

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASTORIA

## *Our Mission Statement:*

*"To help people within a kind, safe and compassionate community to know Christ and grow His Love."*

*Week of March 24, 2025*



## *One Great Hour of Sharing*

Typically received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

- 36% Supports the Presbyterian Hunger Program, which is committed to ending hunger globally.
- 32% Supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, which is committed to helping others repair from disaster during and beyond the initial aftermath globally.
- 32% Supports Self-Development of People, which is committed to helping communities around the world gain the skills they need to improve their communities.

## *Announcements*

- ✦ [Easter Floral Cross](#) – Bring your flowers from home to help decorate the Easter Cross on Easter Sunday, April 20.
- ✦ [Book Study – What's So Amazing About Grace by Philip Yancey](#) – Now starting, Sunday April 27 at 11:45am in the Christian Resource Room.
- ✦ [Friday Coffee & Tea Fellowship](#) – Please join us Friday, April 11 at 10am for coffee, tea, treats & fellowship in the church parlor.
- ✦ [Now Live Streaming on Facebook \(YouTube coming soon\)](#) – Sunday worship is available as recordings or livestreaming at: <https://www.facebook.com/fpcastoria/> or <https://www.youtube.com/@FirstpresbyterianastoriaOrg>
- ✦ [The Food Bank](#) – Needs:
  - ✦ breakfast cereal,
  - ✦ canned soup,
  - ✦ volunteers.
- ✦ [Women's Bible Study](#) – Ladies fellowship and Bible study every third Saturday of each month at 10am at the Davidson's home. Contact Hazel Davidson or the church office for more details. The Bible study is titled **Let Justice Roll Down**. See <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study/justice/> for more details. Next bible study is April 27 15 at 10am.
- ✦ [First Friday Flicks](#) – Join us Friday, April 4 at 7pm in the fellowship hall as we watch **The North Avenue Irregulars**, have some popcorn and enjoy some good fellowship. See the trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Pp6mGiGhrw>
- ✦ [Bowling & Pizza](#) – Because of league bowling, we are not quite sure when the next bowling & pizza night will be able to happen. We will keep you all posted.
- ✦ [Holy Week Activities](#) – Join us at any or all of the events occurring Holy Week this year as we prepare to celebrate our risen Lord and Savior:
  - ✦ Palm Sunday Worship – Sunday, April 13 at 10am
  - ✦ Maundy Thursday Seder Meal – Thursday, April 17 at 5:30pm in Goodenberger Hall
  - ✦ Good Friday – Friday, April 18
    - Prayer Walk – 1pm
    - Worship – 6pm in the Marcott Chapel
  - ✦ Easter Sunday – Sunday, April 20
    - Sunrise Service – 7am at the Astoria Column
    - Celebration & Worship – 10am
    - Easter Egg Hunt following worship

## *Thoughts from Pastor Paul*

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Hope and pray this note finds you well and feeling blessed.

If you're anything like me, the recent changes that are going on in our nation have left you with a plethora of emotions ranging from disappointment to anger to sadness to hopelessness as we continue to see all the hard work that people have spent the last two centuries fighting for and dying for being erased with the swipe of a pen and a presidential decree. If you are happy with these changes, perhaps we could talk and you could share with me your thoughts. For me, these changes speak against everything that, not only the generations before fought so hard for, everything that Jesus taught through his teachings and life examples. Jesus stood against the tyranny, of not only his time, but of all times; just as he stood for all who were and are pushed to the fringes by said tyranny. As we read in Isaiah 10:1–2, “Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees, to deprive the poor of their rights...”

As the Reverend Cameron Tribble wrote in his recent article titled, **When Empire Tightens Its Grip**,

The machinery of Empire is in full motion. It tells us what we're allowed to say, who we're allowed to defend, and which stories are permitted to be told. And when we push back, it tightens its grip.

But as people of faith, we are not called to conform. We are called to be transformed. We are called to stand as a holy counterforce—not soft and sentimental, but fierce and rooted. This is what love looks like in the face of empire: bold, clear, courageous. Not polite. Not performative. Protective.

