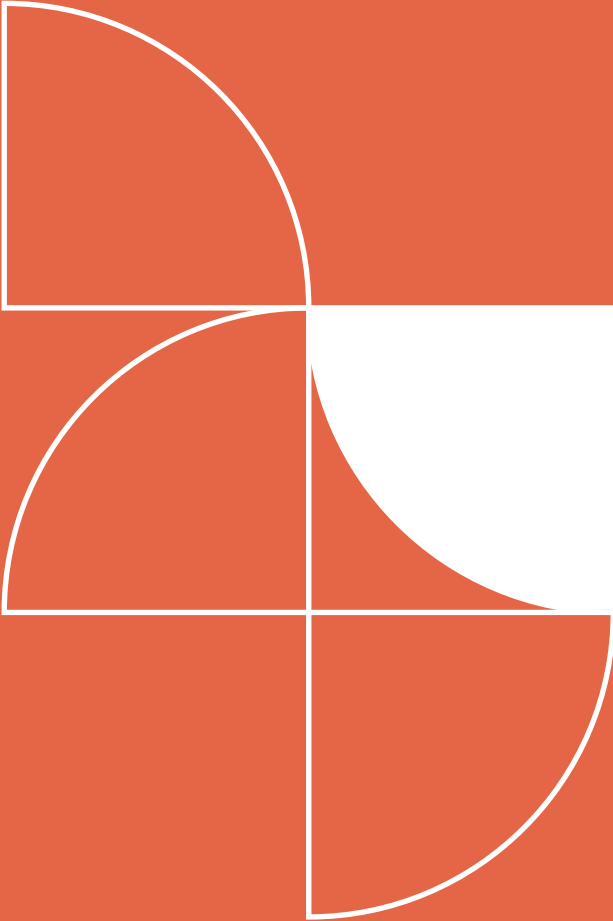


October - December 2023



Bridgetown Quarterly

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Be with
Jesus

Become like
Jesus

Do what
Jesus did

Practicing the way of Jesus,
together, in Portland

About Bridgetown

We believe that to be an apprentice of Jesus of Nazareth is to order your life around three goals: be with Jesus, become like Jesus, and do what Jesus did. Our dream is that as we live this way, our lives, our communities, and our city will be transformed.

New here?

Are you new? We're so glad you're here! Learn more about how you can get connected to the life of Bridgetown Church.

bridgetown.church/welcome

Alpha

Do you have questions about about life, spirituality, or faith? Alpha is a space to process your questions, free from judgement or pressure. This 8-week series explores a variety of themes around faith and each session is designed to cultivate conversation where everyone is welcome.

Dates: Begins September 20

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 PM

bridgetown.church/alpha

Welcome to Bridgetown

Welcome to Bridgetown is a one-hour class offered every fourth Sunday for those who are new to Bridgetown Church and looking to learn more. This class introduces mission, vision, and values of Bridgetown Church, as well as learn more about what next steps look like.

Dates: Every fourth Sunday

Time: 1:15 - 2:15 PM

Location: Bridgetown Church
2120 NE Tillamook St, Portland

bridgetown.church/welcome



Upcoming events

bridgetown.church/events

SEPTEMBER

20 **Alpha Course Begins**

6:30 PM | Eastside

20 **Practicing the Way:
Fasting Course Begins**

6:30 PM | Eastside

20 **Prayer Training:
Blessing Prayer**

6:30 PM | Downtown

OCTOBER

2 **Worship Night**

6:30 PM | Eastside

2 **24-7 Prayer**

Room Begins

Eastside, Prayer Room

8 **Bridgetown Basics**

2 PM | Eastside

8 **The Feast**

4 PM | Downtown

25 **Practicing the Way:
Solitude Course Begins**

6:30 PM | Eastside

NOVEMBER

4 **God & Women
Weekend**

Eastside

5 **The Feast**

4 PM | Downtown

28 **Justice Lecture
with David Bailey**

6:30 PM | Eastside

DECEMBER

6 **Advent Gathering**

6:30 PM | Eastside

17 **The Feast**

4 PM | Downtown

24 **Christmas Eve
Gatherings**

3 & 5 PM | Eastside

31 **Combined Gathering**

11 AM | Eastside

Bridgetown Church Eastside

2120 NE Tillamook St, Portland

Bridgetown Church Downtown

909 SW 11th Ave, Portland

Holy Spirit Conference 2024

January 26 - 27

Join us for the sixth annual Holy Spirit Conference. This will be an amazing weekend filled with worship, teaching, and room to respond to the Holy Spirit. Register to attend, in-person and online.

