



SOUTHMINSTER
Presbyterian Church

April 26, 2026

AN INCLUSIVE, WELCOMING COMMUNITY OF CHRISTIAN FAITH.
OUR MISSION IS TO MANIFEST CHRIST'S LOVE IN THE WORLD.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, May 2, at 7:30 pm,
PFS Presents Lauren Sheehan Duo
in the SPC Sanctuary

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today - All-Church Spring Potluck in the Petersen Gallery
- Women's Retreat May 1-3
- Sunday, May 3, Fellowship celebration for Moses & Priya

Lay Leader: Amelia Standish

CALL TO WORSHIP *

YOUTH: Come, all who are weary and all who are hopeful—

ALL: We come as we are, bringing every part of ourselves.

YOUTH: This is a place where every voice matters,

ALL: Every story is honored, and every heart belongs.

YOUTH: Whether you arrive with certainty or uncertainty,

ALL: You are welcomed, you are seen, you are loved.

YOUTH: Let us open our minds to new understanding,

ALL: And open our hearts to one another.

YOUTH: Together, we create a space of belonging,

ALL: Together, we worship the One who welcomes all.

YOUTH: Come, let us worship—

ALL: With gratitude, with courage, and with inclusive love.

OPENING HYMN *

#318 In Christ There Is No East or West

• *Please stand in body or spirit*

CONFESSION

God of unconditional love, we confess the ways we have fallen short. We have excluded others—through our words, our silence, our assumptions, our actions. There have been moments when we've chosen comfort over compassion, familiarity over openness, and judgment over understanding.

Forgive us for the barriers we've built, whether out of fear, pride, or indifference. Where we have turned away, help us to turn back. Where we have closed doors, help us to open them.

PASSING THE PEACE *

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer signs and words of Christ's peace to one another.

TIME WITH CHILDREN



SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:1-10

¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me^[a] are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Amazing Grace

Arr. Isaac Hoffman

SERMON

A New Kind of Gate

Rev. Kris Voss-Rothmeier

HYMN OF RESPONSE *

#803 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

PRAYERS FOR:

Family Life, Mission and Social Justice and Membership and Connections.

Let us also pray for the people of Iran and for peace between the U.S. and Iran. Also for our friends and neighbors at the worship community at the Islamic Center of Portland.

OFFERTORY

SONG OF COMMITMENT

#822 vs 2 When We Are Living

CLOSING SONG

#720 Jesus Calls Us

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

We invite you to join us in the gallery for our annual Spring Potluck

See you next Sunday at 10:00 a.m.!