



April 28, 2024 9:00am

Welcome!

Thank you for joining us for worship in the FPC Sanctuary and welcome to those of you worshipping with us online.

Please visit the church's website to learn about activities and ministry opportunities.

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The Lord's Supper Instructions

We observe the Lord's Supper every week in worship. This communion meal is meant to unite us to Jesus Christ as well as each other. In it, we reaffirm the promises of our baptism and recommit ourselves to love and serve God and neighbor. We prepare to celebrate the Lord's Supper by putting our trust in Christ, confessing our sin, and seeking reconciliation with God and one another.

While we are being served communion at the table, the pastor will bring both bread and cup to all who are seated and cannot come to the table.

If you would like to pray with someone, our elders are available during communion to pray with you. Please come to the front of the sanctuary where they are waiting for you.

At the end of all being served, a deacon will come to the table and take from the table some bread and cups and exit up the aisle.

Later that day and during the week the deacons will take these to our members who could not attend worship, thus extending the communion to all our members.

If you are not a Christian, please consider using this communion time to pray with one of the following printed prayers:

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.

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Worships God

by

Gathering around the Word

Hearing the Word

Responding to the Word

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Gathering Around the Word

Singing Our Praise

Great Things

Being Called to Worship

I will extol the LORD at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.

**I will glory in the LORD;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.**

Glorify the LORD with me;
let us exalt his name together.

**Taste and see that the LORD is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.**

(Psalm 34:1-3,8)

Singing Our Praise

God of Grace and God of Glory

Hymn #420

Announcing the Gospel

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy. *(Proverbs 28:13)*

Confident of God's mercy, we confess our sins together.

Confessing our Sin

**Merciful God,
In your presence we confess our sins,
and the sin of your church.**

**Our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.**

**Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.**

(silence for further confession of sin)

Gracious God,

**Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

Amen.

Declaring God's Pardon

We know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified. *(Galatians 2:16)*

Brothers and Sisters:

In Christ, your sins are forgiven. Know this and be at peace.

Offering Our Lives in Gratitude

As God's forgiven people, how are we to then live?

**You, brothers and sisters, were called to be free.
But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh;
rather, serve one another humbly in love.**

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command:

"Love your neighbor as yourself."

(Galatians 5:13-14)

Passing the Peace

Because Christ has established this peace for us with the Father,
so too ought we be at peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Children may come forward to the front pew for Telling the Story)

Singing Our Praise

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Hearing the Word

Offering Our Prayers

Telling the Story and Praying the Lord's Prayer

(After this, children may leave for Kidz Worship)

Singing Our Praise *God of the Deep, arr. Dan Forrest*

Praying for Illumination

Reading the Word: Galatians 3:23-4:20

Declaring the Word Children & Heirs

Responding to the Word

Presenting God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offering Our Music: *The Shepherd Will Supply My Need, arr. Goeller*

Sharing the Lord's Supper

During Communion: Prayer Partners are stationed in front of the stage by the side aisles for Prayer. As you pass by you are invited to share your prayer needs and receive prayer and ministry. If you have asked to follow Jesus today, you are encouraged to pray with a Partner. If the Partners are busy, sit in a front pew and approach after another person has received prayer.

Singing Our Praise *Greater Still*

Being Sent and Postlude *Fanfare Prelude Aurelia*
(The Church's One Foundation), arr. Christopher

Servant Schedule

Liturgy: Riley McRae

Preaching: Jeff Myers

Offering our Prayers: Josh Reyes

Offering our Music:

Worship Leader: Elizabeth Rico, Lavina Woods

Director of Westminster Choir: Rodney Girvin

Director of Westminster Orchestra: Judith Thomas

Piano: Pam Monroe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY! Engage and Equip/Courtyard Fellowship. Please join us for our monthly courtyard fellowship today starting at 10:30am in conjunction with our Ministry Fair event, **Engage & Equip.** This will be a wonderful opportunity to talk with leaders from our ministries and sign up to help. There will be representatives from a dozen different ministries ready to engage with. Coffee and doughnuts too! Adult Education classes will not meet today.

Thresholds - Prayer & Meditation Space. The Meditation and Prayer space for "Thresholds" from the Women's Retreat is currently up for you to experience. This special prayer space will be open for a couple of weeks in the West Room. We encourage you to take time to visit and engage the Scripture in an experiential way.

New to us? Please complete a Connect Card located in a pew pocket near you. Your contact information is appreciated. Bring it to the Connect Center outside the sanctuary or to the Welcome Center through the breezeway. We have a small gift for you!

Prayer Requests: If you want us to pray for you or someone you know, please fill out the Prayer Request on our Connect Card. We would be honored to pray with you.

Sunday Morning Children's Ministry

A Cry Room/Nursing Room is available with Livestream of our service in our "Prayer Room". You may exit out of the door to the right of the pulpit and continue straight into the room.