When they came for the prophets, they came because the prophets refused to play along. When Jesus flipped the tables in the Temple, it wasn't a tantrum—it was sacred defiance. When Harriet Tubman led people to freedom, she broke every law that empire had written. And she did it in the name of a higher law. A more ancient truth.

If your heart is breaking, let it. That grief is holy. If you are exhausted, rest—but do not quit. The world needs your integrity, your imagination, your voice. Not everyone will approve. That's not the goal. The goal is to protect what authoritarianism seeks to destroy: dignity, community, freedom, compassion, and the sacred worth of every human soul.

Empire is real—and it is dangerous. ... But we are not powerless. The antidote to empire is not apathy. It's not despair. It's not hate. It's a defiant love that remembers who we are and refuses to let the powerful define what is true.<sup>1</sup>

So, the question that I keep hearing in my heart and mind is how can I respond to these events and changes while being true to my walk with Christ? As Reverend Trimble wrote, we need to stand firm with Jesus. No matter how dark things may seem, we need to continue to show the world the light that is of Jesus in every situation that we face. Remember the words from John 1:5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light. (CEB) And those from 2 Timothy 1:7 “God didn't give us a spirit that is timid but one that is powerful, loving, and self-controlled.” (CEB)

Please, as you continue to show and share God's selfless love, grace and kindness to each other, remember to show that same love, grace and kindness to yourself. If you are in need of someone to talk to, someone to pray with, someone to just listen to you, please do not hesitate to let me know.

*Blessings and shalom, Pastor Paul*

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.pilotingfaith.org/p/when-empire-tightens-its-grip/?utm\\_source=post-email-title&publication\\_id=58642&post\\_id=159679829&utm\\_campaign=email-post-title&isFreemail=true&r=4r6ycq&triedRedirect=true&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.pilotingfaith.org/p/when-empire-tightens-its-grip/?utm_source=post-email-title&publication_id=58642&post_id=159679829&utm_campaign=email-post-title&isFreemail=true&r=4r6ycq&triedRedirect=true&utm_medium=email)

## Our Church Family's Financials for February 2025

Income – \$ 23,545  
Expenses – \$ 13,036

### FPC Astoria Calendar

Join us at 9:30am every Tuesday and Thursday in the Christian Resource Room for a time of prayer.

April	4	Friday	First Friday Flicks – North Avenue Irregulars – 7pm Goodenberger Hall
	8	Tuesday	Session Meeting at 12noon in the Christian Resource Room
	11	Friday	Friday Coffee, Tea & Fellowship at 10am in the church parlor
	13	Sunday	Palm Sunday Worship at 10am
	17	Thursday	Maundy Thursday & Seder Meal in Goodenberger Hall at 5:30pm
	18	Friday	Prayer Walk through Astoria – <i>more details to come</i>
			Good Friday Service – 5:30pm in the Marcott Chapel
	20	Sunday	Easter Sunrise Service at the Astoria Column at 7am
			Easter Worship & Celebration at 10am in the Sanctuary
			Easter egg hunt following worship for grades pre-K through 5 <sup>th</sup>
26	Saturday	Women's Bible Study at Hazel Davidson's home at 10am	
27	Sunday	What's So Amazing About Grace Book Study at 11:45am in the Christian Resource Room	



*First Friday Flicks Presents...*

## THE NORTH AVENUE IRREGULARS

**Friday, April 4 at 7pm in**  
Goodenberger hall  
*Free admission, popcorn and*  
*fellowship for all*  
*Scan to watch the trailer*



