



January 12, 2025 9:30am  
Epiphany

## **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

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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:*

Almighty God,

You pour out the spirit of grace and supplication on all who desire it.  
Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts,  
that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prelude

*Gesu Bambino*

#### Being Called to Worship

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;  
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before him with thanksgiving  
and extol him with music and song.**

For the LORD is the great God,  
the great King above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth,  
and the mountain peaks belong to him.**

The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.

**Come, let us bow down in worship,  
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;**

**for he is our God  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
the flock under his care.**

*(Psalm 95:1-7)*

**Singing Our Praise**

*Because of Your Love*

**Singing Our Praise**

*I Cannot Tell*

**Announcing the Gospel**

Hear the good news of the gospel:

Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed are those to whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit  
there is no deceit. *(Psalm 32:1-2)*

Instead of deceiving ourselves, we confess our sins before God, who is rich in  
mercy.

**Confessing our Sin**

**Merciful God,**

**In your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be.**

**Our sinful nature is prone to evil and slothful in good.**

**You alone know our shortcomings and offenses,**

**wandering from your ways,**

**wasting your gifts,**

**forgetting your love.**

**Have mercy upon us for how we have displeased you.**

*(silence for further individual confession)*

**Gracious God,**

**By your loving mercy,**

**teach us to hate our errors;**

**cleanse us from our secret faults;**

**forgive our sins.**

**Cause us to live in your light**

**and abide in your ways,**

**for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

**Declaring God's Pardon**

Hear the good news:

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old has gone; behold, new things  
have come. *(2 Corinthians 5:17)*

Brothers and Sisters:

In Christ, 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?

**Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;  
in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.**

*(Proverbs 3:5-6)*

### **Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

### **Hearing the Word**

#### **Ordaining & Installing Officers of the Church**

*Representing the one holy catholic and apostolic church, the session of First Presbyterian Church San Diego ordains and installs from the following for active service as officers of Christ's church:*

*Deacons: Wayne Ambler, Bogar Hernandez, Mari Hernandez, Lois Szczepaniak, and Zoia Churilov*

*Elders: Katie Blaha, Deborah Bliss, Maurice Caskey, Steve Faivre, Josh Reyes, and Dan Walls*

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

Peter is Rescued from Prison

*Acts 12:1-19*

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

#### **Singing Our Praise**

*He Never Failed Me Yet, arr. Robert Ray*

#### **Praying for Illumination**

#### **Reading the Word**

Matthew 11:1-19

#### **Declaring the Word**

Offended Much??

### **Responding to the Word**

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

## Offering Our Music

*The Trees of the Field, arr. Don Hart*

## Affirming the Faith of the Church

The Theology of the Sacraments: Christian, how do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?

**The sacraments become effectual means of salvation, not from any virtue in them, or in him that doth administer them, but only by the blessing of Christ, and the working of his Spirit in them that by faith receive them.**

What is a sacrament?

**A sacrament is a holy ordinance instituted by Christ, wherein, by sensible signs, Christ and the benefits of the new covenant are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.** *(The Westminster Shorter Catechism)*

## 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

*What a Beautiful Name*

## Receiving the Blessing and Being Sent

## Postlude

*All Creatures of Our God and King, arr. Ed Dickinson*

## Servant Schedule

Liturgy: Riley McRae

Preaching: Jeff Myers

Offering our Music:

Westminster Choir Director: Rodney Girvin

Westminster Orchestra Director: Judith Thomas

Worship Leaders: Adam Michel, Lavina Woods

Baritone: Alan Pace

Piano: Pam Monroe

Violin: Michael Baddour

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today: The Chosen – West Room at 11:00am.** Kirk Rogers resumes the video and discussion of the The Chosen program on Sundays after service in the West Room.

**Today: Staying in the Sermon – West Tower at 11:00am.** Join us for a continuing conversation about the day's sermon in the West Tower after service at 11:00am.

**Parenting Class, *Habits of the Household*** Led by Dan and Amy Campbell this 5-week class will meet after service in the **Scout Room on Sundays at 11:00am. Starting January 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**Mission Trip Pictures & Stories Sunday January 26** Kara Watkins, Elizabeth Rico and Josh Reyes will present about their trip Icthus International Kid's Camp & Mission and the vision trip in Cartagena, Colombia. **Sunday January 26 at 11:00am in the West Room.**

**Grief Share Support Group - February 2 through April 18 in the Goodwin Annex at 11:00am.** For more information, contact Bob Stermon at: [rstermon1@gmail.com](mailto:rstermon1@gmail.com). To register for the group please go to: [griefshare.org/findagroup](http://griefshare.org/findagroup).

**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).

### **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

**World Music Concert Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary.** Under the direction of Dr. Ed Basilio, please join us for this free concert. The chorus will perform a program of World Music from several countries and cultures (e.g., France, Mexico, Cameroon, South Africa, Japan, Sweden, Israel, and others). Afterwards we will have a reception in the West Room where you can mingle with members of the Pacific Aires and Cedar Center Chorus. Hope to see you there!

**Ladle Cooks Needed!** Do you like to cook? Do you have a crowd-pleasing recipe? Please join our team of cooks for our Sunday meal. Contact Michelle at: [michelledesjardins29@yahoo.com](mailto:michelledesjardins29@yahoo.com).

**Amor 2025 April 4-7** Come build a house in Mexico with us! Every year, we take a team to build for a family in need through Amor Ministries. All are welcome to join, but you must have a valid passport! Register at <https://fpcsd.churchcenter.com/registrations>.

**Save the Date: Women's Retreat May 2-4, 2025, Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside.**

## 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:** "You can understand every book of the Bible. Even this one." Join Bible teacher Jen Wilkin in this six-week Bible study experience on Revelation. Mondays 3:15pm Goodwin Annex and Fridays 8:30am West Room. 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.

**Joy of Living Women's Bible Study:** We are studying the first 26 chapters of Genesis followed by the book of Job. We meet every Tuesday 9:30-11:30am for prayer, fellowship and in-depth Bible study. We conclude our study in mid-May 2025. We meet weekly and have a Zoom option for those who cannot join us in-person. For information please contact [pegbaker@pacbell.net](mailto:pegbaker@pacbell.net). Register online at: <https://fpcsd.churchcenter.com/registrations>

**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.

**Youth/Young Adults: Youth group** is a special place for students 6th-12<sup>th</sup> grade to come together, have fun, and learn about God! We meet in room 307 on Sunday mornings after service, and Thursday nights 6-7:30pm during Parenting Class. Our **Young Adults** community is a vibrant group of individuals aged 18-30ish. For more information on either of these groups, contact Elizabeth at [elizabeth.rico@fpcsd.org](mailto:elizabeth.rico@fpcsd.org)

**Parking** We have extra parking at the San Diego Rescue Mission's lot. For anyone who doesn't mind walking a couple of blocks, please consider parking in their First Avenue lot. From the church, proceed west along Elm Street to First Avenue. Turn right onto First Avenue and make an immediate left into the lot. We have custodians or volunteers there to assist before and after service.



## Giving Information

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Offering needed:	\$19,712	\$28,082
Offering JAN 10	\$18,746	\$34,916

*~ Gary and Patricia Eckes made a donation to Ladle in memory of Tom Callaghan.*



Please give online by scanning this QR code.

## 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](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)