



*Let your light shine  
before others, so that they  
may see your good works and give  
glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

*Matthew 5:16*



# **SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE**

January 30, 2026

In Loving Memory of

**Patrick Michael Fogarty**

**December 9, 1958 – January 21, 2026**

## **FINAL ALARM / BELL CEREMONY**

*Portland Fire & Rescue*

We gather here today mindful of two realities at once. We feel the weight of separation and the sadness that comes with death. Yet, at the same time, we come in faith and hope. We place Mike into the care of the God who created, redeemed, and sanctified him. In Christ, death does not have the final word. If sorrow and joy can possibly come together, now is the time – as our loved one has passed from this earthly brokenness and tribulation into the arms of his Savior in paradise.

† † †

In Holy Baptism, Mike was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul writes:

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. (*Romans 6:3-5*)

## **CHRISTIAN OBITUARY**

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## HYMN

### **“Lift High the Cross”**

**Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **(refrain)**

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. **(refrain)**

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. **(refrain)**

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. **(refrain)**

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! **(refrain)**

## INVOCATION

P We gather here today to receive and to share with each other  
the comfort and strength of our Lord.

C **In His Word is both life and hope which is ours through our  
Lord Jesus Christ.**

P In You, O Lord, do we trust. Be with us this day as we need and  
seek Your guidance and direction in grief and sorrow.

C **In You, O Lord, do we trust. And so, we make our beginning  
in the name of the Father Who created us, the Son Who  
redeemed both body and soul, and the Holy Spirit Who  
made this earthly body the temple of our Lord. Amen.**

P O God of grace and glory, we remember before You today,  
Mike, our brother in Christ. We thank You for giving him to us to  
know and to love as a companion here on earth. In Your  
unlimited compassion, console us who mourn.

Enable us, Lord, to be able to see in death the gate to eternal life  
and that we may continue our course on earth in confidence  
until, by Your call, we are reunited with Mike and those who  
have gone before us; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God the Father Who loved us, and by His grace gave us eternal life, strengthen you in every good deed and word. (2 *Thessalonians* 2:16–17)

C **Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

## **Psalms 23 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## **SECOND READING**

## **Revelation 7:9-10; 14b-17 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>14b</sup> These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence. <sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup> For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

## GOSPEL PROMISES

*(Mike chose these as his favorite Bible readings, he wanted to share with the congregation and his loved ones the following words of encouragement: "It's all about sharing Jesus")*

### **John 3:16 (ESV)**

[Jesus said,] "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

### **Matthew 20:28 (ESV)**

[Jesus said,] "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

### **Matthew 5:14-16 (ESV)**

[Jesus said,] "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

## HYMN

### **"In Christ Alone"**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand!

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save;  
'Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied,  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

**MESSAGE**  
**"BIG"**

**Rev. Jim Sprengle**  
**Matthew 5:14-16**

**PRAYER**

P O God, our Father in Heaven:

C **Have Mercy.**

P O God the Son, Redeemer of the world:

C **Have Mercy.**

P O God the Holy Spirit, our Counselor:

C **Grant us Your peace.**

P O, how glorious is that Kingdom wherein all the saints rejoice with Christ.

C **They are clothed with white robes and follow the Lamb wherever He goes.**

P Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

- C **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**
- P Loving and merciful God, if it were not for the promise of the resurrection and life eternal, we could not endure the sorrow which has come upon this gathering. Only the assurance of Your continual presence enables us to carry on during these times. Lord, do not let these loved ones mourn as those who have no hope. Comfort them day after day with the precious promise of Your Word. Give them grace to come to You and to find rest for their souls.
- Merciful God, You have appointed us to endure trouble and sorrow with our Lord Jesus Christ before we enter with Him into glory. Enable us to be strong in faith to the end and to find peace and joy in the blessed hope of the resurrection of the dead and of the glory of the world to come. We pray through Jesus.
- C **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P **Our Father 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE COMMENDATION

- P Into Your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend Your servant, Patrick Michael Fogarty. We humbly ask, Lord, that You acknowledge him as a sheep of Your fold, a lamb of Your flock, and a sinner whom You have redeemed.
- Receive him into Your merciful arms, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in Heaven.
- C **Amen.**



## BENEDICTION

*(Elderly Simeon spoke the following words when Baby Jesus was presented to him in the temple.)*

P Sovereign Lord, as You have promised, You now dismiss Your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to Your people Israel. *Luke 2:29-32*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

## FINAL SONG

### **“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”**

We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity May one day be restored.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other We will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other We will walk hand in hand,  
And together we'll spread the news That God is in our land.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, by Whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, Who makes us one.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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*The family invites you to join them  
in the Community Room for a time of refreshment,  
remembrance and fellowship.*

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**CHRISTIAN OBITUARY**  
**Patrick Michael Fogarty**  
**December 9, 1958 – January 21, 2026**



Patrick Michael Fogarty passed away peacefully on January 21, 2026.

Patrick Michael Fogarty, son of Patrick Matthew Fogarty and Bonnie Lucille Thomen Fogarty, was born in Portland, Oregon, on December 9, 1958, and died on January 21, 2026, at the age of 67 years, one month, and twelve days.

Mike was baptized in Galata, Montana at Galata Lutheran Church on May 1, 1983, and

confirmed in Portland, Oregon at Ascension Lutheran Church on January 1, 1991, and was a member of Ascension Lutheran Church at the time of his death.

Mike was united in marriage to Linda Kirchner at Ascension Lutheran Church on July 12, 1980, where they made their home in Gresham, Oregon. Four children were born to their union: Timothy James, Trever Nicholas, Ty Joseph, and Joel Daniel Fogarty.

Mike served his Lord through his local congregation as high school youth director. He took them on various youth trips including the beach, Mount Hood, and Mount Bachelor. He made sure they attended the National Youth Gatherings in Texas, Florida, and Georgia. Mike and Merci started the Sporting, Soaring, and Scoring Soccer Clinic and servant event that included a week-long camp. It brought in high school kids from all over the country to teach soccer and spread the work of Christ to children 3 years old to 8th grade. The soccer clinic began in 2004 and ended in 2019, with thousands of people shown God's grace in Christ.

Mike followed his father's career, and in 1980 he was hired on to the Portland Fire Department. He loved being a firefighter and was proud to serve the city of Portland. He served 28 years until a stroke caused him to retire at age 50. Mike loved to coach his boys in all sports, including football, soccer, basketball, and baseball. He met many amazing kids and parents of kids and built lasting relationships. Mike was always involved in something. The bigger the project, the more he loved it. He loved to travel, and most of all he wanted to make sure everyone else travels too. His great joy was planning and making sure everyone was having a lot of fun.

Preceding Mike in death are Patrick Matthew Fogarty, father; Alan Conrad Kirchner, father-in-law; Timothy James (TJ) Fogarty, son.

Surviving to mourn the death are mother, Bonnie Fogarty; wife, Linda Fogarty; children, Trever Fogarty, Ty Fogarty (Nichole), Joel Fogarty (Ashley); grandchildren, Madison, Ethan, Grace, Lily, Peyton, Parker, and Paxton; sisters, Colleen Fogarty, Sharon Bartle (Ken), Diane Gingerich (Tom). There are many other family members who loved him too. He will be missed.