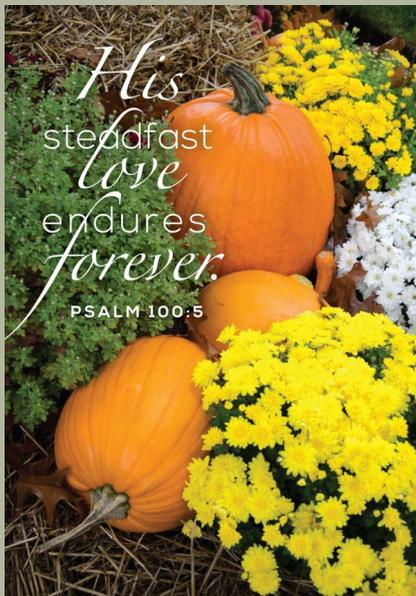


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In-Person Worship Update

In-person worship services continue at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings. We have safe protocols in place (full vaccination required or current negative Covid test, wearing masks, physical distancing, no congregational singing), and thankfully we have had no problems with anyone becoming infected by the coronavirus that continues to surge in Alameda County.

The narthex doors will be open at 9:00 so that everyone can check in at the attendance tables. Please call ahead of time each week during office hours (Tuesday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm), so that we know who to expect and we can assign seating ahead of time.

Please DO NOT attend worship if you have been exposed to someone who has Covid in the past 14 days.

The office entrance (accessible by the handicap ramp) will be available prior to 9:30 am for those who need to use the ramp. All others are asked to enter through the narthex, from the Estudillo Avenue side of the church.

After the service, you are invited to stay for **Coffee Fellowship** outside on the patio, weather-permitting. The deacons will be providing coffee, tea, water, and individually wrapped snacks for everyone. We look forward to greeting one another outdoors! When you are not eating/drinking, it is best to keep your mask on.



Worship Recordings



The recording of our morning worship service continues to be posted on our church webpage by Sunday evening, so for those of you who have underlying health issues or are not comfortable coming back to worship yet, you may continue to listen to the service online. We are also posting a copy of the order of worship, so you may follow along.

<https://firstpresbyterianchurchsl.org/>



A Word from our Stewardship Elder

We recently received some very good news. Our P.P.P. (Paycheck Protection Program) loan has been approved for forgiveness. We will not have to repay the loan and can keep the \$41,572.00 as granted. We were blessed to have been able to keep all of our current staff during the pandemic.

Also, year-to-date through August, we remain in the "black" by a substantial amount. Considering the current rules we are all living by, this speaks very highly for us as a congregation. Please remember, though, some of our programs are not currently in operation, and we have not yet hired an Associate Pastor. When that occurs, our budget will change considerably.

For now, all things considered, we remain very optimistic for the future of His congregation here in San Leandro.

~Jim Watts, Stewardship Elder

Everyone is invited!

Halloween Party – Wednesday, October 27

Our Wonders on Wednesday program (for children in Kindergarten through 8th grades) and our Peak program (for senior high students) will be hosting a Halloween Party, and the entire church family is invited! We will gather in the church parking lot, 4:00 – 5:30 pm, for pumpkin carving and other fun activities! All ages are invited. You are welcome to wear a costume if you wish (and everyone must wear a protective mask, to keep us all safe).



Please RSVP to the church office (510-483-2772) or email Jane Kraut at jane@firstpresbyterianchurchsl.org so we can plan accordingly.

October 3, 2021

World Communion Sunday

On Sunday, October 3, Christians all around the world will be celebrating World Communion Sunday. As we commemorate our oneness in Christ around the table with believers everywhere, we will also receive the 2021 Peace and Global Witness Offering, which supports our partners in the Presbyterian Church as they continue their efforts to be a part of God's peacemaking and witness throughout the world. You may place your offering envelope in the wooden church, in the narthex, before or after worship.



Upon checking in at the attendance table, you will receive a pre-packaged communion cup that contains both bread and juice, in a two-part container. Gluten-free bread will also be available. After worship, please bring the container to the narthex and place it in the trash bin.

