



First Unitarian Portland

Order of Service

Sunday, January 7, 2024 | In-person or [Livestream](#) | 10:30 a.m.

January 2024 Spiritual Theme: "Generosity"

Gathering Hymn — #347

"Gather the Spirit"

Welcome

Dana Buhl,
Director of Social Justice

Chalice Lighting

Delise Picard, Sierra Stringfield
Perryman, & Cascadia Perryman

Voluntary

"Celebrate"
— Donald Lawrence

Chancel Choir
DeReau Farrar, Director

Call to Worship

Rev. Alison Miller

Hymn

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

Responsive Reading — #515

"We Lift Our Hearts in Thanks"
— Richard Fewkes

Doxology — #123

"Spirit of Life"

Time for All Ages

Kealayh Ongiri & Rev. Leah Ongiri,
Acting Director of Lifespan Faith
Formation & Family Ministries

Hymn of Blessing

"May I Be Light"

Offertory

"Prelude in E minor"
— Frédéric Chopin

Pastoral Concerns & Prayer

Dana Buhl

Silent Meditation

Reading

"I Tell You"
— Susan Glassmeyer

Voluntary

"I'll Find a Way"
— Fred Hammond

Sermon

"The Spiritual Practice of Generosity"

Rev. Miller

Prayer

Hymn — #1021

"Lean On Me"

Benediction

Postlude

"Rhapsody Op. 79 No. 1 Excerpt"
— Johannes Brahms

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 1/7/2024

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

Childcare 2mo-2yrs: 10:30a - Noon // Location: A103 Nursery (2mo-3yrs during school holidays)

TAKE ACTION with Fellow Congregants for Human Rights in Palestine & Israel! Right after the service // Location: Buchan Reception Hall

Spread the Love! Nut Butter Drive Drop your jars (preferably plastic jars) in our bins in Fuller Hall outside the kitchen area by today.

Social Hour: Right after the service // Location: Buchan Reception Hall.

Need help locating a room? Ask an usher with a red name tag! They'd be happy to help.

First Steps Class Today! 🌱

Sunday, January 6, from 12 - 1:30 p.m.

Location: Channing Room

This orientation is designed for those who are new to our community, provides insights into our values, and traditions, and offers an engaging campus tour.

Rev. Alison's Q&A and Financial Update

Sunday, January 21, at noon

Location: Eliot Chapel

Please join Rev. Alison Miller for another Q&A sessions with your senior minister. Immediately following the Q&A, members of our Finance Committee will bring a financial update.

Recurring Workshops, Classes & Open Gatherings

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

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

Beloved Community of Color: Every second Thursday evening and Saturday morning of the month. [Email them for more info.](#)

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

First Connections: Third Sunday of each month @12p in Daisy Bingham.

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

Labyrinth: Most second Sundays of the month in Buchan Reception Hall.

Loving Kindness Meditation: [resumes on Zoom](#) Monday, September 18, from 8-8:30p.

Mental Health Caregivers Group: Second Wednesday every month via Zoom 7-8:30p. [Email them for more the link.](#)

T" Time: A Trans, Nonbinary, & Gender-Expansive, Exclusive Gathering: meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in Channing Room at noon.



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

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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, and inclusion.

January Shared Plate

We support Project Red, an Alano Club initiative in Portland promoting overdose prevention awareness. They provide training and supplies to bars, restaurants, strip clubs, entertainment venues, and community organizations. Grateful for Project Red's two training sessions at First Unitarian this month.