



June 13, 2021, 9:00am

Welcome!

Thank you for joining us for in-person worship in the FPC Sanctuary. We're thankful that you can be here with your faces covered and socially distanced from those outside your family. We also welcome those of you worshipping with us online. We encourage you to keep up with weekly changes and other information 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.

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.

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Worships God

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

June 13, 2021, 9:00am

Gathering Around the Word

Singing Our Praise

God of Wonders

Being Called into God's Presence

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in the heavenly realms
with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

**In him we were also chosen,
having been predestined according to the plan of him
who works everything in conformity with the purpose of
his will,
in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ,
might be for the praise of his glory.**

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth,
the gospel of your salvation.

**Having believed, we were marked in him with a seal,
the promised holy Spirit,
who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance
until the redemption of those who are God's
possession,
to the praise of his glory.**

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from Ephesians 1

Singing Our Praise

Holy God, We Praise Your Name
Presbyterian Hymnal, #460

Announcing the Gospel

*The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
It extends to our children and our children's children.
It is new every morning. Great is his faithfulness.*

*Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy
and find grace to help in time of need.*

Confessing Our Sins

Merciful God,

**We confess we are in need of your mercy;
our sins are many,
our faults enduring.**

**We do not trust your goodness to be good,
trusting more in ourselves,
listening to other voices than your own.**

**We take so little responsibility
for the well-being of others,
for the care of your creation.**

**We have majored in taking and then hiding,
and minored in giving and loving others and you.**

(silence for individual confession)

Gracious God,

**Teach us again of your love for your world,
which you have made,
which you have loved,
which you have redeemed.**

**Remind us that it is with that love
we have been loved,
and we are now to love your world,
and all that are within it.
all in Christ. Amen.**

Declaring God's Pardon

The Scriptures say:

This is a reliable statement and is to be universally accepted:

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

While we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

Friends: 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?

**My soul will magnify the Lord,
and my spirit will rejoice in God my Savior.
For he that is mighty has done great things,
and Holy is his name.**

Luke 1:46-49

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Singing Our Praise

Indescribable

Offering a Witness

Offering Our Prayers

Hearing the Word

Telling the Story & Praying the Lord's Prayer

God Creates Adam and Eve

Genesis 2

Offering Our Music

The Lord is My Light, arr. Oley Speaks

Praying for Illumination

Reading the Word

Genesis 2: 4-25

Declaring the Word

Perfect Beginnings: Paradise and the Pair

Responding to the Word

Singing Our Praise

All Creatures of Our God and King
Presbyterian Hymnal, #455

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

Singing Our Praise

Carried to the Table

Receiving the Charge & Blessing

Being Sent

And Can it Be?, arr. Ed Hogan

Servant Schedule

Liturgy Pastor: Jeff Myers

Preaching Pastor: Jerry Andrews

Offering a Witness: Eva Liu Glick, InterVarsity, Intl. Student Ministry

Offering Our Prayers: Sara Delgado

Offering Our Music:

Westminster Choir: Rodney Girvin, Director & Organist

Tenor Soloist: Jack Adkins

Clarinet: Marla Miranda

Worship Team Leader & Acoustic Guitar: Adam Michel

Bass Guitar: Martin Mele

Drums: Joel Hernandez

Piano: Rodney Girvin

Tech Director: Dave Jones

For the Genesis sermon series, please go online to read the Introduction and Bibliography at: <https://www.fpcsd.org/worship-online>

Genesis Two – Notes and Reflection Questions are provided below and also online at <https://www.fpcsd.org/worship-online>

Genesis 2:4-25

Genesis 1:1 introduces Genesis 1; Genesis 2 introduces Genesis 3-11; (Genesis 2-11 introduces ... the whole Bible?)
Gen. 2 supplements story of creation in Gen. 1 by adding a 2nd story, rather than by interpreting it – as the 4 Gospels.

Looking Back: Two Stories of Creation

The first creation story focuses on heaven and earth, on the entire cosmos;

the second focuses on human beings in their terrestrial situation.

In the first, the cosmos beginnings are watery and amorphous (1:2);

in the second, the earthly beginning is dry (2:5).

The first story ends with humanity;

the second begins with humanity.

In the first, the animals come first and humanity is to be their ruler;

in the second, the beasts come after, as humanity's possible companions.

In the first, humanity is to be the master of life on earth (1:28);

in the second, the servant of the earth (2:5,15).

In the first, male and female are created together;

*in the second, they are created sequentially, male first female second
(or alternatively, the first human being is divided).*

In the first story, humanity – male and female - is made directly in the image of God (1:27);

*in the second, the human one is made of earthly dust and divine breath (2:7) and becomes godlike
only at the end – “now the man is become like one of us” (3:22) – and only in transgressing.*

In the first, things are said to be “good”;

*in the second, there is a tree of knowledge of good and bad, nothing is said to be “good,”
and one thing – the human one's aloneness – is said (by the Lord God) to be “not good.”*

In the first, the name for God is 'elohim (God),

in the second YHWH 'elohim (the Lord God or Yahweh/Jehovah God).

