



January 22, 2023 9:00am

Welcome!

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

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

Singing Our Praise

House of the Lord

Being Called to Worship:

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

**Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.

**Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.**

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

**Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

(from Psalm 51)

Singing Our Praise *Come, Thou Almighty King, #139*

Announcing the Gospel

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
so that, free from sins, we might live in righteousness;
By his wounds you have been healed.
for you were going astray like sheep,
but now you have returned
to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. *(from 1 Peter 2)*

In confessing our sins we return to the Father
that we may know the fullness of God's forgiveness.

Confessing our Sin

Merciful God,

**We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended you and your commanded ways.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.**

(silence for further confession of sin)

Gracious God,

**Spare those who confess their wanderings, trespasses, and rebellions.
Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to the world
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant for his sake,
that we may live holy, just, and humble lives
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Declaring God's Pardon

Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering ...
But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.
We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;

and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

(from Isaiah 53)

Sisters and Brothers:

In Christ we have been forgiven. Know this and be at peace.

Offering Our Lives in Gratitude

We will live knowing that the Scriptures declare:

You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. *(from 1 Peter 2)*

Passing the Peace

Because Christ has established this peace for us with the Father,
so too ought we be 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

Build My Life

Offering Our Prayers

Hearing the Word

Telling the Story & Praying the Lord's Prayer

The Story of Naomi

Ruth 3

(After this, children may leave for Kidz Worship)

Offering Our Music

Upon This Rock

Praying for Illumination

Reading the Word

Luke 15:1-3; 11-24

Declaring the Word

The God Who Celebrates

Responding to the Word

Presenting God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offering Our Music *Be Though My Vision, arr. Goeller*

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

Singing Our Praise *Cornerstone*

Receiving the Charge & Blessing

Being Sent

Postlude *House of the Lord Reprise*

Servant Schedule

Liturgy Pastor: Jeff Myers

Preaching Pastor: Jerry Andrews

Offering our Prayers: Carol Rogers

Offering our Music:

 Worship Leader: Joshua Montoya

 Director of Westminster Choir: Rodney Girvin

 Organist: Pam Monroe

 Director of Westminster Orchestra: Judith Thomas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: Academy of Faith Class

Rick Kennedy teaches the series, "A Cultural History of the Bible, Church, & Life with Christ". Everyone is invited to the West Room after service to hear from Rick Kennedy.

Today: Alpha Class

ALPHA class explores the basics of the Christian faith, looking at different questions of belief and designed to create conversation. Everyone is welcome in the West Tower after the service at 10:30am. We meet each Sunday except the last week of the month (that's Courtyard Fellowship Sunday).

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 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 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

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 – 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.

Courtyard Fellowship Sunday January 29th after service in the courtyard.

Come join us on January 29th at *The Goodbye Pie Party for Jerry and Lois*, saying goodbye, wishing them well, and thanking them for many years of ministry and friendship. After worship, come downstairs to the courtyard. If you signed up to bring a pie, please bring it to the dining room before 9:00am. And if you can bring a pie slice server, that would be great!

MEETING of the CONGREGATION & CORPORATION - NOTICE OF CALL

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Corporation of First Presbyterian Church, San Diego, CA, is called by the Session for **Sunday, February 5**, in the Assembly Room, immediately after the 9 a.m. service of worship; business will include approving the Pastor's 2023 Terms of Call, approving the 2023 Officers of the Corporation, and

presentation of the 2023 budget. Pastor Jeff Myers will moderate. Everyone is invited!; persons on the active membership roll of FPC may vote.

God at Work in San Diego February 11, Assembly Room 8:00am – Noon,

Learn and work alongside others as we partner with our local missions: **Downtown Fellowship, Ladle, New Day Urban Ministries and the San Diego Rescue Mission.** Bring your children! And please, ask your friends and neighbors to join you! Meet in the Assembly Room at 8:00am. Childcare is available. Sign up at fpcsd.org/events.

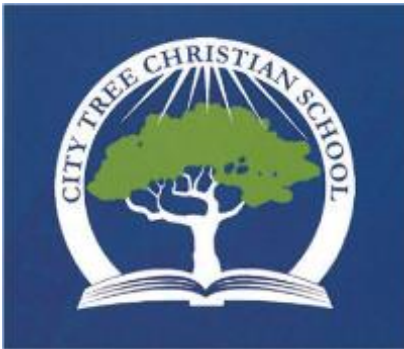
Tuesday Fellowship Luncheon, February 21st, Noon in the West Room

Deirdra Doan, published author, artist and FPC member will speak on: '*So You Want to Write A Book*'. Lunch starts at noon with the presentation following. There is a \$5 suggested donation for lunch.

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 have partnered with "Walk With Me" – a new approach to mentoring our vulnerable neighbors experiencing homelessness through the gift of friendship. www.ladlefellowship.org