



October 2, 2022, 9:00am

Welcome!

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

Learn about activities and ministry opportunities in the Announcements section and on the church's website.

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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.

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

Singing Our Praise

Today is The Day

Being Called to Worship

Surely God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.

**But as for me, my feet had almost slipped;
I had nearly lost my foothold.
For I envied the arrogant
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.**

Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure
and have washed my hands in innocence.

**All day long I have been afflicted,
and every morning brings new punishments.**

When I tried to understand all this,
it troubled me deeply
till I entered the sanctuary of God ...

**My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.**

(from Psalm 73)

Singing Our Praise

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound, #280

Announcing the Gospel

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
It extends to our children and our children's children.
It is new every morning.
Great in his faithfulness.

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy
and find grace to help in time of need.

Confessing our Sin

Merciful God:

**Since you delay with so much forbearance the punishments
which we have deserved
and which we daily draw on ourselves,
grant that we may not indulge ourselves
but carefully consider how often
and in how many different ways
we have disregarded your just judgements.**

(silence for individual confession of sin)

Gracious God:

**May we learn humbly to present ourselves to thee for pardon,
and with true repentance call on your mercy.
With all our heart we desire you,
whether you discipline us,
or according to your infinite goodness forgive us.
Let our condition be ever blessed,
not by flattering ourselves in our apathy,
but by finding you to be our kind and bountiful Father,
reconciled to us in your only-begotten Son.**

Amen.

Declaring God's Pardon

The Scriptures say:

This is a reliable statement and is to be universally accepted:
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

While we were yet sinners Christ died for us.
Friends:
Your sins are forgiven. Know this and be at peace.

Offering Our Lives in Gratitude

How shall we show our gratitude for such a salvation?

**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;
teach and admonish one another in all wisdom;
and with gratitude in your hearts
sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God and
whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

Colossians 3:12-17

Passing the Peace

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

The peace of Christ be with you.
and also with you

Let's stand and greet one another in this way.

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

Singing Our Praise *You are My King (Amazing Love)*

Offering Our Prayers

Hearing the Word

Telling the Story & Praying the Lord's Prayer

Deborah the Judge

Judges 4, 5

(After this, children may leave for Kidz Worship)

Offering Our Music *Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing*

Praying for Illumination

Reading the Word I Samuel 1

Declaring the Word Hannah's Prayer and God's Deliverance

Responding to the Word

Presenting God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offering Our Music *It Is Well With My Soul, arr. Hayes/Gaspard*

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

Singing Our Praise *The Heart of Worship*

Receiving the Charge & Blessing

Being Sent

Servant Schedule

Preaching and Liturgy Pastor: Jerry Andrews

Offering our Prayers: Bogar Hernandez

Offering our Music:

Worship Leader, Adam Michel

Director of Westminster Choir: Rodney Girvin

Guest Organists: Jan Feher, Pam Monroe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today! Academy of Faith – 10:30am in the West Room. Kirk Rogers.
Everyone is invited to the West Room after service to listen to Kirk Rogers.
Please join us.

Jazz Vespers – Sundays, 4:30pm – 4th Avenue Chapel

Archie Thompson's Archtones and our pastors lead us in worship with jazz,
blues, and gospel, prayers, preaching from the Word of God, and communion.

FPC Sunday School – 10:30am

The Nest: Infant through 4 years old – Early Childhood Classroom

The Flock: Kindergarten through 5th grade – Christian Ed Building Roof
Children are also invited to attend Kidz Worship following Telling the Story in the
9:00am worship service.

For more information, contact Peggy Gross: peggy.gross@fpcsd.org

The Gathering: Middle School and High School – Youth Room

For more information, contact Micah Howard: micah.howard@fpcsd.org

Gospel Outreach to Elementary Students: Would you like to be part of a team sharing the Gospel with children in the Public Schools? Join Lois Sczepaniak's Team in sharing the Gospel and telling children about Jesus. Contact Lois at (619) 316-1322 or Pastor Wayne for Child Evangelism Fellowship at (619) 469-8593.

