



May 11, 2025 9:30am  
Eastertide

## Welcome!

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

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

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**First Presbyterian Church**  
S A N D I E G O

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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.*

# First Presbyterian Church of San Diego

## Worships God

*by*

Gathering around the Word

Hearing the Word

Responding to the Word

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### Gathering Around the Word

#### **Preparing for Worship with Prelude and Prayer**

*As we assemble in Jesus' name, begin with a private prayer of preparation:*

To your name, Lord Jesus,  
help me to bow the knee and all its worshiping,  
bow the head and all its thinking,  
bow the will and all its choosing,  
bow the heart and all its loving. Amen.

#### **Prelude**

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God, arr. Hamilton*

#### **Being Called to Worship**

My heart, O God, is steadfast;  
I will sing and make music with all my soul.

**Awake, harp and lyre!**

**I will awaken the dawn.**

I will praise you, LORD, among the nations;  
I will sing of you among the peoples.

**For great is your love, higher than the heavens;  
your faithfulness reaches to the skies.**

*(Psalm 108:1-4)*

#### **Singing Our Praise**

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

*(Hymn #423)*

*Worthy of it All with I Exalt Thee*

## **Announcing the Gospel**

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. *(1 Peter 2:24)*

Being confident of the mercies of God in Christ, let us confess our sins together.

## **Confessing our Sin**

**Merciful God,  
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.  
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.  
We have not loved you with a pure heart,  
nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We have not done justice, loved kindness,  
or walked humbly with you, our God.  
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.  
In your great compassion,  
cleanse us from our sin.**

*(silence for further individual confession of sin)*

**Gracious God,  
Do not cast us away from your presence,  
or take your Holy Spirit from us.  
Restore to us the joy of your salvation  
and sustain us with your Spirit. Amen.**

## **Declaring God's Pardon**

If God is for us, who is there to condemn us? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *(Romans 8:31-34)*

Brothers and Sisters:

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

## **Offering Our Lives in Gratitude**

How are we to show our gratitude for such a salvation?

**Jesus said: I give you a new command,  
that you love one another.  
Just as I have loved you,  
you also are to love one another.  
By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love for one another.**

*(John 13:34-35)*

## **Passing the Peace**

Because Christ has established peace between us and the Father, we ought to live in peace with one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us turn to each other and pass this peace of Christ.

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

## **Hearing the Word**

### **Offering Our Prayers**

### **Telling the Story and Praying the Lord's Prayer**

Jesus is Worthy of Worship

*Revelation 4-5*

*(After this, children may leave for Kidz Worship)*

**Singing Our Praise** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven, arr. Duane Funderbunk*

### **Praying for Illumination**

### **Reading the Word**

1 Corinthians 15:35-49

### **Declaring the Word**

Life After Life After Death

## **Responding to the Word**

### **Presenting God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

### **Offering Our Music**

*Moment by Moment, arr. Dunn*

### **Affirming the Faith of the Church**

Doctrine of Christ's Atonement and Resurrection:

How do you believe that Christ is truly risen from the dead?

**We believe and teach that the same Jesus Christ our Lord, in his true flesh in which he was crucified and died, rose again from the dead, and that not another flesh was raised other than the one buried, or that a spirit was taken up instead of the flesh, but that he retained his true body. Therefore, while his disciples thought they saw the spirit of the Lord, he showed them his hands and feet which were marked by the prints of the nails and wounds, and added: "See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; touch me, and see, for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have."**

*(The Second Helvetic Confession)*

## 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

*Turn Your Eyes*

## Benediction

## Postlude

*Soon and Very Soon, arr. Crouch/Schrader*

## Servant Schedule

Liturgy: Riley McRae

Preaching: Jeff Myers

Offering our Prayers: Kellie Terrell

Offering our Music:

Director of Westminster Choir: Rodney Girvin

Director of Westminster Orchestra: Judith Thomas

Worship Leader: Elizabeth Rico

Trumpet: Jeff Allen

Piano: Pam Monroe

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today! Adult Education Classes.** All classes start at 11am after the service.

- **The Significance Project *Living with Purpose and Significance Empowered by God.*** Class in the West Room with Steve and Lorrie Faivre today and May 18th.
- **Staying in the Sermon.** Join us in the West Tower for a conversation about the sermon during the Sunday School hour.

## 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 9:15am and continues through the 11:00a-12:00pm education hour.
- Follow signs from the back of the Sanctuary to The Nest

*Elementary Students*

9:30am

- 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

### 11:00am-Noon

- “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

**Ladle Donations Needed** Please check your closets! We need men’s clothing and shoes. We also need backpacks and bags. Bring your donations to Ladle on Sundays or into the office Tuesday-Friday 9am-4pm.

### **Moved recently or have a new email address?    New to us?    Need Prayer?**



Please complete our Connect Card by scanning the QR code. Any updates to your contact information are appreciated. You can also use the following link:

<https://fpcsd.churchcenter.com/people/forms/429881>

If you want us to pray for you or someone you know, please fill out the **Prayer Request on the Connect Card**. We have a team of dedicated people who would be honored to pray with you. If you are interested in joining our Prayer Team by receiving our weekly Prayer List, please contact: [office@fpcsd.org](mailto:office@fpcsd.org).

**Italy ‘25 Pre-Departure Benefit Concert:** Please join us on **May 25th, 4pm**, in the sanctuary as Westminster Choir & Chamber Ensemble International presents a Pre-Departure Benefit Concert in eager anticipation of their upcoming **Performance Tour of Italy**. The program will offer music in four different languages and by composers spanning the last 500 years, including works by Tomás Luis de Victoria, Henry Purcell, Benjamin Britten and Eric Whitacre. All are welcome.