Learn more and register at:
holyspiritco.me



The Bridgetown Discipleship Pathway

The Discipleship Pathway centers around taking deeper steps in both your relationship with Jesus and with others. It's all about discovering more of who God is and who he has made you to be.

There's no one-size-fits-all approach when it comes to following Jesus. This pathway is simply a way of finding yourself within this house we call Bridgetown Church and an invitation to move deeper into our family. Move at your pace, in the way that matches your journey, and in the timing that fits your limits.

Gatherings 

Courses 

Community 

Sundays

Lectures

Conferences

**Worship
Nights**

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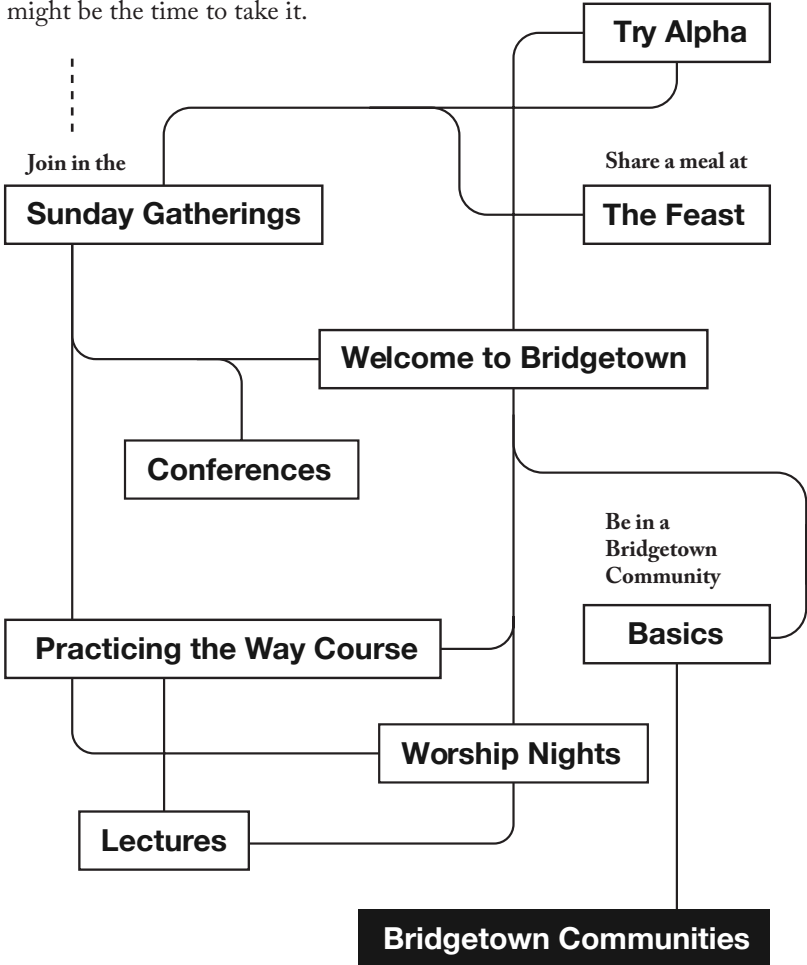


Finding
yourself in
the pathway

Finding a next step

The Bridgetown Discipleship Pathway is not linear for most. In fact, if you map your own journey here, you may find it has more twists and turns than straight lines.

Take a look at this map. Where are you currently engaging? Where would you like to go? Consider what your next step might be, and when might be the time to take it.





24-7 Prayer Room

October 2 - 31

The starting point for all significant works of God is prayer. As we contend for the needs of our family, friends, city, and world, we believe God hears our hearts and responds.

This October, we will pray continuously, through the day and through the night, as we make our requests to God.

bridgetown.church/prayerroom



Prayer at Bridgetown

At Bridgetown, we believe that prayer isn't just a means to an end. Prayer is an end in itself. It is a way of living, in connection with our Father in Heaven. And prayer is the perhaps the one place where we can be with Jesus, become like Jesus, and do what Jesus did, all at the same time.

There are several ways to participate in prayer at Bridgetown, individually and with others:

Daily Prayer Rhythm

Worship Nights

Tuesday Morning Prayer

Weekly at 7:30 AM | Eastside

Prayer Training

Prayer Room

Learn more about prayer:

bridgetown.church/prayer

THE DAILY PRAYER RHYTHM

In the Hebrew and early Christian tradition there has always been a daily prayer rhythm to pause and pray - morning, midday, and evening. We see this in the life of Jesus and with the apostles in the early church. We want to recover this historic practice.