## *Prayers of the People – Please send prayer requests to the church office*

- Family & friends of Betty (Elizabeth Jane )Moberg mourning her passing
- Family & friends of Kathy Davidson mourning her passing
- Shane Chase for healing, peace and discernment
- Melanie Battle for peace, strength and discernment
- Jon Wright for healing, peace and discernment
- Jenny & Mike Curtis – Jenny’s healing
- Anna Langeberg – Healing, peace and discernment
- Sara Jackson – Healing, peace and discernment
- Deborah Towner – healing, peace and discernment
- Crystal Oliver – Healing, Strength & Peace
- George Willsie - Healing
- JoAnn Feary – For complete healing
- Fred & Norma Novak – Healing, peace and discernment
- Marcella Price – Peace & Discernment
- Michael Smith – Healing & Discernment
- Linda from Chicago – Healing & Discernment
- Patti Brockhoff – Healing & Discernment
- Will Sheridan – Healing & Discernment



- Shelby Thompson and her family as she is on life support and the family must make a decision and her new born baby girl Lillyana Rose who is in NICU
- Alice Burgess – Healing & Discernment
- Katy Paz – Healing & Peace
- Butch & Vinie Elliot – Healing & Discernment

### Continued Prayers for God’s Creation

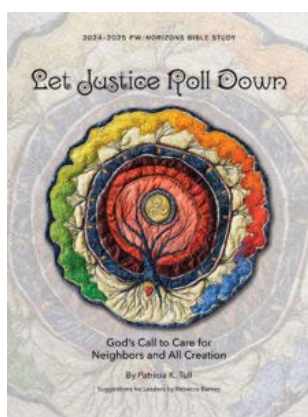
All those touched by mass shootings and other crimes of hate and violence.

The people of Ukraine, the Gaza Strip, and other parts of the world as their lives have been torn apart by war.

Those seeking justice and equality. Those suffering from oppression and violence. Those who are forced to flee their homes, risking life and limb for the hope of a better life.

For those who prioritize profit over God’s creation, that their hearts would be changed to make serving and saving God’s creation their number one priority.

All of God’s creation as it seeks to survive mankind’s exploitation and the results global climate change.



## **Women’s Bible Study – Let Justice Roll Down: God’s Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation**

Join us the third Saturday of the month each at 10am. The next Bible study will be announced soon.

We are called to care for neighbors and God’s creation with all our hearts, with particular care for society’s least powerful members who are disproportionately impacted by unjust systems. In God’s first instructions to the nation of Israel we hear “you shall not pervert the justice due to the poor” (Exodus 23:6); in Moses’ final speech at the promised land’s border, he reiterated, “Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue” (Deuteronomy 16:20); and from Amos, the earliest recorded prophet, “Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream” (Amos 5:24). Scripture reminds us that we are called to speak out to urge our society to act for just transitions in this fast-changing world.

See <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study/justice/> for more information.

For more details about the Bible study, contact Hazel Davidson.



# Book Study

What's So Amazing About Grace?

By Philip Yancey

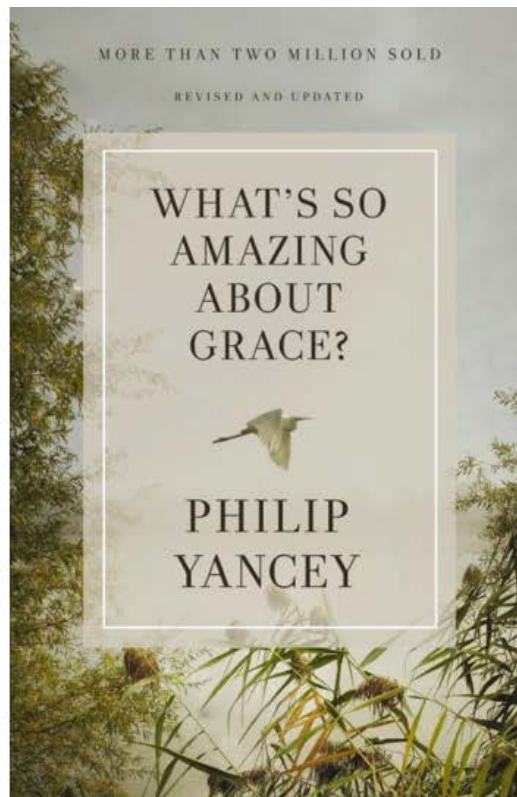
Now starting Sunday, April 27 at

11:45am in the Christian

Resource Room

Contact the church office or scan

the code to order the book



**This Lenten season, please give generously to  
One Great Hour of Sharing.**

Every gift makes a difference in the life  
of the most vulnerable of God's people.

**IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!**



## EASTER EGG HUNT EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

**Snack size candy donations are needed for the Easter Eggs  
Please bring your donations to the church by Thursday, April 17**



### *In case you missed last time...Again, Thank you! Also, Can You Help?*

We serve an awesome God, and God has blessed us with a wonderful church family. There are many who keep things going. We are blessed with many who make sure the doors, lights, heat, windows, and everything else in our buildings keep working the way they need to work. There are those who help communicate with our renters (*another blessing*), making sure both their needs as well as our needs are met. There are those who make sure there are plenty of fellowship activities that are not only fun but help us to reach out into the community to enlighten others about what a wonderful church family we have and to know that any and all are welcome to join in anything and everything we do. There are those who help to make sure nothing is missed throughout the year in our worship services and that worship is meaningful and that God is always glorified. There are those who help bring the gift of music and those who help keep our finances in check (*no pun intended*). There are those who help make sure doors are locked, lights turned off, supplies stocked, and everything is clean and there are those who help with the church office, answering the phone and emails that come into the church every day. There are those too who help with stocking the food pantry, donating to it and who help serve its many clients. I'm pretty sure I missed someone in all that, and if so, apologies. To all of you who serve this church family in any way, we are all so grateful and thankful for all that all of you do.

In the next few pages is a list of the various committees or teams that make sure everything is getting done that needs to be done. If you feel called in any way to help, please contact the Session member associated with the committee you'd like to help with. You do not have to be a Ruling Elder, serving on session or even a member to serve on any or all committees. You just have to be called in your heart.

Again, a big thank you to all from your very grateful church family.



## *In Case You Were Wondering...*

*“We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.” (Romans 12:6-8, NIV)*

If you feel called to be a part of any of these teams, please let one of your Session members or Pastor Paul know. All are welcome to join any or all of the teams. The teams are:

- Buildings & Grounds – Mike Curtis, chair
  - Repairs and maintenance of church buildings.
  - Correspondence and coordination with organizations leasing space from FPC Astoria including the annual review and signing of corresponding leases through the Building Liaison Team (BLT).
  - Manage and coordinate rentals of church space for special events through the Facilities Management Team (FMT).
- Christian Education – Rebecca Duffy, chair
  - Determine needs for Christian education for all ages of the church family and seek ways to meet those needs.
  - Coordinate with recruiting teachers and facilitators for different studies.
- Fellowship & Outreach – Arlene Landwehr, chair
  - Coordinate activities that promote fellowship and outreach that help to strengthen the relationships between church family members and members of the surrounding community.
- Mission & Stewardship – Corinne Garrison, chair
  - Identify mission needs both locally and globally that the church family can contribute to either financially or physically.
  - Coordinate efforts to gather support for mission activities with
    - “Moments for Mission”
    - Gathering or creating announcements and inserts seeking assistance from the church family in answering the needs of the given mission.
- Finance & Stewardship – Arlene Landwehr, chair
  - Attend to and maintain all FPC Astoria’s financial bookkeeping requirements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and related laws.
  - Send out letters with giving amounts to those who have contributed to the church family’s finances.
  - Create and implement annual stewardship campaigns.
- Worship – Nancy Cole, chair
  - Continually review weekly worship and recommend changes based on comments from the congregation or from personal experiences.
  - Identify and help plan special worship opportunities throughout the liturgical year.
  - When needed, assist in filling the pulpit through obtaining pulpit supply.
- Personnel – Bob Magie
  - Meet with the employees of FPC Astoria on a regular basis.
  - Ascertain the needs of the employees.
  - Give employee reviews at least annually.
- Nominating -
  - Seek candidates for open Ruling Elder and Deacon seats.

