAY!

You can give to the church anytime, but it is the gifts we receive during our *SEASON OF GIVING* that we use to plan our budget and pay our staff.

**We are at 82% of
Goal for 2025!**

**A huge thank
you to our
incredible
community. Your
gifts fuel the
heartbeat of our
church.**



**Help us fund
this church!**

**All donations
received today,
including our
plate, will go to
our 2025
campaign.**

🎯 Total Goal: \$1,400,000

🌈 Pledges So Far: \$1,150,031

🙌 Number of Pledges: 497

Make a Pledge

Fulfill it now or anytime in 2025



<https://tinyurl.com/FirstUPDX2025>

One-Time Gift

Non-pledge



<https://tinyurl.com/Give-1stU>

A Glimpse of Upcoming Gatherings

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

Happening Sunday 11/17/2024

- **Rededication of Eliot Chapel:** Please join us immediately after the service. // Eliot Chapel.
- **Scavenger Hunt:** Please join us at 12 p.m. // Buchan Atrium and Channing Room.
- **Childcare 6mo-3yrs:** Location: A-103 Nursery.
- **Social Hour/Celebration Sunday:** This Sunday we will be in Buchan Reception // after the Eliot Chapel rededication ceremony. Come enjoy cake!
- **Free Parking Every Sunday** in the U-Park across the street until 4 p.m.. First-come first-serve.

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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 @12:00p 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)
- Plastic shopping bags with handles
- Men's clothing (all sizes)

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



DONATE

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

Chancel flowers this Sunday are given by Pat McAleer in loving memory and in honor of Brian McAleer, her son.

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

With the exception of Sunday, November 17, November's plate collection will be shared with Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (IMIrJ). IMIrJ supports 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.