Morning

Praying The Lord's Prayer

Midday

Praying for the lost

Evening

Praying in gratitude

Partner with us by praying this rhythm each day wherever you are.

Daily Prayer Rhythm guides:
bridgetown.church/dpr

A word on worship

When you think about practicing the way of Jesus in Portland does the spiritual discipline of gathering for worship come to mind?

Since her exodus, God's people have used songs to celebrate, lament, remember, anticipate, contend, honor, hope, encourage, praise, pray, and process. Singing is one of the most important spiritual disciplines in our being with Jesus, becoming like Jesus, and doing what Jesus did!

It's undeniable that our church has grown as a worshipping community over the past years, but there is more. I deeply believe that Jesus wants to awaken our anticipation, take us deeper, encounter us more vividly, and give us stories from our times of worship that we will long to tell generations to come.

I think that part of that story is us becoming a community of self-led worshippers - a people who, in highs and lows, come with bodies ready to give Jesus worship, who long to linger in His presence, and are expectant for Him to move.

Christian Dawson
Pastor of Worship

Worship Night

October 2 | 6:30 PM

Join us for a night of praise and worship as we make space to be formed more like Jesus.

Many of the worship nights we have done in the past have been in conjunction with prayer training, however this night will be solely centered on worship as we deepen our ambition to become a community of self-led worshippers.

SERVE WITH WORSHIP

Are you musical? Consider serving with worship at Bridgetown:

- 1 Worship for Sunday Gatherings
- 2 Worship Choir (quarterly)
- 3 Auxiliary instruments (cello, violin, flute, percussion, etc.)

bridgetown.church/music

Be Like Him


Christian Dawson and
Matthew Zigenis

I am called to follow Jesus
At the start of each new day
All my doing for His purpose
All my being in His grace

I just wanna be like Him
Holy Spirit mend me
Make me more like Jesus
I just wanna be like Him
Take my life and steer it
Wherever You see fit
I wanna be like Him

Earthly things will leave me hollow
Riches can't surpass His worth
Vain endeavors lead to sorrow
Christ alone gives joy on earth

I don't want to live for pleasure
Faithfulness is what I seek
Help me not to live distracted
Let Your kingdom come in me



Be doers of the word, and not hearers only

James 1v22-26

Jesus calls his followers into lives of radical humility and service to others. Learn more about Jesus' heart for justice and listen for where Jesus may call you to action so we as a church might be doers of the word and not hearers only.

[bridgetown.church/action](https://www.bridgetown.church/action)

Justice

We are very excited to have two full-time staff members focused on Justice & Mercy here at Bridgetown. This work requires an entire community of people! We cannot wait to listen to your stories, pray together, serve our partners in deeper, more relational ways, and to continue equipping our church to pursue kinship with those on the margins of our city.



Tre' Giles

Pastor of Justice & Mercy



Shaundre' Horne

Justice & Mercy Manager

The Feast

The kingdom of heaven is described as a wedding feast, where all are invited to eat at the table together as brothers and sisters. We are hosting a meal for our neighbors downtown, to feed guests both spiritually and physically. There are multiple ways to get involved, from inviting guests, serving dinner, to sharing a meal with guests.

bridgetown.church/thefeast

Racial Justice Committee

Mission

To cultivate truth and reconciliation within Bridgetown Church in order to sustain a culture of oneness in diversity.

Vision

To be an equitable spiritual family possessing high cross-cultural competency, awareness, and practice within every Bridgetown space.

bridgetown.church/justice



Seeing God's love for our city

We believe Jesus is doing amazing things
all throughout our city. Where do you
see Jesus moving in Portland?

Color me in!



bridgetown.church/kids

Bridgetown Kids

God's love in us

Kids, God has given given you a joy that is contagious to the people around you! When people see your joy, they see God's love. We adults have lots to learn from you about how to be people of joy. Thank you for being examples of God's love!

Little Liturgies

The Lord's Prayer

God, we love you!

(Touch heart)

You are King!

(Make crown)

You are our Helper

(Fold hands)

We worship you

(Stretch arms high)

Amen

Advent

A baby was born!

(Cradle baby)

To give us hope

(Fold hands)

To give us peace

(Hug self)

To give us joy

(Point to smile)

To give us love

(Touch heart)

His name is Jesus

(Stretch arms high)

COMING UP AT BRIDGETOWN KIDS

Fourth Fifth Friday

November 17 | 6 PM

Fourth Fifth Fridays are a time for kids in Grades 4-5 to build community and deepen connections with their leaders and peers.

