



First Presbyterian Church
San Leandro

Highlights



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Mark your Calendar

- 3-7 *Greet & Give*
- 3-7 *Communion Sunday*
- 3-28 *Palm Sunday*
- 4-1 *Maundy Thursday*
- 4-2 *Good Friday*
- 4-4 *Easter Sunday*

Church Office Hours

Wednesdays and Fridays, 1 – 3 pm
(Please wear a mask and stay 6 feet
apart from others.)



Daylight Saving Time Begins

...March 14

Don't forget to turn your clocks
ahead one hour!!

Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club will be
meeting in March on Zoom to discuss
The Dearly Beloved by Cara Wall on
Saturday, March 20 at 10:00 am.

If you are not on our email list, please
call the church office and leave your
name and email.

Lent and Holy Week

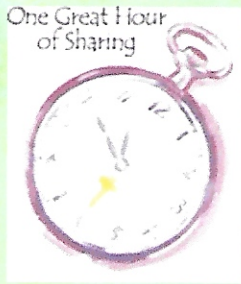
The season of Lent began on **February 17** (Ash Wednesday), and continues for 40 days (excluding Sundays). Lent is a time when we focus on our relationship with God. What do we need to do to draw closer to God, to make room in our hearts for Him? During this pandemic, when we must all continue to shelter-in-place and keep ourselves and our neighbors safe, how can we use our prayer time to seek God's will in our lives and in the world? Surely this is a most appropriate time for all of us to take steps in our journey that lead us back to God. It's a long road, but with God's help we can stay on the path.

Holy Week brings the culmination of Christ's great redemptive work. The week begins with Palm Sunday, **March 28**, when we remember Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, riding on a colt and hearing the crowd cry, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

On Thursday of Holy Week (**April 1**), we will be posting our audio-recording of a Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae worship service, when we remember Jesus' last supper with the disciples, as well as the final hours of Jesus' life, when the disciples deserted him, one by one.

Good Friday (**April 2**) is the solemn day of remembering Christ's crucifixion on a cross, as he suffered and died for our sins.

We will celebrate Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, **April 4**. This worship service will be posted online, and we look forward to including some special music with brass from worship recordings in previous years. Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!



One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received on Palm Sunday, March 28 (or anytime during March). This offering couldn't be more important than this year, as we continue to endure the pandemic. The offering supports three things: relief from hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, assistance in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self Development of People.

Certainly during these difficult times, our support of this offering allows us to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. If you have offering envelopes, you may use the one specifically for One Great Hour of Sharing. If not, you may simply write OGHs in the memo line on a check, and we will be sure to send it along to help alleviate the disaster, hunger and oppression in our world today. Thank you!



Books in the Church Library

Are you looking for some helpful reading during these shelter-in-place months? You are welcome to come to the church on Wednesday or Friday afternoon (1-3 pm) and go into our Church Library to borrow a book or two for your reading enjoyment. We have all kinds of books, and the library is clearly labeled so that you can find what you need. You may keep the book(s) as long as you wish, and then return them so that others may enjoy them. If you have any questions, call Sue Goodnow at (510) 352-3320.

Communion Sunday

– March 7, 2021

On Sunday, **March 7**, we will participate in Holy Communion in our homes while listening to the worship service online. If you wish, you may gather “common and ordinary” elements (bread, crackers, juice, wine) as you have available, and partake of the elements after the Word is preached during the recorded worship service.

There are several ways to access the worship service:

1. Internet is NOT required to participate in worship! Using your phone:

- At 9:30 am on Sunday morning, you may call 1-669-900-9128.
- When prompted for the meeting ID, dial 861 5833 0947 (then #)
- When asked for User ID or press #, just press #
- When prompted for a password,, dial 4562580 (then #).

You will be able to listen to the worship service through your phone (but no one will be able to hear you).

2. you may go to our webpage www.FirstPresbyterianChurchSL.org and click on the link on the home page (scroll down to find the link);
3. you may click on the link on our church Facebook page, and it will take you to our webpage.







Zoom Coffee Fellowship

We continue to enjoy connecting with one another at our weekly Zoom Coffee Fellowship at 11:00 am on Sundays. If you would like to receive an invitation, please call the church office or email Anne at Anne@FirstPresbyterianChurchSL.org.

You may participate by Zoom, or you can participate by phone, cell phone or landline. If you want to join in, on Sunday morning a few minutes before 11:00 am:

- dial 1-669-900-9128 (then #)
- when prompted for the meeting ID, dial 821 3242 9852 (then #)
- then you might hear a prompt to put in your user ID or to simply press #, so just press #
- and finally, you'll be asked for a password, which is 4562580 (then #)