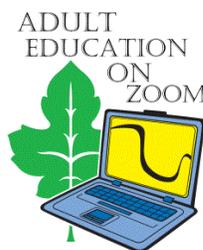
Flowers for the Sanctuary

If you would like to purchase a floral arrangement (\$ 65.00) for a special occasion or in honor/memory of someone, please contact Mollie Wakeman at (510) 579-4776. Flower orders will need to be placed with Mollie a week in advance of your chosen date.



Adult Education Class

Our weekly adult education class is meeting on Monday afternoons at 4:00 pm by Zoom. Sue Goodnow and Jane Kraut are leading the class. During October, they will continue their study on “Reading the Old Testament Through Jewish Eyes” with Rabbi Evan Moffic, who has a passion for sharing Judaism and its traditions with Christian audiences. In his DVD, Rabbi Moffic explores the Torah (the first five books of the Hebrew Bible), highlighting key themes of each book guided by the wisdom of Jewish interpreters through the centuries.



In November, the class will begin a new series on Proverbs. If you would like to attend this class, please reach out to Sue or Jane (or call the church office) and they will send a Zoom link to you.

Food for Davis Street Family Resource



Food Donations

Our church supports the food pantry at Davis Street Family Resource Center. Many families and seniors in our community cannot afford to buy groceries, so we invite you to bring canned goods, pasta and other non-perishable items and place them in the round barrel in the narthex. We especially think of our neighbors on the first Sunday of the month, but any Sunday is fine to bring along some food to share. Thank you for your support!

Recycling Cans and Plastic Bottles

You are welcome to bring your various recycle items (**ink cartridges, aluminum cans and plastic bottles**) to the church office on Tuesdays through Fridays, between 9 am and 4 pm. Please separate your aluminum cans from the plastic bottles, into two separate bags. Also, please rinse out the aluminum cans ahead of time. (We are NOT collecting glass bottles; please place them in your blue recycle bin at home.)

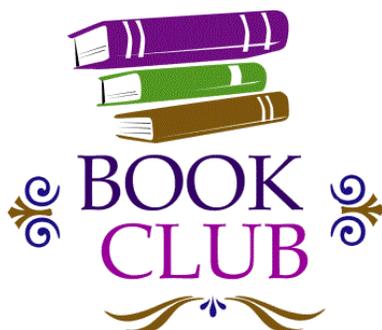
ONGOING MISSION SUPPORT

When the Session met (by Zoom) on September 21, the elders discussed the ongoing disbursement of general mission money. In view of the many natural disasters that have occurred recently and the ongoing financial needs of our partner ministries, they voted to disburse funds to the following organizations this quarter:

- \$1000 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- \$1500 to Compassion International Disaster Relief in Haiti
- \$2000 to Westminster Woods
- \$ 500 to Prayer Shawl Ministry (postage to send crocheted and knitted squares for the Knit-a-Square charity in South Africa, for orphaned or vulnerable children)

We are blessed by the faithful support of our church family, allowing us to contribute to these worthwhile ministries who are doing important work throughout the world. Thank you for your continued faithfulness!

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Women's Book Club Selection

The FPC Book Club is currently reading *A Place for Us*, by Fatima Farheen Mirza. They will meet to discuss the book in early November. Contact Jeanette Rauscher or the church office if you would like to receive an email when a specific date is set.



October

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26 9:30 AM In-Person Worship Service (by reservation only) 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship on the Patio	27 4:00 PM Adult Bible Class (Zoom) 6:30 PM Chancel Bells	28	29 4 - 5:30 PM Wonders on Wednesday and PEAK	30 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	1	2
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24 9:30 AM In-Person Worship Service (by reservation only) 10:30 AM Congregational Meeting 10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship on the Patio	25 4:00 PM Adult Bible Class (Zoom) 6:30 PM Chancel Bells	26 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting (Zoom)	27  4-5:30 PM - HALLOWEEN PARTY (Everyone invited! Please RSVP)	28 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	29	30 
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Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, **October 24** at 10:30 a.m. for the purpose of electing deacons and elders. This will be a brief meeting following worship in the sanctuary.

Volunteers Needed

Our Deacons are graciously providing coffee, tea and cookies for our enjoyment after worship each Sunday morning on the church patio.

Some of our Deacons have not returned to in-person worship yet, so we are seeking a few volunteers from the congregation who would be willing to help out with Coffee Fellowship. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office (510-483-2772) or speak to Jim Wakeman. Thank you.