In the first, plants are given to living things for food (1:29-30);

in the second, the human one is to serve and keep the plants; the fruit trees are given for food (2:15-16).

In the first, in need of encouragement, man is given a positive injunction, for procreation, dominion (1:28);

in the second, in need of restraint, the human one is given a negative commandment (2:17).

In the first, God names and blesses (1:22, 28; 2:3);

in the second, the human one names, and later God curses but not the human one (3:14,17).

In the first story, God's first blessing concerns reproduction (1:28), and then food (1:29); both are positive.

*In the second story, food comes before sex and reproduction, and each is tinged with ambiguity and
sorrow: there are, first, generous remarks about eating, but with one restriction (2:16-17), followed by
the emergence of sexuality, first without shame (2:25), later with it (3:7); only later in the story (in the
“punishment”) do we learn (for the first time) about childbirth, that it will be painful (3:16), and the truth
about food, that it will come only with toil (3:18-19).*

In the first story, human freedom and reason appears to be our badge of distinction;

in the second story, human freedom and reason are potentially the source of our troubles.

The story begun in Genesis One, ends in Genesis One; the story in Genesis Two continues directly into Genesis Three
The last phrase of Genesis Two ‘... and they were not (yet) ashamed, anticipates that they will be.

Looking Forward: The Story that Has Not Ended

The primordial world follows the form of the prototypical human one:

everything is latent (seeds not plants are present; human potential present, not yet actual)

“to till” = to rule and regulate; and also = “to serve” – which is it? which will it be?

the same words are used of Levites/priests working in the Temple

made of dust and the breath of God;

higher than the earth, but bound to it; ha’adam = “ground”; to it we return; also to God?

made from the earth but not alienated from it; made of God, but not alienated

simple, childlike, unexperienced, untroubled, content, self-conscious but not problematically;

placed but not yet performing; in command but not yet commanding;

The Two Trees: not necessarily for eating – a tree is independent, free standing, with obvious majesty but hidden roots

Tree of Life = deathlessness at the center of the garden, no fear of death nor desire to eat of it ... yet

Tree of Good and Bad = knowledge of ... leads to disruption of simple innocence

A knowledge of good and bad = that there are good/bad; a concern with/for g/b; an experience of g/b;

humanity in an hospitable place, w/o needs; but “seeds”, a latency lurks;

a freedom has been given, there is choice; choice implies judgment, desire, reason

freedom to be/do (what?) and freedom from (what? who?); if you have everything what do you desire?

a warning in the form of a command; a plea not a test

“Bad” = more than moral evil = pain, suffering, ugliness, disorder

Like the tree, humanity may become independent, free; obvious majesty, hidden roots... and forbidden

To reach for the hidden fruit is already to have tasted it; desire = act (before eating, Eve sees the tree is good to eat)

What has been prohibited but now has become actual is

Autonomous knowledge (God already knew these things) of how to live,

found nearby (in a garden),

visible (they “saw” it),

based on experience (eating),

chosen in freedom (they were able to reach),

selected by reason (this is the beginning of human thinking).

This is choosing for oneself, apart from God; according to the Bible this is the bane of humanity

It is choosing against God’s choices - It is reason versus revelation

Speech

God creates by speech; finally the human one speaks, but not to God, not to her; to whom?

The first words about God will be from the serpent; about God, not to God; none to God until after...

ha’adam is silent until he names the animals, thus creating a second world atop the divinely created world

the appearance of animals elicits naming [God and dog]

Differentiates one thing from another; also differentiates one’s self from all others

Does naming differences order and thus cohere things, or divide and alienate things?

Man and Woman

The appearance of the woman elicits poetry; but he does not speak to her...hummmm

Ha’adam does not name the other, yet; he calls her ‘the other’ ‘from me, but not me’ -“ish” and “ishish”

Division = Difference; Will difference = division?

She is a counterpart, an opposite, a complement, an equal but not the same

[a Malankara Orthodox Church wedding = ‘Adam and Eve’]

This is a story not only of what happened once, but of what happens. Do you see this happening?

Reflection Questions – Genesis Two

1. Ah... Paradise. What in this description of the Garden of Eden most attracts you? What in our world, present in Eden but now lost, do you 'miss' the most? What still lingers of the Eden?
2. (Much on this next week, but) how would you describe the relationship of Eve and Adam as first created?
3. What is the relationship of the human one(s) to God?
4. What is the relationship of the human one(s) to creation – the animals and the ground?
5. The final verse says there was no 'shame' in their 'nakedness', thus foreboding that such a thing is possible (maybe even certain) and that 'nakedness' can, in other circumstances produce shame. Among other things (usually sexual/moral/personal) this has been read to mean the loss of innocence often thought of as experience). Can we ever get innocence back after we are experienced?
6. When the human one was created it was not said 'it was good' – 'good' meaning complete, perfected, a perfect fit for its mission. What is lacking? God said 'it is not good for the human one to be alone'? The division of the human one into a man and a woman presumably solves that need. But are the human ones now complete - 'good'?