Families Christmas Party

December 16 | 10 AM

We will be hosting our annual open house Christmas celebration for Bridgetown families on December 16!

Christmas Eve Kids Choir

December 24

Kids age 5-10 are invited to join Bridgetown Worship by singing in the kids choir during our Christmas Eve gatherings.

Bridgetown Youth

For Gen Z, spiritual revival is not a bandwagon to jump on, it's a commitment. Commit to the way of Jesus with us, and I bet we'll find ourselves right in the middle of God's desire for your generation!

Youth rhythms

WEEKLY

Middle School

Sundays 11 AM

bridgetown.church/middleschool

High School

Wednesdays 6:30 PM

bridgetown.church/highschool

MONTHLY

Night Strike

Last Thursdays

Gen Z Prayer & Worship

Last Tuesdays

Middle School: Second Sundays

Second Sundays

YOUTH EVENTS

All Youth

Worship Night

September 20 | 6:30 PM

UNITE:

Youth Night

September 27 | 7 PM

All Youth in Portland are invited to a free night of food, worship, and teaching.

Youth Family Night

October 11 | 6:30 PM

Connect and learn about the Sacred Pathways series

All Youth

Worship Night

October 25 | 6:30 PM

All Youth

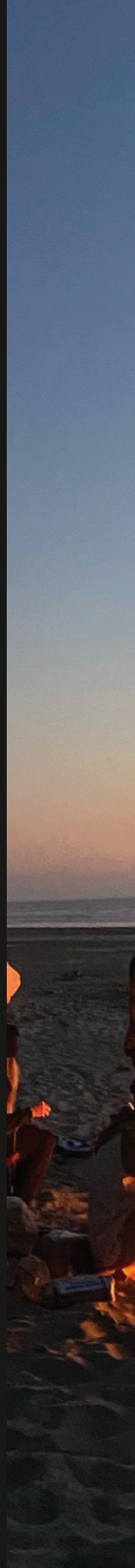
Worship Night

November 29 | 6:30 PM

Youth

Christmas Party

December 20 | 6:30 PM





Young Adults

We want to see young adults, ages 18-29, find their place in the life of Bridgetown Church and actively participate in the lifestyle of Jesus and the mission of God.

Young Adults do not have a weekly gathering because we want them to be welcomed and fully integrated into the life of Bridgetown Church, including attending Bridgetown Courses, Spiritual Formation, and Community.

Subscribe to the Young Adult newsletter to stay connected to life with Bridgetown Church. You will receive current information about upcoming trips and events for Young Adults.

bridgetown.church/youngadults



Share life in community

More than just two hours on a Sunday, church is about sharing life together. Bridgetown Communities are gathering places around a table to be the people of Jesus in our neighborhoods. This is how we practice the way of Jesus together in Portland.

bridgetown.church/basics



Bridgetown Basics

If you are ready to join a Bridgetown Community, the next step for you is to go through Basics. In this course we discuss a vision for how to share life together and place you into a small group of people who live in your part of the city.

Dates: October 8 & 15

Time: 2 - 4 PM

Location: Bridgetown Church Eastside

Leading a Community

Bridgetown Community Leaders serve as frontline pastors of our church. As they model a life of discipleship to Jesus, they lead their community in practicing the way of Jesus together in Portland. If you are interested in learning more about leading a Bridgetown Community, we would love to hear from you.