Infants and Preschoolers

- "The Nest" (0-4 yrs old) opens at 8:45am and continues through the 10:30a-11:30a education hour.
- Follow signs from the back of the Sanctuary to The Nest

Elementary Students

9am

- Children attend worship with their parents in the Sanctuary
- During "Passing the Peace" they move to the front pew for the Children's Story
- After the Children's Story, students attend "Kidz Worship"- a Bible time for K-5th graders.
- They are returned to their parents in the Sanctuary before Communion

10:30a-11:30a

- "The Flock" (K-5th grade) meets in the Geneva Room in the Christian Education Building

- Children study the Bible, memorize scripture, play games and visit the Memory Store
- Follow signs to The Flock

National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 2nd is the National Day of Prayer. This year it will be held at Ruocco Park, 585 Harbor Lane from 11:30am-1:00pm. Join us for prayer and worship! Bring your own chair! This event is presented by Downtown Fellowship.

Amor Trip May 3-6, 2024 Service project trip to Baja California, Mexico. Youth, Young Adults, and Adults are all welcome. Must have a passport! Please contact Elizabeth Rico with any questions. elizabeth.rico@fpcsd.org.

May 5 Special Guest Speaker: President David Goatley Fuller Seminary.

David Emmanuel Goatley was inaugurated as the sixth president of Fuller Seminary on January 21, 2023. It is our privilege to welcome Dr. Goatley to First Presbyterian Church on May 5th. Dr. Goatley will be preaching at 9 AM. In the West Room at 10:30am, Dr. Goatley will be interviewed by Elder Ben Cater with Q&A after the interview. We are encouraged to attend the interview and Q&A. Adult Education classes will not meet May 5th.

Grief Share Class, Have you lost a loved one, family member or friend? Please consider joining us for our Grief Share class starting **May 5th, 10:30am-Noon in the Goodwin Annex**. Bob Stermon will facilitate. Please go to www.fpcsd.org/events to register.

City Tree Scholarship Month April is City Tree Christian School's Scholarship Fund drive. Their goal is to raise \$50,000 for scholarships. There is a donation match up to \$25,000. Go to citytree.org/give.

Bach Collegium in Concert, Sunday May 19th at 4pm in the Sanctuary. BACH COLLEGIUM SAN DIEGO was founded by Artistic Director Ruben Valenzuela in 2003 to bring dynamic programming and performances with historical considerations to performance practice. BCSD has garnered national and international recognition through its exemplary talent, making it one of the most distinguished early music ensembles in the country today. Bach Collegium San Diego engages audiences with accessible, historically informed performances and educational programs featuring repertoire from the Renaissance, Baroque, and early Classical eras. Please join us for this FREE concert.

Vacation Bible School: Join us in *Hometown Nazareth*, where we'll explore what life was like when Jesus was a kid. You'll craft cool projects in the Marketplace, laugh as you play Bible-times games, visit with Jesus' mom, Mary, and eat foods just like the ones Jesus ate.

June 24-28, 2024. 9am-12pm. Cost: \$50. Scholarships available.

Sign up at: <https://fpcsd.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2214843>

Please contact Peggy Gross with any questions. peggy.gross@fpcsd.org.

Children/Middle/High School Summer Camp 2024: Forest Home Christian Camp July 7-12, 2024. Cost is \$425. Scholarships available. Spaces are limited. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Rico (elizabeth.rico@fpcsd.org) or Peggy Gross (peggy.gross@fpcsd.org) with any questions.

Young Adults: We meet in Riley's office after services on Sunday. Come join us to talk through the sermon further and build community. We also meet once a month to hangout. Contact Elizabeth Rico (elizabeth.rico@fpcsd.org) or follow us on Instagram (@firstpres.youngadults) if you have any questions.

Do you have a car for our Whitworth Summer Fellows to use? Our Summer Fellows from Whitworth will be needing a car when they are here. Are you going on a trip this summer? Will you let our Fellows borrow it while you're gone? Please contact Pastor Jeff: jeff.myers@fpcsd.org.

Giving

Two donations were made in memory of Ernie Mitemeyer.

	<u>WEEKLY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Offerings Needed	\$20,833	\$312,666
Offerings 4/26/2024	\$22,413	\$284,022

FPC Vision

As the body of Christ, we exist to foster a community of belonging in an environment of deep spiritual growth, walking together in word and deed.

FPC MINISTRIES



Our **FPC Mission Partners** share the good news of God's love with people around the world. Please pray for them throughout the year as they come alongside people in the difficult places where God has called them, in San Diego and beyond. Pray that we will all learn more about what it means to make mission our life's purpose and the purpose of the church. Read about our mission partners and see how you can pray, give, and go where God calls. For more info contact us at www.fpcsd.org/missions



City Tree Christian School, an outreach ministry of First Presbyterian Church of San Diego, is dedicated to academic excellence integrated with the teachings of Jesus Christ found in the Bible. Children will excel academically, be good citizens, and know God when provided educational experiences, needed care and protection in a loving Christian environment. Founded in 1976, City Tree began as a preschool and has grown to now serve infants through 8th grade. www.citytree.org



Ladle Fellowship, a ministry of FPC since 1983, lovingly addresses the needs of the poor and those experiencing homelessness. We serve meals and provide clothing for those in need on Sundays at 2:00pm. Our San Diego Street Choir rehearses each week and our medical ministry, Street Corner Care, provides medical care for the poor and individuals suffering on the streets.

www.ladlefellowship.org