



**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

San Luis Obispo

Service for the Lord's Day

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020



981 Marsh Street, San Luis Obispo
www.fpcslo.org

WORSHIP 8:45 A.M.

* Please stand in body or spirit.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Diana Barnhart

Leader: Jesus Said:

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

**People: Take my yoke upon you,
and learn from me;
for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.**

INVOCATION

*PRAISE MEDLEY

"Bind Us Together"

Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken,
Bind us together Lord, bind us together Lord, bind us together with love,
There is only one God, there is only one King, there is only one body that is why I sing.

"It's Time To Praise The Lord"

Don't you know it's time, to praise the Lord.
In the sanctuary of His Holy Spirit.
So set your mind on Him, and let your praise begin.
And the glory of the Lord, will fill this place.
Praise the Lord praise the Lord.
He lives within the praises of His people.
He loves to hear us call upon His name.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of glory,
you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all people.
We confess that our sin and pride
hide the brightness of your light.
We turn away from the poor;
we ignore cries for justice;
we do not strive for peace.
In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
and baptize us once again with your Spirit,
that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory,
shining in the face of Jesus Christ.
(Moment for silent confession) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE

Joel 2:28-29

Pew Bible OT, pg. 799

LIFE AT FIRST PRES

ANTHEM

Praise Singers

"There Is A Green Hill Far Away"

There is a green hill far away, without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us all.

For God so loved, so loved the world,
He gave His only Son, and on a green hill far away He shed His precious blood.

We may not know, we cannot tell, what pains he had to bear,
But we believe it was for us He hung and suffered there.

For God so loved, so loved the world,
He gave His only Son, and on a green hill far away He shed His precious blood.
There is a green hill far away, there is a green hill far away.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

"We All Believe in One True God"

Alison Lewis

Luther

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 3:26-29

Pew Bible NT, pg. 178

SERMON

"Free To Be Whoever"

Rev. John D'Elia

HYMN #379 (*Verses 1, 3, and 4*)

"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"

***DECLARATION OF MISSION** (*responsively*)

Friends, what is our mission?

Our mission is to glorify Jesus Christ and to be instruments of God's healing, reconciling, life-giving presence in the world.

GOING OUT MUSIC

"Go Out With Joy"

Go out with joy, And be led forth in peace.

The mountains and the hills shall break forth singing.

And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands,

The Lord Jehovah shall be praised, and all the trees of the field

Shall clap their hands, the Word of the Lord shall be forever.

CLOSING MUSIC

WORSHIP II AM

* Please stand in body or spirit.

CHIMES

PRELUDE

"Built On the Rock"

Alison Lewis
F. Melius Christiansen

WELCOME

INTROIT

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

Chancel Choir
American Folk Hymn

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Mary Blythe

Leader: Jesus Said:

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and learn from me;
for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.
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INVOCATION

*HYMN #359

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.

Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

(Moment for silent confession) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI #579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*unison*)

We believe in God whose love is ever constant and steadfast, even when we are not. We believe in Jesus the Christ who walked among us, who was betrayed and forgave, and who died that we might live. We believe in the Holy Spirit, ever present with us to comfort as well as urge us forward in the name of Christ. We believe in the church as the place where we are loved as we are and still gently encouraged to grow. We believe that we are called to be the church: to love people more than they deserve because Christ so loves us. We believe in the miracle of life and in the life everlasting. Amen.

LIFE AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Lloyd Larson

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.
Amazing love ! How can it be that thou, my God would die! Christ died for me.

SCRIPTURE

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OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Alison Lewis

"Blessed Ye Who Live in Faith Unswerving"

Brahms

***DOXOLOGY #592**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 3:26-29

Pew Bible NT, pg. 178

SERMON

"Free To Be Whoever

Rev. John D'Elia

*HYMN #84

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

"O Gladsome Light"

Chancel Choir
Genevan Psalter 1551

POSTLUDE

"Built on the Rock" *Last Verse*

Alison Lewis
F. Melius Christiansen

WELCOME VISITORS

We are glad you are here. Thank you for your presence here in worship today. Every Sunday, God blesses us with the gift of new visitors. Some of you have come across town or across the country and have found your way here today. This may be your first time ever, or your first time in a long while to be in a church on a Sunday morning, or you may be a member of another congregation. Whatever tradition you have come from, we are delighted to have you here today and invite you to experience our worship, Sunday classes, or whatever captures your imagination and need. Please fill out one of the visitor cards found in the back of every pew so that we can get to know you better. To learn more about us, visit our website at www.fpcslo.org.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

“Thank you for your pledges! We have received 114 pledges totaling \$429,341. Our target is \$471,300 in pledges, so please help close the \$41,959 gap.”