**VBS - Vacation Bible School *Egypt - Joseph’s Journey from Prison to Palace*. 9am-Noon, June 23-27.** Join us for Egypt-Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace. In Vacation Bible School the Bible comes to life right before your eyes! God’s Word comes alive as families enjoy traditional Bible-times customs, occupations, food, and even games. Sign up today!

<https://fpcsd.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2790494>

**Forest Home Summer Camp Elementary and Youth. July 6-11.** Each part of our programming is intentionally designed to challenge students to engage more deeply with one another and Christ. This is a safe place where kids will learn about their great God through age-appropriate teaching, engaging worship, and time outdoors in His Creation.

~Summer Camp at Wild Rock for **elementary students** is a five-day camp specifically designed for students entering 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade, in the Fall 2025. To sign up:

<https://fpcsd.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2786384>.

~Summer Camp at Forest Home for **youth** is the place to be for an unforgettable weekend for 6th-12th grade students! To sign up for youth:

<https://fpcsd.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2790955>

## **WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Coffee Fellowship.** Stop in the Assembly Room after service for coffee and fellowship. This is a great time to catch up with friends and make new ones.

**Monday/Friday Women’s Bible Study.** In this study on the Gospel of John, Melissa Spoelstra will encourage you to slow down and linger with the living Word. You’ll grow in intimacy with Him and

learn to live, serve, and rest in His peace. Contact Suzy Walls ([walls.suzy@gmail.com](mailto:walls.suzy@gmail.com)) or Peggy Gross ([peggy.gross@fpcsd.org](mailto:peggy.gross@fpcsd.org)) for more information or any questions.

**Downtown Playdate.** Meets every Tuesday from 10am-Noon in the Scout Room. Connect with other parents and caregivers of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. Contact [peggy.gross@fpcsd.org](mailto:peggy.gross@fpcsd.org) for more information.

**Men's Lunch Break Bible Study.** Meeting Thursdays 11:30am-12:45pm via Zoom. To join, register at <https://fpcsd.churchcenter.com/registrations>

**Thursday Women's Zoom Bible Study.** Meets weekly 9:30-11am via Zoom. Contact Sharon Laabs [slaabs@spice-weasel.com](mailto:slaabs@spice-weasel.com) or Janice Raymond [jransmar@gmail.com](mailto:jransmar@gmail.com) to join or with questions.

**Parenting and Pizza Church.** Meets weekly on Thursdays in the West Room, the Scout Room and Courtyard. 6pm-7:30pm Contact [peggy.gross@fpcsd.org](mailto:peggy.gross@fpcsd.org) for more information.

**Press In Youth** is a vibrant place for students in 6th-12th grade to learn about God, play wacky games, eat junk food, and make friends! Our mission is for students to press into God and press into their purpose. We meet in room 307, every Sunday after church (11am-12pm), and on Thursday nights during Parenting (6-7:30pm). Come join in on the craziness! To get involved, reach out to Elizabeth ([elizabeth.rico@fpcsd.org](mailto:elizabeth.rico@fpcsd.org)) or follow us on Instagram: @pressinyouth.

**First Pres Young Adults** is a community of individuals aged 18-30ish who have fun together! We meet every first Friday of the month at 6pm for our **new** young adults service followed by an open time of fellowship and games. We also gather for small group every Sunday after church in room 106 (Elizabeth's office). To get involved, reach out to Elizabeth ([elizabeth.rico@fpcsd.org](mailto:elizabeth.rico@fpcsd.org)) or follow our Instagram: @firstpressdya.

**Prayer.** Join us on Wednesdays in person in the Prayer Room 12-12:30pm. We pray for the world, our nation, city, and church family. Contact Pastor Jeff ([jeff.myers@fpcsd.org](mailto:jeff.myers@fpcsd.org)) for more information.

**Westminster Orchestra.** Do you play an orchestra instrument? We're a group of dedicated volunteer musicians who rehearse Wednesdays from 6:00–8:00 pm and play during Sunday morning services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Enjoy friendship, camaraderie, and the joy of worship through music. Intermediate skill level or higher is encouraged. Contact: Judith Thomas at [judith@gcthomas.com](mailto:judith@gcthomas.com)

**Westminster Choir.** If you love to sing and want to use your talent to serve, consider joining the Westminster Choir. Our choir is comprised of passionate individuals who share a love of music and a desire to worship through song. We rehearse regularly on Thursday evenings and sing on Sundays for our service. We also perform for special services and events. Contact Rodney Girvin [rodney.girvin@fpcsd.org](mailto:rodney.girvin@fpcsd.org) for more details.

**Parking.** We have extra parking available at the San Diego Rescue Mission on Sundays and special events. If you don't mind walking a couple of blocks, please consider parking in their First Avenue lot. The address is: **1840 First Avenue**. From the church, proceed west along Elm Street to First Avenue. Turn right and make an immediate left into the lot. We have people there to assist before and after service.



## Giving Information

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Offering needed:	\$19,231	\$373,504
Offering 5/9/2025	\$24,981	\$388,771



You can give online by scanning this QR code.

**We are Hiring!** The Assistant to the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries will support the Director in the planning, coordination, and implementation of ministry programs and activities for youth (grades 6-12) and young adults (ages 18-30) at First Presbyterian Church of San Diego. This position will assist with administrative tasks, volunteer coordination, event preparation, and communication with youth, young adults, and volunteers. The role is designed for a part-time, flexible schedule, requiring 10-15 hours per week. The Assistant will help to foster an environment where youth and young adults are invited to grow in their faith and become fully devoted followers of Jesus. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Elizabeth Rico at [elizabeth.rico@fpcsd.org](mailto:elizabeth.rico@fpcsd.org).

## 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.

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.ladlefellowship.org)