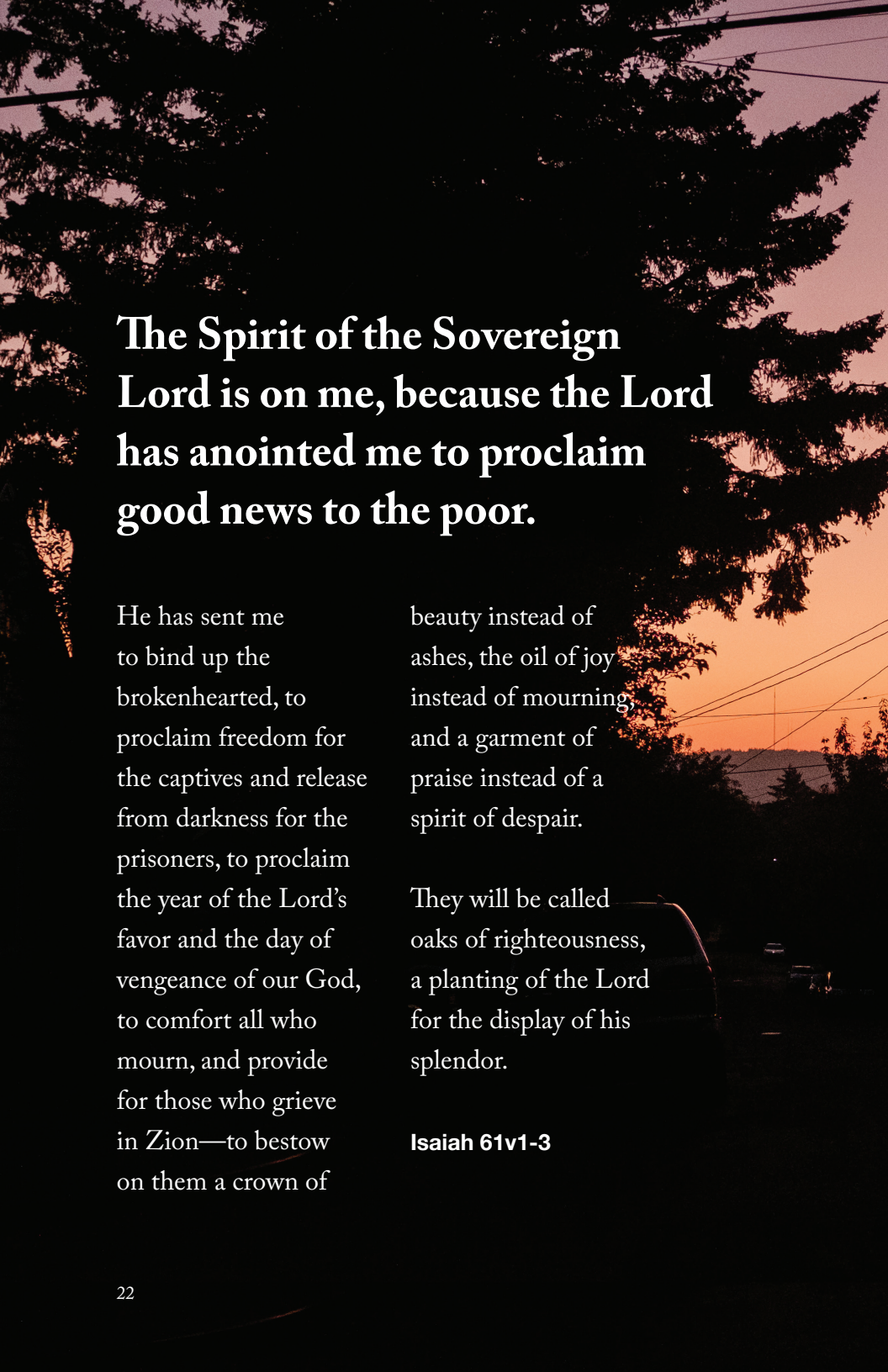
bridgetown.church/community

A story from a Community

Earlier this year, our Bridgetown Community of 15 adults and a few kids began a relationship with a refugee family of 11 through the Pamoja House organization. Engagement with the family involved things like driving the oldest kids to driver's ed classes, monthly grocery shopping, trips to the zoo, school shopping, and family game nights.

As our Community continues to come alongside this resilient family, we get to experience God's radical, redemptive love on full display.

This is just one story of the many ways Communities all across the city are practicing the way of Jesus together in Portland.



The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of

beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

Isaiah 61v1-3

Advent

Latin: adventus | December 3 - 24, 2023

The arrival of a notable person, thing, or event.

The focus of the Advent is two-fold, anchored both in the past and in the future: the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. This is far more than simply marking a historical event. It is a celebration of the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to its Creator. Advent presents an evergreen invitation into the process of reconciliation in which we now participate, and the completion of which we eagerly anticipate.

Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, anticipation, and longing. It is the cry of those who have experienced the tyranny of injustice in a world under the curse of sin, and yet have hope of deliverance by a God who hears their cries.

As a church, we long for Jesus and the restoration his presence brings. We remember and honor this longing through the lighting of candles in the four-week Advent movements of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. As we approach this beautiful season, consider the ways the Lord is inviting you to wait and anticipate his coming.

Tyler Staton

Lead Pastor



Hope

For what do you hope?
Where do you long for
Jesus to intervene and
bring renewal?

Peace

Where do you long
for peace? Perhaps
the end of war, the
restoration of a
relationship, or the
inward renewal of
your soul.

Joy

Where do you long for
Jesus to replace your
mourning with joy?

Love

How is Jesus inviting
you to receive his love
and presence freshly?
How is he inviting you
to pour this love out
for others in return?

