Welcome to State Street Church, United Church of Christ

November 8, 2026

During the greeting, the Pastor will ask if any visitors would like to be introduced; this is optional. Children are welcome, but not required, to come forward during the "Time for Children," and may either return to their seats or join us for Kids Church. Nursery is available for children three and under. Ask an usher.

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This service is being livestreamed and will be available on YouTube at portlandsscucc2521.

Prelude *Prayer* L. Boellmann

Greetings, Introductions, and Announcements

The Lighting of the Peace Candle

Response *Deep Peace* Sing! #201

Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

A Moment of Centering Silence

*Opening Hymn #436 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

*Call to Worship Christie Barnes

One: In a world of uncertainty and change, where shall we find our strength?

Many: Our strength is in God, whose love endures from generation to generation.

One: When the challenges before us seem overwhelming, what shall sustain us?

Many: Faith that gives us courage, truth that guides our steps, and hope that will not fail.

One: How then shall we live as God's people?

Many: With hearts open to love, hands ready to serve, and feet prepared to walk in the ways of peace.

One: Come, let us worship the God who strengthens and sustains us.

Many: Let us worship God!

*Please rise in body or spirit.
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*Invocation (in unison)

Faithful and loving God, you have been our strength through every generation, our refuge in times of trouble, and our hope in times of uncertainty. You know the challenges we face, the burdens we carry, and the fears that sometimes hold us back. As we gather in worship, remind us of what is truly essential for life: faith that sustains us, truth that sets us free, love that binds us together, and courage to live as your people. Strengthen our spirits, open our hearts, and guide our feet in the ways of peace, that our lives may bear witness to your enduring grace. In the name and spirit of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

A Time for Children

Scripture

Hebrew Scripture:	2 Samuel 7:12-16	pew Bible, p. 313
Christian Scripture:	Ephesians 6:10-20	pew Bible, p. 208

This Morning's Sermon "Essentials for Life" Rev. Deborah T. Breault

A Time of Prayer

Sharing our Joys & Concerns

A Moment of Silence

Response Hymn #516 *Grant Us a Little Space* WINCHESTER OLD

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father, Mother, Parent, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Choral Response Hear Our Prayer, Oh Lord

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Offering

We are aware that some give online or by other means, and some are unable to give. When the usher comes to your pew, you should feel comfortable looking at the usher, smiling, and nodding so the usher knows to move to the next person.

Invitation

Anthem *Siyahamba,* a Zulu anti-apartheid song arr. Eugene Long

*Doxology OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heav'nly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Closing Hymn #407 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

*Benediction

Postlude Miniature #19 David Maxwell

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At the end of the service everyone is welcome to a time of fellowship and refreshment in Chapel Hall (through the door at the front left of the sanctuary) following the start of the Postlude. Those who wish to listen to the Postlude are welcome to remain in their pews.

Meaningful worship requires many people working together. Our thanks to:

Deacons: Steve Ouellette, Carol Hughes, Nor Dale
Ushers: Katy Rand, Sally Decatur
Fellowship Hosts: Mary Buteyn, Barry Hosmer
Livestream: Denny Barrantes
Liturgist: Christie Barnes
Greeter: Steve Conroy

Restrooms are located on both sides of the church entrance—ask an usher for assistance.

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Calendar

Sunday, Nov. 8th, 11:30 AM – Deacons' Meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 11th – Office CLOSED in observance of Veterans Day
Wednesday, Nov. 11th, 5:30 PM – Trustees' Meeting
Saturday, Nov. 14th – HOLIDAY FAIR

State Street Church is a progressive, diverse congregation. We provide a spiritual home for people from all walks of life. We work toward the vision of social justice preached in the gospel but are not exclusive in our faith. We find meaning in connecting with one another to help those in need and to nurture and deepen our spiritual awareness. We don't feel a need to agree on every matter but we try to listen and learn from one another. We are wide open to, and deeply affirming of, LGBTQ+ individuals. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. We encourage you to continue your spiritual journey with us! We'd love to get to know you.

Website: www.statestreetchurch.org
Phone: 207-774-6396
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9 AM—12 PM & 1 PM—4 PM, Monday thru Friday

Parking – Sundays Only

- Street Parking is free on Sunday
- Reiche School (5-minute walk)
- Cumberland Club

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State Street Church, United Church of Christ
Reverend Bryan S. Breault, Pastor
Kaylyn Zipp, Christian Education Director
John Ross, Building and Office Manager
Maryam Darjazi, Childcare Provider

HOLIDAY FAIR & LUNCHEON

Saturday, Nov. 14th 9 am to 2 pm

The final week is here!

We need more "stuff" for the Fair!

Especially for the tag sale, gold & jewelry, books, puzzles & games.

****** DEADLINE: Wed. Nov. 11th by 4 pm ******

BAKED GOODS:
Bring in a dozen of your favorite cookies, pies, brownies. Homemade bread & pies.
Drop off on Friday 11/13 before 3 pm or early Saturday 11/14 (8 am - doors open at 9 am).

SILENT AUCTION PREVIEW:
Check out this year's items! A link can be found in this week's edition of *State Street Matters*!

Donations accepted:

Monday 11/9 to Friday 11/13 from 9 am to 4 pm. Volunteers will be in Chapel Hall setting up for the Fair.

SIGN-UP SHEETS in Chapel Hall:

- Tag Sale work schedule 11/9 - 11/13 leading up to the Fair (Margy Soule). **NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS HERE**
- Fair day 11/8 (Joyce Long is master scheduler).