



October 19, 2025, 9:30am
Pentecost

Welcome!

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

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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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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:

Eternal God, join us with those
who in all times and places have praised your name,
that we may show the unity of your church,
and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

Prelude

Being Called to Worship

Praise the LORD!

**Praise the name of the LORD,
give praise, O servants of the LORD,
in the courts of the house of our God!**

Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good:
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

**For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself,
Israel as his own possession.**

For I know that the LORD is great,
and that our Lord is above all gods.

**Whatever the LORD pleases, he does,
in heaven and on earth,
in the seas and all depths.**

O house of Israel, bless the LORD!

(Psalm 135:1-6, 19)

Singing Our Praise

*Great Things
Christ Be Magnified*

Announcing the Gospel

We have been buried with Christ in baptism, in order that we might be raised to new life with him through faith in the power of God. *(Colossians 2:12)*

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins together.

Confessing our Sin

**Almighty God,
we have sinned against you and one another,
in thought, word, and deed,
in what we have done and in what we have left undone.
Therefore, we confess in silence before you.**

(silence for further confession of sin)

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Declaring God's Pardon

Hear the good news!

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. *(2 Corinthians 5:17-18)*

Sisters and Brothers:

Our gracious God forgives you your sin, strengthens you by the Spirit, and will keep you in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Offering Our Lives in Gratitude

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

**He has told you, mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice,
and to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with your God?**

(Micah 6:8)

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

Solomon Turns Away from God

1 Kings 11

(After this, children may leave for Kidz Worship)

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

Praying for Illumination

Reading the Word

Daniel 6

Declaring the Word

Shutting Lions' Mouths

Responding to the Word

Presenting God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offering Our Music

Be Still, My Soul, arr. Brian Petersen

Affirming the Faith of the Church

Doctrine of Christian Stewardship:
Christian, which is the Eighth Commandment?

The Eighth Commandment is, "You shall not steal."

What are the duties required in the Eighth Commandment?

The duties required in the Eighth Commandment are: truth, faithfulness, and justice in contracts and commerce between man and man; rendering to everyone his due; restitution of goods unlawfully detained from the right owners thereof; giving and lending freely, according to our abilities, and the necessities of others; moderation of our judgments, wills, and affections, concerning worldly goods; a provident care and study to get, keep, use, and dispose of those things which are necessary and convenient for the sustainment of our nature, and suitable to our condition; a lawful calling, and a diligence in it; frugality; avoiding unnecessary lawsuits, and insurances, or other like engagements; and an endeavor by all just and lawful means to procure, preserve, and further the wealth and outward estate of others, as well as our own.

(The Westminster Larger Catechism, Q 140-41)

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

How Great Is Our God

Benediction

Servant Schedule

Liturgy & Preaching: Jeff Myers

Offering Our Prayers: Ben Montoya

Offering Our Music:

Westminster Choir Director, Organ & Piano: Rodney Girvin

Worship Leader: Adam Michel

Bass: Phoenix Nguyen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY!

- **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - NOTICE OF CALL**

The session has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation of First Presbyterian Church, San Diego, CA, on **Sunday, October 19, 2025, in the sanctuary** immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service, for the purpose of electing church officers and the 2026 Congregational Nominating Committee. Everyone is invited! persons on the active membership roll of FPC may vote. ~*Marilyn Carnes, Clerk of Session*

Following are up for nomination:

Elders: Marilyn Carnes (returning), Ben Montoya (returning), Lois Andrews, Carol Rogers, Bonnie Stark (returning)

Deacons: Steve Turner, Ann Freeman (returning), Sue Kennedy, Sue Button

Congregation Nominating Committee: Peggy Baker, Ben Cater, Lorraine Turner, Andrew Gross, Matthew Montoya, Melanie Krogman.

~Adult Sunday School classes will be held after the Congregational Meeting~

- **CASKET EMPTY** Pastor Jeff will teach the redemptive story of the New Testament through five major periods: **Expectation, Messiah, Pentecost, Teaching, and Yet-to-come.** This class is the second part of the Old Testament Survey (CASKET) taught last year, but newcomers are most welcome! Prepare to get your Bible-Timeline on! **Sundays, 11-12pm in the Dining Room.**
- **Honoring Your Father & Mother.** A conversation about wrestling with the fifth commandment in the context of aging parents. **Sundays in the Choir Room.**
- **Staying in the Sermon.** Join us for a conversation about the day's sermon during Sunday School hour. **Meeting Sundays on the 3rd floor of the school, Room 303.** Follow the signs posted past the kitchen.

