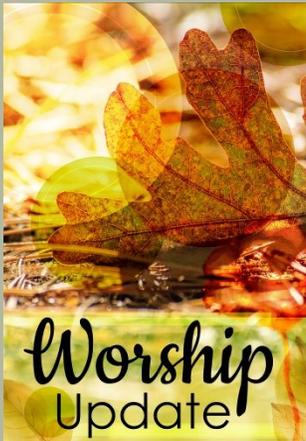


# HIGHLIGHTS

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## In-Person Worship Update

We are happy to continue meeting in-person for Sunday worship at 9:30 am. We will continue to wear masks during worship, to protect ourselves and especially to protect those around us who may be at high risk of serious illness if they get Covid-19.

Although vaccines and boosters are no longer required for worship attendees, we do encourage everyone to seek out the new, updated Covid booster which protects against the newer variants as well as the original ones.

Following worship, you are invited to come into Fellowship Hall for Coffee Fellowship. We ask that you keep your mask on, except when you are eating/drinking. Thank you.

## October 2, 2022 World Communion Sunday

On Sunday, **October 2**, 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 2022 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 offering box (in the narthex) before or after worship.



We also look forward to including a few of our youth in various worship leadership roles on Communion Sundays, beginning in October.

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.

## WONDERS ON WEDNESDAYS



We are looking forward to once again offering a full midweek program for children and youth on Wednesdays beginning in October. As of the printing of this publication, plans are in the process of being finalized. As soon as all of the details are worked out, they will be published and sent out to children, youth and families as well as included in the weekly Sunday bulletin.



## A Word from our Stewardship Elder

Year-to-date through August, our pledged giving is running behind that which we budgeted for this year, but oftentimes there is a lag in giving due to summer travels, etc. The bottom line (income vs. expense) is around \$5000 short, so we are hoping to catch up in the remaining months of the year.

Overall, we remain in a favorable financial condition. So, as always, "thank you" to our congregation for your continued support for His church here in San Leandro!

~Jim Watts, Stewardship Elder



## Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, **October 9** at 10:30 a.m. for the purpose of electing deacons and elders. This will be a brief meeting following worship in the sanctuary.



Everyone is invited to join the children and youth of WOW on Wednesday, October 26 from 4-7 p.m. at the church to celebrate *All that is Fall!* There will be Pumpkin Carving, Dinner, Candy, Costumes, Crafts and Games for all ages.

Come dressed in costume\* or wear your favorite fall sweater or flannel, and B.Y.O.P. (Bring Your Own Pumpkin) to carve. Carving tools and patterns will be provided. To save time and create less mess, it is strongly recommended that you hollow out your pumpkin at home. This way you can also save, roast and enjoy your own pumpkin seeds. Or you might choose to bring a carve-able hollow foam pumpkin purchased from a local craft or discount store. Once carved, these pumpkins can also be kept and used from year to year, unlike carved real pumpkins!

Dinner will be provided so if you plan to come please be sure to sign up at church on a Sunday morning; call the church office (510-483-2772) or email [Lou@firstpresbyterianchurchsl.org](mailto:Lou@firstpresbyterianchurchsl.org).

Additionally, if you would like to help provide CANDY TREATS for this event, please bring store-bought bags of individually wrapped candy to church by Sunday, Oct. 23.



\*Please NO gory or scary costumes and please leave any and all types of costume weapons at home.

## Ways to Serve

Did you know that our church has a prayer chain? These individuals are committed to receiving prayer requests and regularly praying for those who have a particular prayer need. Prayer requests are passed along the chain through phone calls and/or emails.

If you would like to join this prayer ministry, you may reach out to Sue Goodnow or call the church office (510-483-2772). We thank all of our prayer warriors, and look forward to welcoming more people who will join the prayer chain.



## Youth Lunch Date

After worship on Sunday, October 2, Middle and High School students are invited to walk downtown and have lunch together at Chipotle. Students should bring money to pay for their own lunch. We will return to the church at 12:30 p.m. to be picked up by parents.

## An Update from our Compassion Child in Haiti

Recently we received a letter from Nephtalie Chery, the “child” we sponsor in Haiti through Compassion International. We began our sponsorship of her in 2004, when she was only 4 years old! Over the years, our youth group has kept in touch with her through written correspondence, and our church has continued to fund her monthly participation in a church-based program in Haiti. We have also sent annual birthday gifts, family gifts and child gifts, as permitted by Compassion.