## Getting Involved in the Community

- ☞ Volunteers are needed for the church’s food bank to stock shelves and to help serve customers. Contact the church office for more information.
- ☞ Attend a local public meeting:
  - City of Astoria
    - Monday, April 7, City Council Meeting at 6PM.
  - Astoria School District
    - Wednesday, April 9, Regular Board Meeting at 7PM.
  - Clatsop County
    - Wednesday, April 9, Board of Commissioners Agenda Work Session & Regular Meeting at 5PM.
  - Clatsop Community College
    - Thursday, April 10, Board of Education Meeting at 5:30PM.
  - Port of Astoria
    - Tuesday, April 1, Commission Business Meeting at 4PM.

## Working for Justice and Peace in March and April

Remember, every Thursday throughout the year is an opportunity to participate in **Thursdays in Black**.

See [www.oikoumene.org/what-we-do/thursdays-in-black](http://www.oikoumene.org/what-we-do/thursdays-in-black)

In every country, gender-based violence is a tragic reality. This violence is frequently hidden, and victims are often silent, fearing stigma and further violence.

We all have a responsibility to speak out against violence, to ensure that women and men, boys and girls, are safe from rape and violence in homes, schools, work, streets – in all places in our societies.

The campaign is simple but profound. **Wear black on Thursdays.** Wear a pin to declare you are part of the global movement resisting attitudes and practices that permit rape and violence. Show your respect for women who are resilient in the face of injustice and violence. Encourage others to join you.

Often black has been used with negative racial connotations. In this campaign Black is used as a color of resistance and resilience.

<b>March 2025</b>	
Women’s History Month, <a href="http://womenshistorymonth.gov">womenshistorymonth.gov</a>	
24–30	National Farmworker Awareness Week, <a href="http://saf-unite.org/national-farmworker-awareness-week">saf-unite.org/national-farmworker-awareness-week</a>
<b>April 2025</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sexual Assault Awareness Month; <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sexual_Assault_Awareness_Month">en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sexual_Assault_Awareness_Month</a></li> <li>• Ecumenical Advocacy Days; <a href="http://advocacydays.org">advocacydays.org</a></li> </ul>	
2	<i>PW Together in Action Days for Children’s Literacy; <a href="http://presbyterianwomen.org/justice">presbyterianwomen.org/justice</a></i>
7	<i>World Health Day; <a href="http://who.int/campaigns/world-health-day">who.int/campaigns/world-health-day</a></i>
08	<i>International Romani Day; <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Romani_Day">en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Romani_Day</a></i>
18	<i>Good Friday; <a href="http://pcusa.org/resource/resources-good-friday">pcusa.org/resource/resources-good-friday</a></i>
20	<i>Easter; <a href="http://pcusa.org/resource/resources-easter-sunday">pcusa.org/resource/resources-easter-sunday</a></i>
22	<i>Earth Day; <a href="http://pcusa.org/earth-day-sunday-resources">pcusa.org/earth-day-sunday-resources</a></i>
24	<i>Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day; <a href="http://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/world-mission/jinshian-memorial-program/armenian-genocide">pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/world-mission/jinshian-memorial-program/armenian-genocide</a></i>
30	<i>Denim Day; <a href="http://denimdayinfo.org">denimdayinfo.org</a></i>
<b>From the Presbyterian Women in the PCUSA   <a href="https://www.presbyterianwomen.org">https://www.presbyterianwomen.org</a></b> <a href="https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/2025-JP-Calendar-FA-updated-Feb2025.pdf">https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/2025-JP-Calendar-FA-updated-Feb2025.pdf</a>	



## **Thank you all for making Pastor Paul's installation, not only a success, but a fun time for all!**



### ***There's an App for that...***

#### ***What is IconCMO And How Does It Help Our Church?***

IconCMO is a database that keeps the records for your church. It allows staff and church members to utilize your church's database for communication, membership information, print your own contribution statements, and so much more.

