



May 21, 2023 9:00am
Eastertide

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.

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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

God the Uncreated One

Being Called to Worship

Blessed is the person

who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked

or stand in the way of sinners

or sit in the seat of mockers.

But their delight is in the law of the LORD,

and on his law they meditate day and night.

Those people are like a tree planted by streams of water,

which yields its fruit in season

and whose leaf does not wither.

Whatever they do prospers.

(Psalm 1:1-3)

Singing Our Praise

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, #263

Announcing the Gospel

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John :9)

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

Confessing our Sin

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

**and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
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.**

(silence for further confession of sin)

Assurance of Pardon:

**Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ,
and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

**Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone;
a new life has begun.**

**The mercy of the Lord
is from everlasting to everlasting.
May the God of mercy,
who forgives our sins, strengthen us in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep us walking and living in God's kingdom.**

Amen.

(2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 8:34)

Offering Our Lives in Gratitude

How shall we show our gratitude for such a salvation?

**Love must be sincere.
Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.
Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.
Honor one another above yourselves.
Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.
Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.
Share with God's people who are in need.
Practice hospitality.
Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.
Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.**

Live in harmony with one another.

Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.

Love must be sincere.

(Romans 12:9-16)

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

In Christ Alone

Hearing the Word

Offering Our Prayers

Telling the Story & Praying the Lord's Prayer

Esther is Called for Such a Time as This

Esther 1-4

(After this, children may leave for Kidz Worship)

Offering Our Music *I Will Not Leave You Comfortless, William Byrd*

Praying for Illumination

Reading the Word

Romans 12:1-2

JB Philips paraphrase: *"With eyes wide open to the mercies of God, I beg you, my brothers, as an act of intelligent worship, to give him your bodies, as a living sacrifice, consecrated to him and acceptable by him. Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God re-mold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all his demands and moves towards the goal of true maturity."*

Eugene Peterson, The Message: *"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life - your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life - and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you*

down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.”

Declaring the Word Make a Change, For Once in My Life

Responding to the Word

Presenting God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offering Our Music *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, arr. Winkler*

Celebrating the Lord’s Supper

Singing Our Praise *Holy Spirit*

Receiving the Charge & Blessing

Prayer with Elders

Being Sent and Postlude *The Trees of the Field, arr. Hart*

Servant Schedule

Liturgy Pastor: Jeff Myers

Preaching Pastor: Jan Armstrong

Offering our Prayers: Kirk Rogers

Offering our Music:

Director of Westminster Choir: Rodney Girvin

Director Westminster Orchestra: Judith Thomas

Organ: Jan Feher

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us Today: We have coffee and snacks available in the Assembly Room. Please join us for fellowship after the service.

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

Prayer Requests: If you want us to pray for you or someone you know, please fill out the Prayer Request on our Connect Card. We would be honored to pray with you.

Today: Academy of Faith Class

Rick Kennedy's class, "*A Cultural History of the Bible, Church, & Life with Christ*" continues. Everyone is invited to the West Room to hear from Rick. Class starts after service at 10:30am. Today will be the last class.

Today: Parenting Class

Join us today for a parenting Sunday School class in the West Tower. Class starts after service at 10:30am. We'll be going through the video series, *No Perfect Parents*. This is a biblically based series by Dave & Ann Wilson that is designed to help us raise kids with a heart for Christ. Any questions, please reach out to Dan (walls.dan@gmail.com) or Suzy (walls.suzy@gmail.com) Walls.

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.

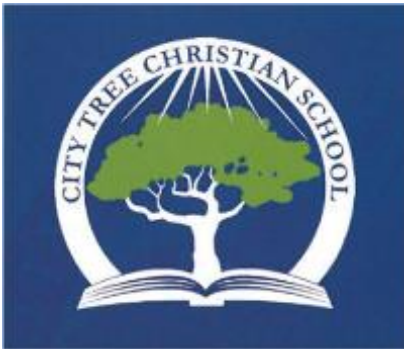
Middle School Girls Bible Study

Bible Study for Middle School Girls will be meeting on Sunday May 28 and Sunday June 11 from 3:00-4:30pm at Carol’s house. For those interested, please email Carol at kandcrog@cox.net. This will serve as a reminder to those girls who come now plus an invitation to new families.

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