



November 13, 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.

Sign up for our Email Updates at [www.fpcsd.org](http://www.fpcsd.org)



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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**

*Hosana*

### **Being Called to Worship**

Sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things;  
his right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.

**Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,  
burst into jubilant song with music;  
with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn –  
shout for joy before the LORD, the king.**

The LORD has made his salvation known  
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.  
Let them sing before the LORD,  
for he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

**He has remembered his love  
and his faithfulness to Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of God.**

*(from Psalm 98)*

**Singing Our Praise**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, #263*

### **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,  
We confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word and deed,  
by what we have done,  
by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you  
with our whole heart, mind, and strength;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

*(silence for further individual prayers of confession)*

**Gracious God,  
In your mercy,  
forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways  
to the glory of your holy name.  
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**

**Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father, is this:  
To care for orphans and widows in their distress, and  
To keep oneself unstained by the world.**

James 1:27

## **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**    *God so Loved*

**Offering Our Prayers**

## **Hearing the Word**

**Telling the Story & Praying the Lord's Prayer**

The Ark Returns

1 Samuel 6

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

**Offering Our Music**        *Grant Unto Me the Joy of Thy Salvation, J. Brahms*

**Praying for Illumination**

**Reading the Word**    1 Samuel 6

**Declaring the Word**    The Third Day: The Ark Returns To Israel

## **Responding to the Word**

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

**Offering Our Music**    *The Gospel of Grace, Arr. Mark Hayes*

**Celebrating the Lord's Supper**

**Singing Our Praise**    *In Christ Alone*

**Receiving the Charge & Blessing**

**Being Sent**

**Postlude**

## **Servant Schedule**

Preaching Pastor: Jerry Andrews

Liturgy Pastor: Jeff Myers

Offering our Prayers: Peter Tucker

Offering our Music:

Worship Leader, Acoustic Guitar, Adam Michel

Bass Guitar, Andrew Michel

Keys, Sharon Esqueda

Director of Westminster Choir: Rodney Girvin

Alto, Carol Rogers

Organist: Pam Monroe

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today, Congregational Meeting and Mission Study:** A Special meeting of the Congregation of First Presbyterian Church of San Diego, CA, is called by the Session for Sunday, November 13, 2022, in the West Room, after the 9 AM service of worship for the purpose of electing church officers, and voting on two amendments to the bylaws, as recommended by the Session (to reset the number of elders on Session from 18 to 15; and to eliminate the requirement that a teaching elder be an advisory member of the Board of Deacons). A presentation of the **Mission Study** will follow. Everyone is invited; persons on the active membership roll of FPC may vote. Members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

### **Sunday Morning Children's Ministry**

#### *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 should 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 will be 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

### **Jazz Vespers – Sundays, 4:30pm – 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Tuesday Fellowship Luncheon.** Tuesday, November 15th is the next Tuesday Fellowship Luncheon. The Bledsoe family took a year to travel around the U.S. with their two young children, homeschooling on the road, and documenting stories about the people they met. Greg Bledsoe is a journalist with NBC News and a professional storyteller. They are local to San Diego and both of their children attend City Tree Christian School. Come to hear Greg and his wife Jess share stories from their year exploring our great country. Lunch starts at noon and the presentation begins after. There is \$5 suggested donation. To register for the lunch:

<https://fpcsd.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1504858>

**Save a Seat Thanksgiving:** One simple way this season to live in thankfulness for God's welcome to sinners is to share the Thanksgiving meal with others at the table. The Church has the blessing of being the New Covenant family of God through Jesus Christ. Who are the brothers and sisters in Christ that can share in your thanksgiving this year? **SAVE A SEAT** at the table, sharing food, offering prayers, and celebrating the blessing of the family of God on November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Learn more and watch the video at: [fpcsd.org/saveaseat](http://fpcsd.org/saveaseat)

**Living Nativity Saturday Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 2:00-4:00pm** Petting Zoo & Activities for Children, Westminster Orchestra, Community Christmas Carol Sing. Contact: [peggy.gross@fpcsd.org](mailto:peggy.gross@fpcsd.org) for more info. Help us serve our community and volunteer at: <https://fpcsd.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1504735>.

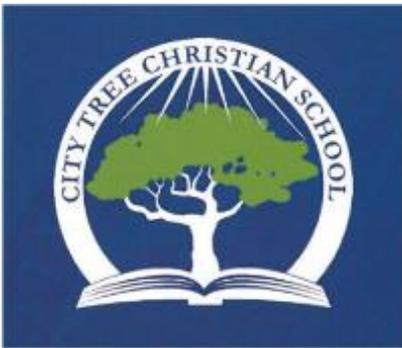
**FPC Children's Ministry** is partnering with the **San Diego Rescue Mission** to provide Christmas gifts for the children of their Preschool and Women & Children's program- **Haven of Hope**. Please sign up to provide a gift for a child at: <https://fpcsd.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1504703>

**Safety Volunteers** Our team of Safety Volunteers serve faithfully on Sunday mornings to help provide a safe and welcoming place to worship. FPC is a large building with many exits and we assist the Security Guard on duty by observing, watching and alerting others of possible situations before and after the service. We could use a few more volunteers. If you can serve once every 4-6 weeks or have any questions, please contact John Krogman at [jkrogman1@gmail.com](mailto:jkrogman1@gmail.com).

## 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](mailto:missions@fpcsd.org) or visit 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**

**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 have partnered with "Walk With Me" – a new approach to mentoring our vulnerable neighbors experiencing homelessness through the gift of friendship. [www.ladlefellowship.org](http://www.ladlefellowship.org)