On **November 5, 2022**, Nephtalie will be 22 years old, and her participation through Compassion will conclude. We will be able to send one final gift to her, a “graduation gift”, to support her as she goes forth as an adult. This graduation gift is possible through our church’s General Mission Fund, which all of our church family members support with their general contributions.

Nephtalie is preparing to be a medical doctor, and she continues to be grateful for our prayers and our financial support. Be sure to stop by the bulletin board outside of the church office, to see the most recent photos and letters we have received from her! And please keep her in your prayers, during these challenging times as she continues her professional studies.



Here is the most recent letter we received earlier this summer:

*Dear Friends, It is a pleasure for me when I am writing to you, greeting you and informing you about my life. I am working hard to complete my medicine studies. I would love you to pray for me because the chore is not easy. I need to have more patience, tolerance and ambition to make it. I am sure I will make it thanks to God. I love you. You are always in my prayers that God will bless you more and daily. Pray for my dream to become true which is being a great physician. ~Nephtalie*



## Book Club Update

The FPC Book Club is currently reading West with Giraffes, by Lynda Rutledge. This is an emotional, rousing novel inspired by the incredible true story of two giraffes who made headlines and won the hearts of Depression-era America.

The group will meet to discuss the book on Tuesday, **November 8** at 10:00. The location is to be announced later. Contact Jeanette Rauscher or the church office if you would like to receive an email when a specific place is set.



## Young at Heart Luncheon

The Young at Heart group will be meeting on Thursday, **October 20** at 11:30 am for a delicious luncheon, followed by a fun program! We are looking forward to having Perry Lightfoot and Friends come and entertain us with some great music! We always enjoy it when the “Fundudes” come and share their talent with us. Reservations are required – please sign up on Sunday mornings or call the church office.



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### Adult Education Class

The Monday afternoon adult Bible class, which meets weekly at 4 pm on Zoom, is continuing their study on Jesus Revealed - The "I Am" Statements in the Gospel of John by Matt Rawle. Newcomers are always welcome. Please contact Sue Goodnow or Jane Kraut if you wish to join the class. The class will meet each Monday during October, through October 24. (No meeting on October 31 or November 7.)

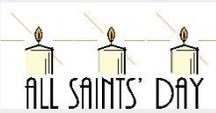
On November 14, the class will begin an Advent series, Prepare the Way for the Lord with Adam Hamilton providing a video presentation prior to class discussion (on Zoom).

### Food for Davis Street Family Resource Center

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!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> 9:30 am In-Person Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship	<b>26</b> 4:00 pm Adult Bible Class (Zoom) 6:30 pm Chancel Bells	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	<b>30</b> 1:00 pm Widows/Widowers Grief Recovery Group	<b>1</b> 7:30am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 7:30am Women's Fellowship Breakfast
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## Westminster Woods Fall Youth Weekends

Mark your calendars now! Westminster Woods will be hosting two youth retreats in the coming months:

For Middle School students (grades 6-8):  
November Bash, **November 18-20.**

For Senior High students (grades 9-12):  
December Fest, **December 2-4.**

We have campership money available, so be sure to talk with Lou Pennebaker and get set for a wonderful weekend! We hope to send students to each of these weekends!

## Men's and Women's Breakfast Groups



**Meet  
for  
Breakfast**

On Saturday, **October 1**, our Men's Bible Study and Breakfast group will be meeting at 7:30 am in the Fireside Room. They will begin a new study on "Words of Wisdom" from the book of Proverbs, with George

Swanson leading the discussion, and we will have a delicious breakfast prepared by Janine Kline! Please sign up ahead of time, and bring \$10 to cover the cost.

Also on **October 1**, our Women's Fellowship Group will be gathering in Fellowship Hall for conversation and breakfast. Please make a reservation ahead of time, and bring \$10 to cover the cost. We look forward to gathering regularly, on the first Saturday of each month!

## 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.

## Flowers for the Sanctuary



If you would like to purchase a floral arrangement (\$65) for a special occasion or in honor/memory of someone, you may sign up on the Flower Calendar posted in the Fellowship Hall, or you may call Mollie Wakeman or the church office (510-483-2772). Mollie will place the order with Lyal Nickals Florist. The flowers will be delivered to the church prior to Sunday morning worship, and you may take it home after worship or donate it for Deacons to distribute to some of our Friends at Home.