



September 1, 2024 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.

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

September 1, 2024, 9:00am

Gathering Around the Word

Preparing for Worship with Prelude and Prayer

(As we assemble in Jesus' name, begin with a private prayer of preparation.)

God of mercy,

Grant that the Word you speak this day may take root in our hearts,

and bear fruit to your honor and glory,

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Being Called to Worship

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

sing to the glory of his name;

give to him glorious praise.

All the earth worships you;

they sing praises to you,

sing praises to your name.

(Psalm 66:1-2,4)

Singing Our Praise

Your Love Awakens Me

Singing Our Praise

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn #482

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)

Hearing the Word

Offering Our Prayers

Telling the Story and Praying the Lord's Prayer

Peter Preaches in Jerusalem

Acts 2

(After this, children may leave for Kidz Worship)

Singing Our Praise

I Surrender All

Praying for Illumination

Reading the Word:

Genesis 11:27-12:9

Declaring the Word

The Call and the Covenant

Responding to the Word

Presenting God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offering Our Music: *The God of Abraham Praise, arr. Mark Hayes*

Affirming the Faith of the Church

Christian, what do you believe?

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve.

(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

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

Canvas and Clay

Receiving the Blessing and Being Sent

Postlude

Servant Schedule

Liturgist: Riley McRae

Offering Our Prayers: Peggy Baker

Preaching: Jeff Myers

Offering our Music:

Westminster Choir Director, Piano: Rodney Girvin

Worship Leaders: Adam Michel, Lavina Woods, Melody Rico

Mezzo-soprano: Carol Rogers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: New Adult Education Classes Start!

Explore FPC Membership Class. Sundays in September: 1, 8 & 15. Is God calling you to be a member of FPCSD? Come grow with others as disciples of Jesus, learning about every member's part in His body. Classes meet Sundays in September: 1, 8 and 15. They are open to anyone, and are required for membership. If you are not sure whether membership is right for you, come anyway! There is no obligation to join. We meet in the Goodwin Annex after the worship service, 10:30-11:30am. Questions? Contact Jeff Myers at jeff.myers@fpcsd.org.

Staying in the Sermon, Sundays in September. West Tower at 10:30am. Join us for a continuing conversation about the sermon in the West Tower after service at 10:30am.

Living Well Together: Lessons from Colonial New England with Rick Kennedy. Sundays starting September 1st in the West Room at 10:30am. This class will seek to learn from the Puritan ideals of a biblical civic life. We will root the course in the life and ideals of Cotton Mather, one of the most thoughtful and influential pastors in Colonial New England. Class material will be drawn from *The First American Evangelical: A Short Life of Cotton Mather* by Rick Kennedy.

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 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

NEW SERVICE TIME!! Starting Sunday September 15th our service in the sanctuary will start at 9:30am! Sunday service will start at 9:30am and all Sunday School classes will start at 11:00am. If you have any questions, email office@fpcsd.org.

Women's Weekly Bible Study begins with two offerings: Friday September 13 at 8:30am in the West Room and Monday September 16 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

Joy of Living Women's Bible Study will resume soon to study the first 26 chapters of Genesis followed by the book of Job. **We will begin on September 17th at 9:30am in the West Room.** We will meet every Tuesday 9:30-11:30 am 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.

Parenting and Pizza Church Starts Thursday September 19th. Meeting weekly in the West Room, the Scout Room and Courtyard. 6pm-7:30pm Contact peggy.gross@fpcsd.org for more information.

Fall Camp September 20-22 at Indian Hills Camp, Jamul, CA. For the fourth year we will go to Indian Hills for a camping weekend. Tents and RV sites are \$41. Day Passes are available for \$14. We will have small group discussions, campfire songs and s'mores, hiking, swimming and lots of fun! Register online at www.fpcsd.org/events.

After thirteen years of worship in the chapel, **Jazz Vespers will be holding its last service on October 13th, 2024.** First Presbyterian Church is thankful for the fruitful work of the Holy Spirit in the singing of jazz, blues, and gospel, praying together, the preaching of God's word, and sharing in the Lord's Supper. Archie, Jason, Danny, and many others have been exceptional musicians, leaders, and friends. **Mark Your Calendar! October 13th, the final Jazz Vespers, will be a special celebration and thanksgiving to God for the years together.** "Big Jer" will be there, too! Be on the "look-out" for jazz concerts and events throughout the year with many of the artists you first met at Jazz Vespers!

Men's Retreat October 25-27, 2024. The Men's Retreat will be at the **Palomar Christian Conference Center, Palomar Mountain, CA.** We are excited to have Jim Moon Jr. lead our conversation centered around discipleship. Join us again at the Palomar Christian Conference Center for growth, fun and fellowship. Contact Dan Walls for information at walls.dan@gmail.com. Registration is open: www.fpcsd.org/events.

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: www.fpcsd.org/events.

We are Hiring! Assistant Director of Ladle Fellowship The Assistant Director of Ladle Fellowship aids the excellence of the Ladle 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 Assistant Director 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

Giving

	<u>WEEKLY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Offerings Needed	\$20,833	\$666,667
Offerings 8/30/24	\$23,016	\$617,098

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