



SERMON

ON THE MOUNT


EASTERTIDE

May 29, 2022, 9:00am
Ascension Sunday

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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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

When We All Get to Heaven

Being Called to Worship

My heart is steadfast, O God!

I will sing and make melody with all my being!

Awake, O harp and lyre!

I will awake the dawn!

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;

I will sing praises to you among the nations.

**For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

Psalm 108:1-4

Singing Our Praise

When Morning Guilds the Skies, #487

Announcing the Gospel

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved.

Ephesians 2:4,5

As forgiven people, we have courage to be honest about our lives,
confessing our sin.

Confessing our Sin

**Eternal God, our Judge and Redeemer,
We confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.**

We fail to worship and serve you rightly.

**We live for ourselves,
and turn from our neighbors
refusing to bear their troubles.**

**We ignore the pain of the world,
passing by the hungry,
the poor, and the oppressed.**

**We remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.**

(silence for individual confession)

**God of mercy,
forgive us our sin.**

**In raising Jesus from the grave
you shattered the power of sin and death.**

**Deliver us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will
and obey your commandments,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Declaring God's Pardon

All of us, like sheep, have gone astray, but now we have returned
to the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls.

/ Peter 2:25

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?

“Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife. You shall not set your desire on your neighbor’s house or land, his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

Deuteronomy 5:16-21

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 us greet one another in this way.

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

Singing Our Praise

I Saw the Light

Offering Our Prayers

Hearing the Word

Telling the Story & Praying the Lord’s Prayer

Ask, Seek, Knock

Matthew 7:1-14

(After this, children may leave for Kidz Worship)

Offering Our Music

My Jesus I Love Thee, arr. Richard Kingsmore

Praying for Illumination

Reading the Word Matthew 7:1-14

Declaring the Word The Narrow Gate

Responding to the Word

Presenting God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Singing Our Praise

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee, #310

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

Singing Our Praise

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Receiving the Charge & Blessing

Being Sent

Bluegrass Postlude

Servant Schedule

Liturgy Pastor: Jerry Andrews

Preaching Pastor: Jeff Myers

Offering our Prayers: Brad Baker

Offering our Music:

Worship Leader: Adam Michel, Banjo

Chris Surdock: Acoustic Guitar and Vocals

Jesse Michel: Acoustic Guitar

Andrew Michel: Upright Bass and Vocals

Adam LaRocca: Drums

Diego Guerra: Fiddle

Jeff Myers: Mandolin and Vocals

Westminster Choir: Rodney Girvin, Director and Organist

Tech Director: Dave Jones

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today! Fellowship in the Courtyard – 10:15am

Everyone is invited to the Courtyard after this morning's worship service for fellowship, coffee, and snacks. Meet and greet our visitors and FPC families. Fellowship time will replace Sunday School and Academy of Faith today.

Jazz Vespers – Sundays, 4:30pm – 4th Avenue Chapel

Archie Thompson's Archtones, guest musicians, and our pastors lead us in worship with jazz, blues, and gospel, prayers, preaching from the Word of God, and communion. Please join us in the Chapel. If you can't attend in person, the services are available at livestream.com/fpcsd

June is Missions Month at FPC

Join us throughout the month of June as we hear from many of our mission partners in the worship services, adult Academy of Faith classes, and youth Sunday School. Discover how God is at work in the world and how you can participate! Watch for the June schedule in your mailbox and email. If you are not on the church email list, you can sign up at www.fpcsd.org. Scroll to the bottom of the page, lower right box, "Subscribe For Emails."

Ukraine Relief Mission Trip

On June 8, 2022, Joshua and Susan Montoya, on behalf of First Presbyterian Church, are headed to Lithuania, Poland and Spain with The Outreach Foundation (TOF). They will meet and pray with Ukrainian refugees, bring supplies, and witness the relief efforts of mission partners abroad. Upon their return, they will share their pictures, videos and stories with the congregation.

Ways to donate:

1. Order from an Amazon Wish List of requested relief supplies (suggestions) https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2294B9HR5P5QC?ref_=wl_share
 2. Bring donations to the church office by June 4th.
 3. Donate funds directly to TOF: theoutreachfoundation.org/ukraine-appeal.
- Questions? Text or call Susan Montoya 619.507.2888.

Ukraine Outreach Foundation Updates

FPC has sent \$6000 from our Missions emergency account to The Outreach Foundation. These funds will support TOF's Ukraine refugee and medical assistance work. A portion of the funds will also support Joshua and Susan Montoya's relief trip. Frequent TOF updates can be found at theoutreachfoundation.org/updates

Mongolian Missionaries Need a Place to Stay

Our missionaries from Mongolia (a couple, Khongorzul and Ehnke) need a place to stay while here in San Diego, from June 18-22. They will have a car, they just need a place to rest their heads! If you can help, please contact Sandy: srickon@yahoo.com or leave a message at 619-838-8234.