Announcements

God at Work in the World: *Hope in Hard Times*

Today we hear from Eva Liu Glick, Associate Director of Campus Integration with InterVarsity's International Student Ministry. Watch your email this coming Wednesday for video updates from Frank Dimmock of The Outreach Foundation (Hope in South Sudan) and David & Lynn Frank (Translation Work in Nigeria in the Time of COVID). All gifts in June will be matched in some portion by the FPC mission budget, up to \$20,000 (giving forms and envelopes in the pew racks). For more information or to give online, go to www.fpcsd.org/missions

Academy of Faith: *Missions in China*, Sundays, 10:30am, West Room

Dr. Yong Lee will share in 2 more sessions. Please join us!

Today: *A Reflection on China's Christians and Why it Matters*

June 20: *The Incentive to Missions*

GriefShare, Sundays, 10:30am-Noon, Goodwin Annex

GriefShare is for people grieving the death of a loved one, family member or friend. Visit GriefShare.org/About for detailed information on the program. Go to www.fpcsd.org/classes to register. You may also call/text or email Bob Stermon at 619-813-2376, rstemon1@gmail.com with questions or to register.

FPC Children's Sunday School is Back! Sundays, 10:30am

Elementary students meet on the Roof of the Christian Education Building

Infants and Preschool meet in Early Childhood class

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

After Worship Fellowship Every Sunday!

All are invited to gather for fellowship after the 9:00am worship service, in the Assembly Hall except the last Sunday of each month, which is in the Courtyard.

Pastor's Bible Study, Thursdays, 8:30am and 5:30pm, West Tower

Join Pastor Jerry as he teaches *The Stories of Beginnings: Genesis 1-11*. All are invited each Thursday at 8:30am or 5:30pm, in the West Tower (in-person only).

Explore FPC Membership – Saturdays, 9:00-10:15am via Zoom

Is God calling you to be a member of FPCSD? Join us for the next two Saturday mornings from 9:00-10:15am, over Zoom. These classes are open to anyone, with no obligation to join the church. They are required for membership. The classes are being recorded, in case you missed the June 12 class, or if you can't attend at the designated time. Register at www.fpcsd.org/classes. Questions? Contact Jeff Myers, jeff.myers@fpcsd.org

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.

Praying for Our Families, Thursdays, 8:00-9:00am Join us in the Sanctuary on Thursday mornings, anytime between 8:00-9:00am. Stay for 5 minutes or an hour. Spend time in silence. You may also drop off prayer requests. Contact Peggy: peggy.gross@fpcsd.org with any questions.

The Gathering: FPC Youth Group, 6-12th Grades, Thursdays, 6:00-7:30pm
Youth are invited to enjoy pizza, games, and friends on the Roof! Contact Micah Howard, micah.howard@fpcsd.org for more information.

Parenting Through the Pandemic, Thursdays, 6-7:30pm
Join us in the Scout Room for this parenting class. Childcare provided. Enter the courtyard through the ramp on Date Street. For more info contact: peggy.gross@fpcsd.org

Want to Lead a Small Group?

Summer small groups are launching in June, inviting the congregation into communities of fellowship, study, and prayer. Is God calling you to lead a group? Contact Jeff Myers to see how you can help. jeff.myers@fpcsd.org

Volunteers Needed!

If you have a passion for people, join us!

For greeters, ushers, safety, and welcome center volunteers, contact

jeff.myers@fpcsd.org or pamela.gohlke@fpcsd.org

For early childhood and elementary volunteers, contact peggy.gross@fpcsd.org

City Tree is Hiring!

If you are passionate about education and nurturing faith in children, consider applying for a teaching position at City Tree Christian School. We are now hiring K-5 teachers for the 2021-2022 school year. To learn more about the position and download an application to apply, go to www.citytree.org/employment

Upcoming Events:

June 15 - Third Tuesday Fellowship, Noon in West Room, 1:00pm via Zoom

Join us this Tuesday in *Celebrating Our FPC Seniors*, presented by Janice Raymond. We will hear short life stories and see pictures of our over (or near) 90 saints. Come to the West Room at Noon for a snack and punch beforehand, or sign onto Zoom at 1:00pm for the program. Register at www.fpcsd.org/events.

June 26 - America the Beautiful Orchestra Concert, 1:00pm, Waterfront Park

Come to Waterfront Park at the corner of Ash and Harbor Drive, for our 9th Annual Concert and Community Sing. Join us and bring your friends!

June 27 – Summer Homecoming, 10:15am, Courtyard

Celebrate the relaunch of our Sunday programs for Children, Youth, and Adults. Enjoy food, fellowship, and live music in the Courtyard following the 9:00am worship service.

July 23 – Rooftop Hoops, 6:00-8:00pm, FPC Rooftop

Bring your game to the roof of FPC for a night of basketball with the men of San Diego Rescue Mission. In between games, we will have a bite to eat and hear a word from Scripture.

Sept 17-19 - FPC All-Church Fall Retreat, Indian Hills Camp, Jamul

We will enjoy hiking, swimming, zip-line and more. Contact Josh Reyes, joshmreyes@gmail.com with any questions. See cost information and register at fpcsd.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/884198