#### ***What Can I Do After Logging Into IconCMO?***

##### **Our church members can:**

- edit and view your own information,
- view and communicate with other church members — an online church directory,
- view or print out a donation statement at any time,
- see what groups your are in.

##### **Our church staff can:**

- edit or view any record based on their security level,
- add donations, pledges, members, groups, and attendance,
- review church accounting books or payroll,
- communicate via mass email or text messaging to the entire church or certain groups,
- and so much more...

#### ***Can I Use My Mobile Device?***

Yes! Our church members can have access to the church directory at their fingertips to communicate to other church members. Check out the [information about the mobile apps](#). Our church members can use one of the two app download buttons below to get the mobile application.



# First Presbyterian Church of Astoria Invites all to Celebrate Easter

Our family friendly, open & affirming celebration begins at

- 10am with worship followed by
- An Easter Egg hunt for grades pre-K to 5

We are located at the corner of 11<sup>th</sup> & Grand in Astoria  
and online at [www.fpcastoria.org](http://www.fpcastoria.org)  
Scan for more information:



## Holy Week

- **Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday Worship & Celebration**
- **Thursday, April 17 – 5:30 PM – Maundy Thursday and Seder Meal in Goodenberger Hall**
- **Friday, April 18 –**
  - 1pm – Good Friday Prayer Walk Through Astoria
  - 6:30 PM - Good Friday Worship in the Marcott Chapel
- **Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunday! HE IS RISEN!!!**
  - Easter Egg Hunt following worship



## Find Out More About What's Happening in our Denomination

Find out more about what is going on in our denomination, the PCUSA, by visiting and subscribing to the PC(USA) News at <https://www.pcusa.org/news/>

Current stories include:

- ✝ [The labor-intensive work of unification](#)
- ✝ [Are you prepared for more storms and wildfires?](#)
- ✝ [Columbia Theological Seminary Board of Trustees appoints new Assistant Professor of World Christianities](#)

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## Amid attack on environmental and climate change policy, the PC(USA) remains committed

*At last count, 362 faith communities have been certified as Earth Care Congregations*

**March 24, 2025 | Jessica Maudlin, Presbyterian Hunger Program | Special to Presbyterian News Service  
Presbyterian News Service**

Many of us in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) — which has had decades of policy and theology that affirm our calling and responsibility to care for God's Creation — are reeling from the new administration's attack on environmental and climate change commitments.



Trinity Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville, North Carolina, installed 129 solar panels in 2019, reducing its electricity consumption by 90% compared to the previous year. It's since become an Earth Care Congregation, promoting sustainability and environmental awareness. (Photo courtesy of Trinity Presbyterian Church)

It hasn't even been two full months since this new administration came into power, and we've been inundated by a number of policies and executive orders that have renewed national efforts to increase oil and gas production and logging while decreasing protections for communities most impacted by environmental racism.

These policies have also resulted in increasing inequities in environmental health and safety standards, and decimating staffing within government organizations such as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. And the staffing that remains has announced plans to [rescind more than two dozen protections](#) against air and water pollution.

In the face of all this, we are reminded of Hebrews 10:39 and the encouragement that "we are not among those who shrink back and so are lost, but among those who have faith..." Just as Presbyterians reaffirm their baptismal vows as a practice to reinforce their commitment to faith, community, ongoing grace and new life received through baptism, now more than ever it is important to reaffirm as Presbyterians where we stand on matters of environmental justice.

The PC(USA) recognizes, as former Acting Stated Clerk the Rev. Bronwen Boswell reminded us, "that while we are called to tirelessly work towards caring for, protecting, and preserving our shared



planet,” our lives often prioritize consumption and convenience over care and sustainability for Creation.

Our actions, inactions, and indifference contribute to the planet's rising temperatures. Our dependence on technology, essential minerals, and energy leads to harmful extractive practices, increased greenhouse gas emissions, and the treatment of our planet as a commodity rather than a precious gift from God.

