



January 23, 2021, 4:30pm

## Welcome!

Thank you for joining us this evening for in-person worship in the FPC Courtyard. We're thankful that you can be here with your faces covered and socially distanced from those outside your family. We encourage you to keep up with weekly changes and other information on the church website.

Sign up for our Email Updates at [www.fpcsd.org](http://www.fpcsd.org)



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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. 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.*

## **Order of Worship**

The next pages will help you follow along and join us in the worship liturgy as we sing praises, pray, hear the word of God, and celebrate the Lord's Supper together. Announcements on the last page highlight opportunities for following Christ at home and with the church body in prayer, fellowship and study groups for children and adults. May God bless your time in the presence of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

# First Presbyterian Church of San Diego

## Worships God

by  
Gathering around the Word  
Hearing the Word  
Responding to the Word

### *Epiphany*

January 23, 2021

### **Gathering Around the Word**

#### **Singing Our Praise**

*Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)*

Praise is rising  
Eyes are turning to You  
We turn to You  
Hope is stirring  
Hearts are yearning for You  
We long for You

'Cause when we see You  
We find strength to face the day  
In Your presence  
All our fears are washed away, washed away

Hosanna hosanna  
You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises  
Hosanna hosanna  
Come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of  
Hearts returning to You  
We turn to You  
In Your kingdom  
Broken lives are made new  
You make us new

Hosanna hosanna

#### **Preparing for Worship in Prayer**

## Being Called into God's Presence

Our God comes; he does not keep silence;  
before him is a devouring fire,  
around him a mighty tempest.

**He calls to the heavens above**

**and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

“Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

**The heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge!**

*Psalm 50:3-6*

## Singing Our Praise

*O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer (Psalm 103)*  
Presbyterian Hymnal, #223

O my soul, bless your Redeemer;  
All within me, bless God's Name;  
Bless the Savior, and forget not  
All God's mercies to proclaim;

God forgives all your transgressions,  
All diseases gently heals;  
God redeems you from destruction,  
And with you so kindly deals.

Far as east from west is distant,  
God has put away our sin;  
Like the pity of a father  
Has the Lord's compassion been.

As it was without beginning,  
So it lasts without an end;  
To their children's children ever  
Shall God's righteousness extend:

Unto such as keep God's covenant  
And are steadfast in God's way;  
Unto those who still remember  
The commandments and obey.

Bless your Maker, all you creatures,  
Ever under God's control,  
All throughout God's vast dominion;  
Bless the Lord of all, my soul!

## Announcing the Gospel

*The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.*

Psalm 103:8-10

*Assured that we will find mercy in the presence of our God,  
we confess our sins together.*

## **Confessing Our Sins**

**Merciful God,  
We confess to you our sin.  
In thought, speech, and deed  
we have not rendered service nor submission to you.  
We have aimed not at your glory  
nor at the salvation of our brother and sister.  
We have failed to teach others to serve you by our example.  
We've pleased ourselves using gifts from your hand,  
rather than purposing them for your honor and service.  
Forgive us, Lord, we pray.**

*(silence for individual confession)*

**Gracious God,  
Remember the covenant you made through your Servant  
Jesus Christ.  
For your name's sake,  
forgive us,  
deliver us from sin,  
restore us to you,  
make us holy for a life of worship. Amen.**

## **Declaring God's Pardon**

*For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

Psalm 103:11-12

*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?*

**He has told you, mortal, what is good; and  
what does the Lord require of you but  
to do justice, and  
to love mercy, and  
to walk humbly with your God?**

*Micah 6:8*

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

## **Singing Our Praise**

*Cornerstone*

(2x's)

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' Name

Christ alone, Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love.  
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil,  
my anchor holds within the veil.

(3x's)

Christ alone, Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love.  
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless stand before the throne.

(3x's)

Christ alone, Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love.  
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.

## **Offering Our Prayers**

### **Hearing the Word**

## **Telling the Story & Praying the Lord's Prayer**

From Adam to Noah

Genesis 5

## **Offering Our Music**

*Trio on "Carlisle"*

## Praying for Illumination

### Reading the Word

Matthew 20:29-34

### Declaring the Word

Shewing Mercy: The Two Men Who Were Blind

## **Responding to the Word**

### Singing Our Praise

*I'll Praise My Maker (Psalm 146)*  
Presbyterian Hymnal, #253

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;  
And when my voice is lost in death,  
Praise shall employ my nobler powers.  
My days of praise shall ne'er be past  
While life, and thought, and being last,  
Or immortality endures.

How happy they whose hopes rely  
On Israel's God who made the sky,  
And earth and seas with all their train;  
Whose truth forever stands secure,  
Who saves the oppressed and feeds the poor,  
And none shall find God's promise vain.

The Lord pours eyesight on the blind;  
The Lord supports the fainting mind  
And send the laboring conscience peace.  
God helps the stranger in distress,  
The widowed and the parentless,  
And grants the prisoner sweet release.

