



View from the Cove

Community Presbyterian Church
Cathedral City
Jan & Feb 2015

Important Dates:

JANUARY

Office Hours 9:00-12:30

- 12 - Session
- 14 - Deacons Meeting
- 14 - Women's Circle
- 18 - Story Time
- 25 - Annual Meeting
- 25 - Dedications
- 26 - Session

FEBRUARY

Office Hours 9:00-12:30

- 1 - Potluck
- 18 - Ash Wednesday

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Sunday Service 10 am
- Tues Office Open 9-12:30
- Wed Office Open 9-12:30
- Wednesday Bible Study 3:30
- Wednesday Choir 5:00pm
- Thurs Office Open 9-12:30

Outreach Pictures



Psalms 148



¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

⁶ He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

⁹ Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰ Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹² Young men and women alike, old and young together!

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.

Praise the LORD!

When you read this Psalm, do you get the idea that we are to praise God? Not only are we, as humans, to praise God, but the Psalmist points out that all of creation praises God by its existence. God created everything and everything God created and creates praises God. Sun. Moon. Stars. Mountains. Hills. Kings. Princes. Men and women. All exuberantly praise God! I love this Psalm's enthusiasm for praising God.

Did you recognize yourself in the Psalm? Can you identify with this Psalm? Do you exuberantly and enthusiastically praise God? Have you thought about praising God? Have you thought about praising God on other days than Sunday? At any time?

Most all of us pray daily, talking to God about our life, our needs, and our concerns. And I know that many of you thank God daily for all God does for you. Our prayer time on Sunday allows you to publicly recognize God's blessings in your life and to thank God for those blessings.

Pastor Lee's Corner Continued ✨



But what about praise? Praise isn't about what you received or what you want. It's not about you. It's not thanking God for a blessing. Praise is like admiring someone for some effort they've made or some accomplishment. You gain nothing in return; you simply express your delight in what that person has done in a humble way.

As we begin the new year perhaps you may want to consider taking a moment each day to humbly praise God. Just simply express your delight in God. Tell God how much you admire God. You could do it with words or perhaps a song.

Let _____ (your name) praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted: his glory is above the earth and heaven.

Blessings,

Pastor Lee

Pastor Esther's Corner ✨

From Faith to Faithfulness

In Korean words, there are many expressions about people's faith. "Her faith is big and great!" "Someone's faith is too light or too small!" "Someone's faith is crystal clear!" Whenever I hear people's expressions or evaluations on someone's faith, I wonder if it is possible for us to see and measure the faith.

With Ephesians 2:8, "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God," we know that faith is not something measurable, visible, or countable. It is God's action to us. It is the divine initiative to amend our broken relationship penetrating in every moment of our lives. This is faith. Faithfulness is our way of responding to faith, the gift. Our part is recognizing the Holy Presence, welcoming sacred intervene in our mundane lives, and accepting Divine love. Being faithful is acknowledging God's grace through our thoughts, our emotions, and our actions.

If faith is not something that we do, but something we are given, we come to know that we can't teach children faith. We can teach them how to be faithful to God with spiritual practices. We can nurture ourselves and our children being faithful because faithfulness is something that we cultivate together in relation with God.

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Pastor Esther's Corner Continued

Whenever we see our children or our neighbors coming to our church to worship with us or to attend our programs, we need to know that they are led by God's grace, the faith, the divine action to them whether they realize it or not. This awareness makes us humble before God. In the beginning of 2015, I would like to invite all to cultivate our faithfulness with our neighbors and our children together. We can grow in faith with these spiritual practices of being faithful to faith.

- First, with faithful act let's embrace different people and children and build a community of faith as beloved and accepted.
- Second, with faithful act let's live with a sense of gratitude for the gift of faith and share our thanksgiving with others.
- Third, with faithful act let's find and acknowledge everyone is created by our Creator with special gifts and find a room for others to contribute their ability to our community.
- Then, with faithful act let's build an extended family of faith by our choice to struggle to discern and do God's will in the world.

If faith is the gift given by God; being faithfulness is our active response to the faith. With acts of embracing differences, thanksgiving with others, welcoming strangers and hoping for a better world together, I hope our church can become an extended family of faith with our neighbors and our children by our choice to do God's will in the world.

Many blessings,

Pastor Esther K. Shin

Christmas Pageant



Prayer Calendar for January and February 2015

Birthdays:

JANUARY

- 2 - Carol Hoskins
- 5 - Bill Rawlings

FEBRUARY

- 4 - Reed Karr
- 24 - Rebeca Franz

JANUARY 2015

1. Beth Alfred
2. Martha Anderson
3. Jean Angus
4. Peggy Bakke
5. Bob & Barbara Barrett
6. Brenda Blackburn
7. Alma Boney
8. Doug Bridges
9. JW & LaDell Brown
10. David, Debbie, Isabel & Gia Brown
11. Stan Bryde & Jeff Hoang
12. Lorenzo Casas
13. Julee Collins
14. David & Opal Eason
15. Carol Francis
16. Victor Franco & Norma Garcia, Alondra & Giovanni
17. Rebeca Franz
18. Dick Gampert
19. Marti Haas
20. Butch & Eloise Haltman
21. Ed Harbur
22. Winny Hockenbery
23. Laurie Holk
24. Kirk & Nancy Horton
25. Carol Hoskins
26. Helen Hyde
27. Lee Ireland & Linda Hamilton
28. Hazel Jacobsen
29. Reed & Mary Karr
30. Jeffrey Kramer
31. Betty Leehan

FEBRUARY 2015

1. Arno Liechti & Mel Webster
2. Sandy Manoukian
3. Janet Miller
4. Dell Morgan
5. Jerry & Joy Moss
6. Pat & Annette Patterson
7. Jay Peck
8. Marlys Peck
9. Russell, Astrid & Aidan Peris
10. Steve & Louise Pesce
11. Jerry Pettis
12. Wayne & Mary Price
13. Nancy Pryor
14. Charlton Quinn & Kevin Bowers
15. Sandy Rayner
16. Rena Rodman
17. Bill & Kay Sachs
18. Esther Shin & Noah Park
19. Larry & Cecile Shoot
20. Marge Stahl
21. Dorothy Susdorf
22. Manny, Tanya, Wyatt, Garret & Grace
23. Patty Valdez
24. Ray & Greta Venter
25. LaVida Warren
26. Noel White
27. Evelyn Woods
28. Beth Alfred

Pastor Lee Ireland
Pastor Esther Shin
Director of Music, Noel E. White
Church Musician, Charlton Quinn
Clerk of Session, Helen Hyde
Treasurer, Bob Barrett
Admin Assistant, Debbie Brown

Who We Are

We are a church family who care for each other and all of God's people. We celebrate worship each Sunday, thanking and praising God for the wonderful gifts generously given to us. We then go out into the world to share God's love with all we meet. We are strengthened for service and outreach through small group outreach activities and weekly Bible study. All are welcome to join us as we seek to glorify and serve our risen Lord.

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