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:30 AM Online Worship Service 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship by ZOOM	1 4:00 PM Adult Bible Class (Zoom)	2	3 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Church Office Open 6:30 PM Chancel Bells	4	5 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Church Office Open	6
7 9:30 AM Online Worship Service 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship by ZOOM 2:00 PM Greet and Give Food Drive	8  4:00 PM Adult Bible Class	9	10 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Church Office Open 6:30 PM Chancel Bells	11	12 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Church Office Open	13 
14 9:30 AM Online Worship Service 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship by ZOOM	1 4:00 PM Adult Bible Class (Zoom)	16 7:00 PM Session (Zoom)	17  1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Church Office Open 6:30 PM Chancel Bells	18	19 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Church Office Open	20 10:00 AM - Book Club (Zoom)
21 9:30 AM Online Worship Service 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship by ZOOM	22 4:00 PM Adult Bible Class (Zoom)	23 7:00 PM Deacons (Zoom)	24 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Church Office Open 6:30 PM Chancel Bells	25	26 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Church Office Open	27
28 9:30 AM PALM SUNDAY Worship Service  11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship by ZOOM	29 NO Adult Bible Class	30	31 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Church Office Open 6:30 PM Chancel Bells	1  LAST SUPPER 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae Worship (online)	2  FRIDAY (Church Office Closed)	3 2-3 PM Easter Azalea pick-up in Parking Lot

Greet and Give

– Sunday, March 7

The need for food support for many of our neighbors continues to be great. We appreciate our church family's generous response to our "Greet and Give" food collection drives! Our next "Greet and Give" will take place on the first Sunday afternoon of March – **Sunday, March 7, from 2:00 to 3:00 pm.** This month, the following items would be especially helpful: canned soups, pasta noodles, canned fruits or vegetables, canned meats, and boxed side dishes. Also, if you have unopened utensil packets which you have received with take-out food, bring those along as well.

The food will be taken to the San Lorenzo Family Help Center to help those in need throughout Alameda County. If you have any questions, please call Anne Milner at 510-731-7684.

Manna Meals will be available for purchase - please bring along \$5 cash for each bag you wish to purchase. And you may bring **ink cartridges, aluminum cans and plastic bottles** for recycling, and drop them off at the same time. Please separate the cans from the plastic bottles, into two separate bags. Thank you.

Enjoy an Easter Azalea in your home or donate to Our Friends at Home.

Return this order form by Friday March 19th along with your check for \$23 for each plant to FPCSL

Yes, I will pick up # _____ Azalea plant(s) from the church on Saturday April 3 between 2 PM & 3 PM *

I would like # _____ donated plant(s) delivered by Deacons to Friends at Home

Your Name _____

Designate who you would like remembered or honored in Highlights:

Given in Memory of _____

Given in Honor of _____

*If you are unable to drive to pick up your Azalea, we will deliver it to your porch.

• For questions, contact Mollie Wakeman 510 579 4776

Monday Zoom Bible Class

The Monday Adult Bible Class is currently studying the Ten Commandments, using a video presentation by Rev. Adam Hamilton called "**Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today.**" The class meets at 4:00 pm (by Zoom), through March 22. They will be taking a two-week break (March 29 and April 5), and then will resume on April 12 with a new series.

If you would like to attend these Zoom classes, please call Jane Kraut at 510-537-2369, and she will send you a Zoom invitation by email. Newcomers are welcome!

THANKS
FROM THE
HEART

Thank you

Thank you so much to the many people in the congregation who responded to our request for valentines for our WOW children! It was a wonderful response, and the children were so happy to receive your valentines by mail!



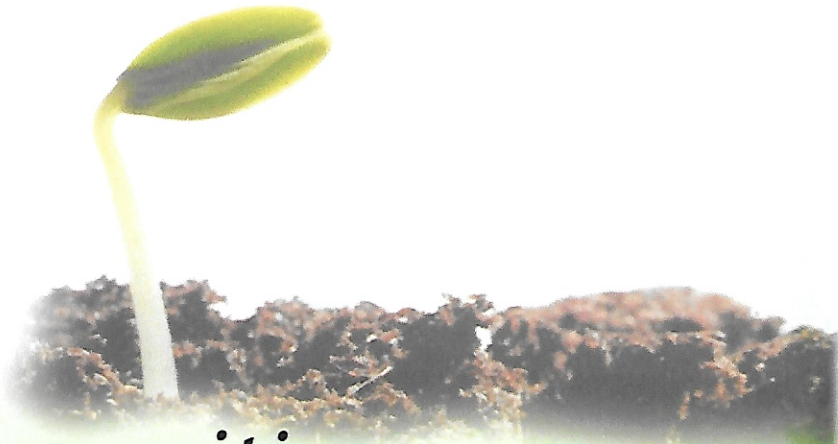


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Church Officer Recognition



We want to thank our church officers who completed their terms at the end of 2020. We appreciate their service over the past three years!

Elders: Carol Anderson, Landon Clark, Gil DeHoyos, Laura Gile
Deacons: Maria Carter, Barbara and Bill Holmes, Kathy Knudsen, Lynne Ondo, Lynn Roman, Susan Sprague, Gordy and Jan Tsuchiya, and Nnabuchi Lebeke (youth deacon).

A special recognition gift has been created by our Group Life elders, Janine Kline and Linda Gizzi, and will be distributed at the March 7 Greet and Give food donation event. If any of the officers is unable to come by on March 7, the gift will be delivered to them. Again, our sincere thanks to all who have served!