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;  
And when my voice is lost in death,  
Praise shall employ my nobler powers.  
My days of praise shall ne'er be past  
While life and thought and being last,  
Or immortality endures.

### Celebrating the Lord's Supper

## **Singing Our Praise**

### *Jesus Paid It All*

I hear the Savior say Thy strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow

Lord now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete  
Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow

Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow  
He washed it white as snow  
He washed it white as snow

Oh praise the One who paid my debt and  
Raised this life up from the dead

## **Receiving the Charge & Blessing**

### **Servant Schedule**

Liturgy Pastor: Jeff Myers

Preaching Pastor: Jerry Andrews

Offering our Prayers: Sheri Soldau

Offering our Music:

Director, Organ, & Keyboard: Rodney Girvin

Westminster Choir Section Leaders:

Hanabi Ito, Soprano

Tzytle Steinman, Mezzo-soprano

Carol Rogers, Alto

Greg Carlson, Tenor

Ben Plache, Baritone

Worship Team Leader & Acoustic Guitar: Chris Surdock

Bass Guitar: Benjamin Montoya

Drums: Joel Hernandez

# Announcements

## **Meeting of the Congregation & Corporation - Notice of Call, Feb 8, 7:00pm**

The annual meeting of the congregation and corporation is called by Session for Monday evening February 8 7:00 pm by Zoom. Among the items on the agenda are approving terms of call for the pastors, electing Margaret Walls Pastor Emerita, electing a member to the Congregation's Nominating Committee, and electing annual officers of the corporation. We will also review briefly our past year both financially and spiritually, and our hopes for 2021, including the presentation of the budget as matter of information. Everyone is invited! Persons on the active membership roll of FPC may vote. A link to the meeting will be sent shortly before the meeting.

## **Fellowship Groups and Bible Studies – Launching Jan. 25!**

Small groups are launching January 25<sup>th</sup>. Join a virtual group to study, pray, fellowship, and grow with others in the congregation. There are groups for men and women, plus youth groups for high school, middle school, and parents with school-age children. See [fpcsd.org/ministries](https://fpcsd.org/ministries) for more information.

## **Accepting Applications for Youth Ministry Director**

First Presbyterian Church has opened a search for a Director of Youth Ministry. Please pray with us for God's wisdom and guidance as we receive applications. Spread the word of the position to any candidates you know. [Here](#) is a position summary. Resume and cover letter can be sent to [jeff.myers@fpcsd.org](mailto:jeff.myers@fpcsd.org).

## **Ladle Clothing Drive**

The Ladle Fellowship still needs Men's Clothing! Though our campus is closed for our fellowship meals, we continue to meet with our guests out on Date Street every Sunday. During our "grab & go" meals, our volunteers provide essentials such as toiletries, medical care (Street Corner Care), and clothing. We are quite low on pants, t-shirts, shoes, and jackets. Bring your donations to the church (office entrance) anytime and leave them on the Assembly Room stage.

## **Midweek Prayer on Zoom! Wednesdays & Fridays, 12:00-12:30pm**

Join us as we pray for the world, our nation, city, and church family. Request Zoom link from Jeff: [jeff.myers@fpcsd.org](mailto:jeff.myers@fpcsd.org).

## **Worship in the Courtyard, Saturdays, 4:30pm!**

Register at [fpcsd.org](https://fpcsd.org) and join us in the Courtyard at First Presbyterian Church, 320 Date St, San Diego. As seating is limited, please register before coming.

## **Worship Online, Live! Saturdays at 4:30pm, Also Broadcast on Sundays**

If you can't attend in person, you can participate in worship from your home as you join us **live** Saturdays at 4:30pm at [fpcsd.org/worship-online](https://fpcsd.org/worship-online) or worship with us during a Sunday morning broadcast at 8:30 or 11:00am.

## **Jazz Service at Waterfront Park, Sundays, 10:00am**

Music with Archie Thompson and the ArchTones begins at 10:00am, followed by worship in prayer and teaching. Please wear a mask and bring a chair or blanket for seating. We gather near the West entrance to the San Diego County Administration building. Tell your friends!

**Kidz Worship!**

Children's ministry is open during our Worship Services on both Saturdays and Sundays (masks and social distancing required) for children ages 4-10.

**Saturday**, 4:30pm – Parents, please register your children online on the [Worship in the Courtyard](#) page.

**Sunday**, 10:00am – No sign up necessary for Jazz Service in Waterfront Park. Children will be escorted to the side for part of the service.

Contact [Peggy.Gross@fpcsd.org](mailto:Peggy.Gross@fpcsd.org) for more information.

**Visual Art Show, City Tree Christian School**

Enjoy a video experience of City Tree's preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade student art show! Watch clips of K-8 students viewing the show and hear what they love about art, at [vimeo.com/492539261/c8bd3de3ff](https://vimeo.com/492539261/c8bd3de3ff)

**FPC Arts Series Online!**

Past concerts are available for viewing at any time at [fpcsd.org/events-1](https://fpcsd.org/events-1).