Sunday Morning Children's Ministry

A Cry Room/Nursing Room is now available with Livestream of our service. From the lobby of the church, take the stairs up to the 'Bride's 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 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.

FPC Men's Retreat. Join us October 24 - 26 at the Palomar Christian Conference Center. Our teaching over the weekend will focus on passing on the faith from generation to generation. There is one hotel style room available that has a queen bed and two bunk beds. Four dorm style rooms, each with four bunk beds, are the other sleeping option. The price for either room style includes all meals for the retreat. Additionally, day passes are available for those only able to come up on Saturday. Scholarships are available. Contact Dan Walls (walls.dan@gmail.com) for more details. Register online at www.fpcsd.org/events.

Honduras Ichthus Vision Trip Presentation. Come learn about what the Lord is doing through Ichthus International in Honduras! Presented by Kara Watkins, Suzy Walls, and Anne Cater. **Sunday October 26th at 11:00am in the Choir Room.**

Young Adults Retreat. This year, **November 7-10**, we are headed to a cabin in Big Bear, CA! Big Bear is a charming small town with a variety of activities and hikes to choose from. We will also have a guest speaker with us; young adults pastor Joe Cosato! There will be theme nights throughout the weekend as well, so stay tuned for more details! Scholarships available based on need, please reach out to Elizabeth at elizabeth.rico@fpcsd.org with questions and for more information.

WEEKLY & RECURRING EVENTS

Coffee and Tea Enjoy coffee and tea available at the window of the West Room Kitchen. Stop by after service and grab a cup on your way to your next destination.

Men's Zoom Bible Studies. Relaunching on September 25th, Meeting Thursdays at 7am - Contact Blaine Gross at blaine.gross@gmail.com. And meeting Thursdays at 11:30am-12:45pm, a manuscript study in the Book of John. - Contact Jeff Myers at jeff.myers@fpcsd.org.

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

Friday/Monday Women's Bible Study Join us for our 8-session Bible study by Jen Wilkin, Ruth Chou Simons, Kelly Minter, Adrienne Camp, Elizabeth Woodson, and Courtney Doctor to learn to place your feet firmly on the path of life revealed in the book of Proverbs. Discover how the wisdom in Proverbs leads to abundant life, healthy relationships, and a fulfilling walk with God. Contact Suzy Walls (walls.suzy@gmail.com) or Peggy Gross (peggy.gross@fpcsd.org) for information.

Thursday Parenting/Pizza Church. Parenting study Thursday nights in the Chapel 6-7:30pm. Begins September 18th. Children aged 2 years-5th grade may attend 'Pizza Church' in the Geneva Room. Please contact Peggy Gross at peggy.gross@fpcsd.org for information.

Joy of Living Women's bible study group will be studying Chapters 27-50 of Genesis. From the account of Jacob and Esau to Joseph and the journey of the Israelites to Egypt. 9:30am in the Choir Room. We meet every Tuesday 9:30-11:30am for prayer, fellowship and in-depth Bible study, with breaks for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, we conclude in mid-May 2026. We will meet in-person weekly, and will continue to have a Zoom option. www.fpcsd.org/events.

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 City Tree Room 302, every Sunday after church (11am-12pm), and on Thursday nights during Parenting (6-7:30pm). Come join in on the craziness! Contact Elizabeth (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 7pm for our new young adults service followed by an open time of fellowship and games. We also are currently gathering weekly in room 307 for small group during Sunday School. To get involved, reach out to elizabeth.rico@fpcsd.org or follow our Instagram: @firstpressdya.

Prayer. Join us in person on Wednesdays from 11:30am-12:00pm in the Courtyard Conference Room. We pray for the world, our nation, city, and church family. Contact Pastor Jeff (jeff.myers@fpcsd.org) for more information.

Renovation Update:

- Crane in the Courtyard - the crane has come and gone and has moved away the equipment in the courtyard.
- Carpeting has been removed from the Welcome Center and Assembly Hall building.

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.

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.

Please give online by scanning this QR code:



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



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