Westminster Choir and Orchestra Welcoming Interested New Members!

Singers for Choir, contact Rodney: rodgirvin@gmail.com

Instrumentalists for Orchestra, contact Judith: judith@gcthomas.com

Gather. Equip. Serve. First Presbyterian Church, San Diego.

A capital campaign to increase campus accessibility and improve fellowship & meeting spaces. Our 2021 campaign to raise funds for accessibility and fellowship spaces has been a wonderful success. We currently have \$2,675,548 combined donations and pledges towards our building project. To receive updates on the progress of our campaign and the building project please go to: gatherequipservefpcsdcommunication.wordpress.com and follow our blog for timely updates. For more information about this campaign please contact: pegbaker@pacbell.net

Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Psalm 127:1

Upcoming Events:

JOY of Living Women's bible study group is studying the Old Testament book of Daniel. We meet Tuesdays 9:30am – 11:30 am for prayer, fellowship and in-depth Bible study, with breaks for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter to conclude our study mid-May. For more information contact

pegbaker@pacbell.net

To register, go to: <https://fpcsd.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1377714>

Women's Bible Study Fridays 8:30-9:45am in the West Room and via Zoom. Starting September 16th. Studying Lauren Chandler's "With Us in the Wilderness" a study of the Book of Numbers. Email walls.suzy@gmail.com to join or if you have questions.

Men's Bible Study on ZOOM: How do you spend your lunch break? Typing extra emails? Catching up on sports teams that have left SD? Please don't say 'Facebook'. Here's an alternative: studying God's word with other men who are following Jesus. The Bible says, "The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul." That's a game-changer in life—refreshment of the soul. Each week over ZOOM, from 11:30-12:45pm, we'll prayerfully read and discuss God's word, guided by a study from the Bible Project: "Reflections". Email jeff.myers@fpcsd.org to join or if you have questions.

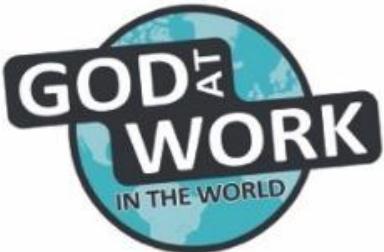
Amor Student Mission Trip, October 7-10.

Join our Student Ministry's Mission Trip October 7-10. Three nights camping at the Amor Mexico campgrounds. Provide shelter for a family, work hard and build community. Contact micah.howard@fpcsd.org for more details.

Alpha: ALPHA class explores the basics of the Christian faith, looking at different questions of belief and designed to create conversation. Everyone is welcome, but Alpha is designed primarily for those who would not call themselves Christians. It's an open, informal, and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together. During this 11-week class, you'll have a chance to connect with others who are also exploring faith and God in a fun, relaxed setting. *Sundays 10:30-11:45am beginning October 9th.* Childcare is available. Email jeff.myers@fpcsd.org to register.

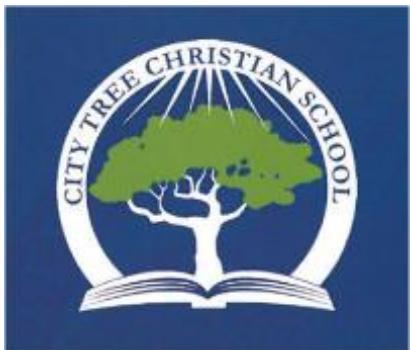
Our Song Shall Rise To Thee! Friday October 14, 2022 at 7:00pm Sanctuary
11th Annual Hymn Sing Classic Hymn Sing, Westminster Orchestra, Men's Quartet, 100 voice choir and an Ice Cream Social. Please join us!

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: missions@fpcsd.org or visit 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**

Ladle Fellowship, a ministry of FPC since 1983, now *Beyond a Soup Kitchen*, 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 and Wednesdays at 5:00pm. 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. We've partnered with "Walk With Me" – a new approach to mentoring our vulnerable neighbors experiencing homelessness through the gift of friendship.

www.ladlefellowship.org