



*“I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.”
(Genesis 17:7)*

October 27, 2024, 9:30am

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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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

October 27, 2024, 9:30am

Gathering Around the Word

Preparing for Worship with Prelude and Prayer

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

Loving God,

You have so made us that we cannot live by bread alone,
but by every word that proceeds from your mouth.

Give us a hunger for your Word,
and in that food satisfy our daily need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prelude

Being Called to Worship

We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart;
we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

**We will be glad and exult in you;
we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

(Psalm 9:1-2)

Singing Our Praise

Amazing Grace

Singing Our Praise

Highland Cathedral

Announcing the Gospel

Jesus said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

(Luke 5:31-32)

Trusting in Jesus, who has saved his people from sin, let us confess our sin together.

Confessing our Sin

**Eternal God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
We humbly repent of our offenses against you,
our proud thoughts above neighbor,
our selfish desires over your righteousness.
Give us the humility and gratitude that befits your servants
as we confess to you.**

(silence for further confession of sin)

**Gracious Father,
May your Spirit teach us to draw near to you,
to confide in your grace,
and to find in you our refuge and strength,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

Declaring God's Pardon

The word of the LORD through Jeremiah: "I will bring my people back and make them dwell in safety. They shall be my people and I will be their God. I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children. I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul."

(Jeremiah 32:37-39, 41)

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?

**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

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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

Offering A Witness

Hearing the Word

Offering Our Prayers

Telling the Story and Praying the Lord's Prayer

Philip and the Ethiopian Official

Acts 8:26-40

(After this, children may leave for Kidz Worship)

Singing Our Praise

This is Amazing Grace

Praying for Illumination

Reading the Word:

Genesis 19:1-29

Declaring the Word:

A Tale of Two Cities

Responding to the Word

Presenting God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offering Our Music: *My God Is A Rock, arr. Alice Parker/Robert Shaw*

Affirming the Faith of the Church

Christian, what do you believe about Stewardship?

The reconciliation of man through Jesus Christ makes it plain that enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God's good creation. Because Jesus identified himself with the needy and exploited, the cause of the world's poor is the cause of his disciples. The church cannot condone poverty, whether it is the product of unjust social structures, exploitation of the defenseless, lack of national resources, absence of technological understanding, or rapid expansion of populations. The church calls every man to use his abilities, his possessions, and the fruits of technology as gifts entrusted to him by God for the maintenance of his family and the advancement of the common welfare.

(The Confession of 1967)

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.

Receiving the Blessing and Being Sent

Postlude

Servant Schedule

Liturgy and Preaching: Jerry Andrews

Offering our Prayers: Carol Rogers

Offering our Music:

Westminster Choir Director: Rodney Girvin

Baritone: Allen Pace

Worship Leader: Elizabeth Rico

House of Scotland Pipe Band

Pipe Major: Colin Armstrong

Drum Sergeant: Eli Fugate

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today! Pastor Jerry Andrews will lead a class on Augustine's *The City of God*. This class will meet in the **West Room at 11:00am**. *The City of God* was written in Latin by Augustine of Hippo in the early 5th century AD. It is considered one of Augustine's most important works. *The City of God* is a cornerstone of Western thought, expounding on many questions of theology.

NO CASKET Empty Class – Pastor Jeff's class will not meet today, Sunday October 27, 2024. CASKET Empty will resume next Sunday, November 3rd.

Marriage Class: Vertical Marriage. A small-group study, this class of five sessions by Dave and Ann Wilson is called Vertical Marriage. Meeting Sundays in the Scout Room after the service at 11:00am. Led by Dan and Suzy Walls.

Staying in the Sermon - Sundays in October in the West Tower at 11:00am. Join us for a continuing conversation about the sermon in the West Tower after service at 11:00am.

Moved recently or have a new email address? New to us? Please complete a Connect Card located in a pew pocket near you. Your current contact information is appreciated. Bring it to the Connect Center outside the sanctuary or to the Welcome Center through the breezeway. We have a small gift for you!

Prayer: If you want us to pray for you or someone you know, please fill out the Prayer Request on our Connect Card. Drop it in the offering plate or at the Welcome Center when completed. We have a team of dedicated prayer warriors who would be honored to pray with you. If you would be interested in joining our Prayer Team by receiving our weekly Prayer List, please contact: 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

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, November 3, 2024, in the sanctuary immediately following the 9:30am worship service**, for the purpose of electing church officers and the 2025 Congregational Nominating Committee. Everyone is invited! persons on the active membership roll of FPC may vote. ~*Marilyn Carnes, Clerk of Session*

The following persons are up for election as Elders:

Deborah Bliss, Maurice Caskey, Steve Faivre, Josh Reyes, Dan Walls (1-year term), Katie Whitelock.

The following persons are up for election as Deacons:

Wayne Ambler, Zoia Churilov (2-year term), Bogar Hernandez, Mari Hernandez, Lois Szczepaniak.

Join us for Ladle Serve Day, November 10th. Help serve meals, distribute clothing and care for our homeless neighbors. Join CTCS families, FPCSD members and staff. Ladle is looking for 15-20 volunteers. 1:30-4pm. Sign up at: <https://fpcsd.churchcenter.com/registrations>

Young Adults Retreat November 8-11. We are doing our first Young Adults Fall Retreat! Come with us to Coachella, CA for a fun and relaxing weekend. We will be studying through the book of Joshua, enjoying time in community, and getting away from the stress of adulting. The house has a big backyard with a pool, BBQ grill, and fire pits - and we will be doing games and theme nights. Come and join the fun! Contact Elizabeth Rico (elizabeth.rico@fpcsd.org) for more information. Register at: <https://fpcsd.churchcenter.com/registrations>

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.

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, with breaks for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. We conclude our study in mid-May 2025. We meet in-person weekly and will continue to have a Zoom option for those who cannot join us in-person for our study and discussion. Contact pegbaker@pacbell.net Please 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 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 or Janice Raymond 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 for more information.

Women's Weekly Bible Studies: Fridays at 8:30am in the West Room and Mondays at 3:15pm in the Goodwin Annex. *Ephesians – A Study of Faith and Practice.* Led by Suzy Walls. Please contact her for information: walls.suzy@gmail.com

Youth/Young Adults: Youth group is a special place for students 6th-12th 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

WE ARE HIRING!

Ladle Assistant The position of Ladle Assistant aids the excellence of the Ladle Fellowship Ministry of First Presbyterian Church (FPC), which provides food, clothing, medical services, mentoring, social service guidance, and spiritual guidance to the homeless and poor in downtown San Diego. The Ladle Assistant works in cooperation with the Director of Ladle, other FPC staff members, and members of the Ladle Advisory Team. Please contact Pascal Dickinson if you are interested in the position at pascal.dickinson@fpcsd.org

Custodian This is a part-time, non-exempt position that ensures that all areas of the church and school are clean and ready for use. Responsibilities include moving furniture, cleaning and sanitizing surfaces; making minor repairs, vacuuming, sweeping; restocking items; cleaning restrooms, kitchen and public spaces; landscaping; and emptying and hauling trash and supplies. The custodian will also participate in the set-up and preparations for events and classes. Please contact Pam Gohlke if you are interested in the position at pamela.gohlke@fpcsd.org.

GIVING

	<u>WEEKLY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Offerings Needed	\$20,833	\$812,498
Offerings 10/25/2024	\$30,127	\$778,880
Stewardship		
Commitments	19	
Committed	\$168,416	

~A donation was made to Ladle in honor of George Benthien's birthday.

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



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