



First Unitarian Portland
Order of Service

Sunday, January 5, 2025 | In-person or [Livestream](#) | 10:15 a.m.


January 2025 Spiritual Theme: "Threshold"


Gathering Hymn #38	"Morning Has Broken"	
Welcome		Rev. Thomas Disrud
Chalice Lighting		Sadie & Beatrice Dearborn
Call to Worship		Rev. Alison Miller
Anthem	"The Gift To Be Free" Rollo Dilworth	Community Choir Dr. Braeden Ayres, conductor
Responsive Reading	"New Year's Day" Kathleen McTigue	Rev. Alison Miller
Doxology #123	"Spirit of Life"	
Together Time	"Julián is a Mermaid" Jessica Love	Rev. Leah Ongiri, Director of Family Ministries Sadie & Beatrice Dearborn
Hymn of Blessing #414	"As We Leave this Friendly Place"	
Offertory	"Das alte Jahr vergangen ist" J.S. Bach	Joe O'Donnell, organ
Pastoral Concerns & Prayer		Rev. Disrud
Silent Meditation		
Reading	Excerpt from "On the Brink of Everything" Parker Palmer	
Anthem	"What a Wonderful World" arr. Mark A. Brymer	Community Choir
Sermon	"What Would Janus Say?"	Rev. Miller
Prayer		
Hymn #1003	"Where Do We Come From?"	
Benediction		
Postlude	"Wie schoen leuchtet uns der Morgenstern" Johann Pachelbel	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 1/5/2025

 **Pancake Breakfast:** Start your day with pancakes! Location: Buchan Reception // 8:45 - 10:15 a.m.

 **Walk the Labyrinth.** Fuller Hall // 9 a.m. - noon. *Special Family Open House from 9-10 a.m.*

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

- **First Steps Class and Tour:** Learn more about First Unitarian Portland, meet some leaders in the church and take a tour. Please join us after the service // A101 (Channing Room).

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

- **Social Hour:** This Sunday we will be in Buchan Reception.

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

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)
- Snacks of all kinds
- Plastic shopping bags with handles
- Boxes of q-tips
- Air fresheners

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

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, following the service. Channing Rm. / A101.

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: Most first Sundays of the month 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.

Pick up your name tags!

Location: Sanctuary Lobby

Need a name tag? [Fill out this form](#) to request a physical name tag.

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 the month of January, we are pleased to share our plate with [Innovation Law Lab](#). They write "The U.S. government's vast detention and deportation machine works to grind down the spirit of the immigrant. In its wake, communities are torn apart, families separated, and refugees forced to relinquish their right to freedom, inclusion, and safety."