



September 18, 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.

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First Presbyterian Church

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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

Your Love Awakens Me

Being Called to Worship

Come, let us bow down in worship,

let us kneel before the LORD our maker;

for he is our God

and we are the people of his pasture,

the flock under his care.

Psalm 95:6-7a

Singing Our Praise

Holy God, We Praise Your Name, #460

Announcing the Gospel

We have been crucified with Christ and we no longer live, but Christ lives in us. The life we now live in the body, we live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us.

from Galatians 2:20

Confessing our Sin

Merciful God,

**in your gracious presence we confess our sin,
and the sin of our church.**

**Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves,
as we cling to the values of a broken world.**

The fears and jealousies that we harbor

**set Christian against Christian.
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.**

(silence for private confession of sin)

Gracious God,

**Have mercy upon us;
heal and forgive us.**

**Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Declaring God's Pardon

A person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

Galatians 2:16

Offering Our Lives in Gratitude

How shall we show our gratitude for such a salvation?

**Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy,
to offer your bodies as living sacrifices,
holy and pleasing to God—
this is your spiritual act of worship.**

**Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.**

**Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—
his good, pleasing and perfect will.**

Romans 12:1-2

Passing the Peace

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

Great Are You Lord

Offering Our Prayers

Hearing the Word

Telling the Story & Praying the Lord's Prayer

Jericho Falls

Joshua 6

(After this, children may leave for Kidz Worship)

Offering Our Music

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Praying for Illumination

Reading the Word

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

Declaring the Word

The Lord is Faithful

Responding to the Word

Presenting God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offering Our Music

He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought, arr. Mark Hayes

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

Singing Our Praise

King of Kings

Receiving the Charge & Blessing

Being Sent

Servant Schedule

Preaching and Liturgy Pastor: Jeff Myers

Offering our Prayers: Kirk Rogers

Offering our Music:

Worship Leader, Adam Michel, Acoustic Guitar

Director of Westminster Choir: Rodney Girvin, Organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Academy of Faith Class – 10:15am in the West Room

“*On Mission – In Culture*” Missionary and friend of FPC, Dr. Yong Lee, teaches for three weeks about the Bible’s instructions for engaging culture without getting lost in it. Join Dr. Lee and others in the West Room on Sundays in September after worship to learn about refocusing on God’s mission in the world.

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.

FPC Sunday School – 10:30am

The Nest: Infant through 4 years old – Early Childhood Classroom

The Flock: Kindergarten through 5th grade – Christian Ed Building Roof

Children are also invited to attend Kidz Worship following Telling the Story in the 9:00am worship service.

For more information, contact Peggy Gross: peggy.gross@fpcsd.org

The Gathering: Middle School and High School – Youth Room

For more information, contact Micah Howard: micah.howard@fpcsd.org

Congregational Survey: The Session of First Presbyterian Church has appointed a Mission Study Team to create a document that describes the mission of our church to help in the search for a new Head Pastor. The Mission Study Team invites and encourages you to fill out a congregational survey that will aid in that document creation. This survey is open to any person who considers First Pres to be their church home. Please only submit the survey once per person. The link to the online version is at fpcsd.org. Paper copies are also available at the Welcome Center, and can be turned into the office (weekdays) or Welcome Center (Sundays). The final date to complete or turn in a survey is September 29, 2022. For any questions please reach out to any member of the Mission Study Committee (Sara Delgado, Marilyn Carnes, Rick Kennedy, Josh Reyes or Dan Walls).

Westminster Choir and Orchestra Welcoming Interested New Members!

Singers for Choir, contact Rodney: rodgirvin@gmail.com

Instrumentalists for Orchestra, contact Judith: judith@gcthomas.com

Gather. Equip. Serve. First Presbyterian Church, San Diego.

A capital campaign to increase campus accessibility and improve fellowship & meeting spaces. Our 2021 campaign to raise funds for accessibility and fellowship spaces has been a wonderful success. We currently have \$2,675,548 combined donations and pledges towards our building project. To receive updates on the progress of our campaign and the building project please go to: gatherequipservefpcsdcommunication.wordpress.com and follow our blog for timely updates. For more information about this campaign please contact: pegbaker@pacbell.net

Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Psalm 127:1

Upcoming Events:

JOY of Living Women's bible study group will be studying the Old Testament book of Daniel beginning on **September 13th at 9:30am in the West Room**. We will meet Tuesday 9:30am – 11:30 am for prayer, fellowship and in-depth Bible study, with breaks for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter to conclude our study mid-May. For more information contact pegbaker@pacbell.net

To register, go to: <https://fpcsd.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1377714>

Women's Bible Study Fridays 8:30-9:45am in the West Room and via Zoom. Starting September 16th. Studying Lauren Chandler's "With Us in the Wilderness" a study of the Book of Numbers. Email walls.suzy@gmail.com to join or if you have questions.

Men's Bible Study on ZOOM: How do you spend your lunch break? Typing extra emails? Catching up on sports teams that have left SD? Please don't say 'Facebook'. Here's an alternative: studying God's word with other men who are following Jesus. The Bible says, "The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul." That's a game-changer in life—refreshment of the soul. Each week, beginning September 22nd over ZOOM, from 11:30-12:45pm, we'll prayerfully read and discuss God's word, guided by a study from the Bible Project: "Reflections". Email jeff.myers@fpcsd.org to join or if you have questions.

September 24 FPC Arts Concert *Spirit of Guitar* 7pm Sanctuary

Please join us in the Sanctuary for a Free Concert featuring Robert Wetzel, Guitar Soloist, Pacific Coast Chorale and members of the City Ballet Orchestra, conducted by John Nettles.

September 30-October 2 – Fall Camp – Indian Hills Camp, Jamul, CA

Register at fpcsd.org/events. Open to all ages! Join us for a great weekend of fun and fellowship. Activities include devotions, zip lining, hiking, camp fires, swimming and more. Questions? Contact Josh Reyes: joshmreyes@gmail.com

Amor Student Mission Trip, October 7-10.

Join our Student Ministry's Mission Trip October 7-10. Three nights camping at the Amor Mexico campgrounds. Provide shelter for a family, work hard and build community. Contact micah.howard@fpcsd.org for more details.

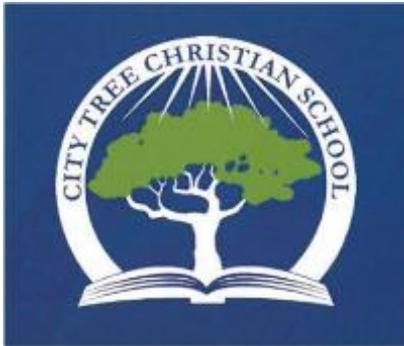
Alpha: ALPHA class explores the basics of the Christian faith, looking at different questions of belief and designed to create conversation. Everyone is welcome, but Alpha is designed primarily for those who would not call themselves Christians. It's an open, informal, and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together. During this 11-week class, you'll have a chance to connect with others who are also exploring faith and God in a fun, relaxed setting. *Sundays 10:30-11:45am beginning October 9th.* Childcare is available. Email jeff.myers@fpcsd.org to register.

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've partnered with "Walk With Me" – a new approach to mentoring our vulnerable neighbors experiencing homelessness through the gift of friendship.

www.ladlefellowship.org