



First Unitarian Portland
Order of Service

Sunday, December 8, 2024 | In-person or [Livestream](#) | 10:15 a.m.
November 2024 Spiritual Theme: "Story"

Gathering Hymn	"All Beautiful the March of Days"	
Welcome		Rev. Alison Miller
Chalice Lighting		Kealah Ongiri
Lighting the Advent Wreath		
Anthem	"Glow" Eric Whitacre	Chancel Choir / Garrett Bond
Opening Words		Rev. Thomas Disrud
Hymn	"Open My Heart"	
Responsive Reading	"Welcoming Angels" Pat Schneider	
Doxology	"Spirit of Life"	
Together Time	"The Snowy Day" Ezra Jack Keats	Kealah Ongiri & Rev. Leah Ongiri
Pastoral Concerns & Prayer		Rev. Miller
Offertory	"A la Ru" Karl Osterland	Joe O'Donnell, organ
Reading	"How the Light Comes: A Blessing for Christmas Day" Jan Richardson	Rev. Disrud
Silent Meditation		
Hymn	"Dark of Winter"	
Reading	"One Little Candle" Rachel Naomi Remen	
Anthem	"Night of Silence/Silent Night" Daniel Kantor	
Prayer	"The Winter of Listening" David Whyte	Rev. Miller
Hymn	"Let Christmas Come"	
Benediction		Rev. Disrud
Postlude	"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" J. S. Bach	Chancel Choir/Joe O'Donnell, organ

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 12/8/2024

- 🥞 **Pancake Breakfast:** Start your day with pancakes! Location: Buchan Reception // 8:45 - 10:15 a.m.
- **New folks!** Please join us right after the service // Gather at the "Welcome Circle" sign at the Sanctuary's front right corner.
- **Childcare 6mo-3yrs:** Location: A-103 Nursery.
- 🍲 **Nepalese Momos and Pakora:** Fuller Hall // after the service during **Social Hour**. Also enjoy our Art Wall, browse our Bookstore and find just the right greeting card.
- **Alliance Treasures & Bake Sale:** B-101 // before and after the service
- **Parenting Circles:** B-302/B-303 // after the service
- **Community Circles:** B-102 // after the service

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!

- Men's shoes (large sizes)
- Men's pants (sizes 30-32 waist)
- Women's pants (XXS-XS)
- Leggings
- Waterproof bags with handles
- Winter coats (all sizes)
- Gloves and winter hats

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



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

Free parking every Sunday in the U-Park across the street until 4 p.m. First-come first-serve.

Pick up your name tags!

Location: Sanctuary 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

For December 8th's service, all offerings will go to First Unitarian's music ministry program.