



First Unitarian Portland  
*Order of Service*

Sunday, January 12, 2025 | In-person or [Livestream](#) | 10:15 a.m.  
January 2025 Spiritual Theme: "Threshold"

<b>Gathering Hymn #1000</b>	"Morning Has Come"	
<b>Welcome</b>		Dana Buhl, Director of Social Justice
<b>Chalice Lighting</b>		
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Danielle Garrett, Assistant Minister
<b>Anthem</b>	"Keep Your Lamps" Andre Thomas	Chancel Choir / Garrett Bond, Director
<b>Responsive Reading</b>	"Every day is a god" Annie Dillard, adapted	Danielle Garrett
<b>Doxology</b>	"Spirit of Life"	
<b>Offertory</b>	"Impromptu Op. 90 No. 2" Franz Schubert	Garrett Bond, piano
<b>Pastoral Concerns &amp; Prayer</b>		Dana Buhl
<b>Silent Meditation</b>		
<b>Hymn #396</b>	"I Know This Rose Will Open"	
<b>Reading</b>	"Liminality" Carrie Newcomer	
<b>Anthem</b>	"Hallelujah" Leonard Cohen, arr. Roger Emerson	
<b>Sermon</b>	"The Blessings of Thin Places"	Danielle Garrett
<b>Prayer</b>		
<b>Hymn #295</b>	"Sing Out Praises for the Journey"	
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	"Morgan Op. 27 No. 4" Richard Strauss	Garrett Bond, piano

# 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 1/12/2025

- **New folks!** Please join us right after the service. Gather at the "Welcome Circle" sign at the Sanctuary's front right corner.
- **Social Hour/Souper Sunday:** This Sunday we will be in Fuller Hall. Enjoy some delicious soup before attending your next event!
- **Senior Forum:** Please join us in Buchan Reception Hall after the service.
- **Parenting & Community Circle:** Help yourself to some soup after the service, and then join with others in Daisy Bingham for our monthly gathering.
- **"T" Time: A Trans, Nonbinary, & Gender-Expansive, Exclusive Gathering:** Please join us in the Channing Room after the service.
- **Childcare 6mo-3yrs:** Next door in A-103 Nursery.
- **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!

- New white men's t-shirts (M/L)
- Men's boxer briefs (M/L)
- Winter coats
- Men's jeans/pants (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](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.

## 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."