City Tree Christian School – Principal Opening

After many faithful years of service and dedication as Principal of City Tree Christian School, Sue Kennedy will soon be entering into retirement. A search committee has been formed to take on the very important task of filling this critical role. If you know of someone that you feel would be a strong candidate to fill this role leading City Tree, please contact a member of the search committee at ctcsprincipalsearch@citytreeschool.org. The job posting can be found at www.citytree.org/employment

Upcoming Events:

June 5 – Hear from our Mission Partners

9:00am Worship Service – **Donnie Dee, San Diego Rescue Mission**

10:30am Academy of Faith – **Eva Glick, Intl. Student Ministry, IVCF**

10:30am Youth Sunday School – **Jonathan Yturralde, CRU-MK2MK**

4:30pm Jazz Vespers – **Michelle Le Beau, San Diego Rescue Mission**

June 11 - God at Work in San Diego: A Call to Action! – 8:00am - Noon

Learn and work alongside others as we partner with our local missions:

Downtown Fellowship, Ladle, New Day, 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 for a quick snack and a devotional from Ben Montoya, Director of Downtown Fellowship, before we head out to one of the four locations. Find more information and sign up today at www.fpcsd.org/missions.

June 12, 19, 26 – Explore FPC Membership Classes – 11:45am, West Tower

Is God calling you to be a member of FPCSD? Join us for three Sundays from 11:45am-1:15pm. Lunch will be provided. These classes are open to anyone, with no obligation to join the church. They are required for membership and will be recorded if you can't attend at the designated time. Register: fpcsd.org/classes
Questions? Contact Jeff Myers at jeff.myers@fpcsd.org.

June 21 – Third Tuesday Fellowship Luncheon – Noon – West Room

Ben Montoya will moderate a panel of experts in a discussion on *Homelessness*. We will hear from Crystal Carlson, San Diego Rescue Mission; Raul Palomino, New Day Urban Ministries; and John Savidge, Ladle Fellowship. Suggested donation of \$5.

July 3-8 and July 31-August 5 – Forest Home Summer Camp 2022

After a 2-year hiatus, FPC is going to Forest Home again! Register at www.fpcsd.org/events

Current 2nd-4th Graders – Church subsidized cost: \$300 (actual \$439).

July 3-8. For more info, contact: peggy.gross@fpcsd.org

Current 5th-12th Graders – Church subsidized cost: \$425 (actual \$589).

July 31-Aug 5. For more info, contact micah.howard@fpcsd.org

July 25-29 – Vacation Bible School at FPC

Save the dates and watch for details!

Weekly Opportunities:

Sundays

9:00am – Worship Service in the Sanctuary (or online)

10:15am – Coffee Fellowship – Assembly Room
(extended fellowship last Sunday of each month)

10:30am – Sunday School & Academy of Faith
(except last Sunday of each month)

2:30pm – Middle School Girls Bible Study
Bi-weekly. Contact Carol Rogers for info: kandcrog@cox.net

4:30pm – Jazz Vespers – 4th Avenue Chapel (or online)

Tuesdays

8:00-9:00am – Praying for Our Families – Sanctuary
Stay for 5 minutes or an hour. Spend time in silence. You may also drop off prayer requests. Contact Peggy: peggy.gross@fpcsd.org

6:45pm – Analytical Bible Study for Men & Women – Zoom
Contact Glenn: glenn@gcthomas.com

Wednesdays

12:00-12:30pm – Midweek Prayer
Join us Wednesday as we pray for the world, our nation, city, and church family. Meet in the Prayer Room at Noon. For more information, contact Jeff: jeff.myers@fpcsd.org

6:00-8:00pm – Westminster Orchestra Rehearsal
Contact: Judith Thomas, judith@gcthomas.com

Thursdays

7:00-8:00am – Men’s Bible Study – Zoom

Contact Lloyd: lloyd.tooks@fpcsd.org

9:30am – Women’s Bible Study – Zoom

Studying the book of *John*. Contact Sharon: slaabs@spice-weasel.com

6:00-7:30pm – *The Gathering*: FPC Youth Group, 6-12th Grades

Enjoy pizza, games, and friends on the Roof. For more info, contact Micah: micah.howard@fpcsd.org

6:00-7:30pm – Parenting Class – West Room

Grace Based Parenting. Join us for study and discussion, *Creating an Atmosphere of Grace*, by Dr. Tim Kimmel. Childcare provided in Scout Room. For more information, contact Peggy: peggy.gross@fpcsd.org

7:00-9:00pm – Westminster Choir Rehearsal – Rehearsal Room

Contact Rodney Girvin, rodney.girvin@fpcsd.org

Fridays

8:30-9:45am – Women’s Bible Study – West Room & Zoom

God of Freedom: A Study of Exodus 19-40. Join us for this 10-session study by Jen Wilkin, beginning April 1.

12:00-12:30pm – Midweek Prayer – Zoom

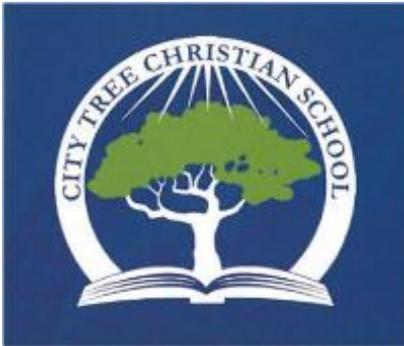
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FPC MINISTRIES



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