[As a denomination we have committed ourselves to advocating for policies and practices](#) that address the root causes of climate change and promote environmental justice for all Creation, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions; transitioning to renewable energy sources; standing with communities impacted by environmental racism, oppression or extractive industries; and promoting sustainable and equitable development.

Recent decisions by the new U.S. administration severely limit the ability of organizations around the world to continue to provide life-saving assistance in the face of climate-related disasters and impedes access to collecting and utilizing the data that climate scientists use to track changes in weather patterns over time and unfavorable living conditions.

We acknowledge the disproportionate impact of climate change on vulnerable communities, both locally and globally, despite the current presidential denial that it even exists. Indigenous peoples, low-income communities, people of color, and future generations are among those most severely affected by environmental degradation and climate disruption. Political agendas that gut basic environmental protections are fundamentally at odds with the moral duty people of faith have to care for all of those on the margins facing systemic injustices.

Scripture reminds us to be caretakers of God's Creation and to care for the least among us. Jesus identifies with the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, and imprisoned, urging Christ's followers to care for these ... as they would care for him ([Matthew 25:34-41](#)).

As of this month, 362 PC(USA) congregations have been certified as [Earth Care Congregations](#) in affirmation of their ongoing commitments to being these caretakers of the environment. As these congregations certify over the years, the Earth Care ethic becomes ingrained in a congregation's culture, spreads to the surrounding community, and encourages changes in the personal lives of individual church members. These churches are a vital part of the denominations work in the world and are unrivaled witnesses to caring for God's Creation.

Since the 1950s, the General Assemblies of the PC(USA) and its predecessor denominations have spoken to our responsibility to care for God's Creation and to be mindful of our use of natural resources. Since then, the PC(USA) has demonstrated our care for God's Creation and our responsibility to the Earth and all its people through numerous [policy statements](#). The 202nd General Assembly (1990) through the "[Restoring Creation for Ecology and Justice](#)" policy affirmed ecology and justice work as imperative to our faith.



*The PC(USA) is a leader in many areas, including having a presence at UN gatherings, having an Office of Public Witness on Capital Hill and speaking truth to power during congressional hearings. Faith leaders are important because we emphasize climate justice as a moral issue. (Photo from the [White House Council on Environmental Quality \(CEQ\) Faith Leaders Convening on Climate, Clean Energy and Environmental Justice](#), attended by [Presbyterian Hunger Program](#) staff.)*

The PC(USA), along with more than 50 other faith organizations, supports the [Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty](#) advocating for a fossil fuel-free future, representing a faithful step forward in limiting global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius by 2050. The PC(USA) has also joined nearly 4,000 other signatories from faith communities, businesses, local governments and universities in signing the [We Are Still In](#) declaration to demonstrate the nation's enduring commitment to delivering on the promise of the Paris Agreement and U.S. contribution to it.

In our pursuit of environmental justice, we are called to engage in dialogue, education and advocacy within our congregations, communities and governments. In the face of actions and policy that undermine our values, may we continue to be guided by principles of love, compassion, and justice as we seek to fulfill our calling to be faithful stewards of God's gift of Creation.

*Jessica Maudlin is Associate for Sustainable Living and Earth Care Concerns in the [Presbyterian Hunger Program](#).*

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### **Office Hours –**

**Monday** through **Thursday** – 9:00 am to 12 noon

### **Pastor Paul's Office Hours & Contact Information**

Pastor Paul is in the church office during office hours and is available by phone, text or email most times.

*Please note, Pastor Paul takes his Sabbath every Friday but is always available for emergencies.*

**Email:** [pastorpaul@fpcastoria.org](mailto:pastorpaul@fpcastoria.org) **Phone:** 971.606.5606

### **Prayer Requests & Newsletter Articles & Information –**

The newsletter is published the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> week of the month.

If you have anything that you would like included, please send it to the church office by 12 noon on Wednesday on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month.

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Thanks to Ian (See Mark 4:35-41)

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JUST GIVE ME FIVE MORE MINUTES



## First Presbyterian Church of Astoria

1103 Grand Avenue, Astoria OR 97103

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