The sanctuary flowers this week were donated by Dale and Kathy Wolff in honor of Hal and Dorie Larson

If you have a prayer concern that you would like to put on the prayer list, please call Margo Smith (805)544-6232 for our phone prayer chain and Gloria DeKleine (gdeklein@calpoly.edu) for our email prayer chain.

We have large print bulletins available.

Please see an usher.

Share The Love?

Do you have friends or family who may be interested in our church and its mission? Share the following link with them: fpcslo.org.

Looking for Ushers

We would like to invite you to be an usher for the first and/or second worship services on Sunday. We would like to ask you to usher at least once every 3 months or at the most 3 - 4 times every 3 months. If you have any questions or would like to usher, please contact Diane Shervem dshervem@charter.net or 805-459-9844.

Congregational Life

It is never too early to begin preparing for our 150th anniversary year coming up in 2025! Please let Virginia Walter know if you would like to assist in any way. We are coming up with ideas and researching for this event and need your help! vwalter@calpoly.edu

An usher training and refresher course will be held on Sunday, March 22 from 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Please contact Diane Shervem at dshervem@charter.net if you have any questions.

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Nursery Care

Sundays 8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Sunday School

Children are excused after the
passing of the peace.

9 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Every child needs a place where they feel
like they can

Belong—No matter what

Grow—Personally and spiritually

Worship—Honoring God and others

Serve—With their God-given talents
to be a blessing to others

FPCSLO YOUTH

Power Hour (Sunday School)

Sundays at 10 a.m.

Youth Group - Jr. and Sr. High

Sundays at 6 p.m.

At our middle school and high school programs, it is our goal to create a welcoming environment where our students know they are cared for by their leaders, by their church, and by God. We aim to establish relationships with one another and further our knowledge, understanding, and relationship with God. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Christian Ed. Director Jen Rabenaldt at Jen@fpcslo.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Education Series:

Join us at 10 a.m. in Wilson Hall, for our class to complement Pastor John's sermon series on Galatians. Today will be with Art DeKleine. Other presenters will be following in March.

Holy Week

April 9 Maundy Thursday Service at
12:15 p.m.

April 10 Tenebrae Service at 8 p.m.

April 12 Easter Sunrise Service 6 a.m.
8:45 and 11 a.m. Worship Services.

The 2020 Birthday Offering

Celebrate The Birthday Offering taken March 22 and 29, which has been a part of our mission giving since 1922. This year our mission goal is to touch the lives of children and families with the following four projects: A Child's Learning Center in Arizona; The Assisted Living Facility for the Disabled in Russia; A Healing Space Expansion in Minnesota; and an Expanded Access and Service Space in Georgia. Your support is essential in the success of these projects. We ask you to give as you have been blessed. Yellow giving envelopes will be in the Pew pockets. Details of these projects are posted on the Presbyterian Women's Bulletin Board. Thank you.

Online Giving

Our Church is excited to offer an additional option to donate — online giving. An easy and convenient way to give tithes and offerings using credit or debit cards or electronic fund transfer. The service, that is hosted by the Presbyterian Foundation, is easily accessed through the Church website. You can rest easy knowing that the transactions are safe and that your gift will be immediately available to our ministry with no waiting period. More information can be found on our website www.fpcslo.org, under the "give now" tab.

THIS WEEK

Today

Nursery Care Available 8:30 a.m. to
12:15 p.m.

8:45 a.m. Worship Service

10 a.m. Adult Ed

11 a.m. Worship Service

6 p.m. The Summit: Jr. and Sr. High
School Youth Group

Monday, March 16

2 p.m. Men's Group

Tuesday, March 17

8 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Library

Wednesday, March 18

9 a.m. Squares of Love Quilting Group

10:30 a.m. Serenity Group in Wines
Chapel

1 p.m. Green Pastures

4:30 p.m. Wednesdays at The Rock

5:15 p.m. Handbell Choir

6:15 p.m. Praise Singers

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 19

6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group at the
Budget Café

8:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast Group at
The Spirit of San Luis Restaurant

Friday, March 20

10 a.m. Squares of Love Quilting Group

Sunday, March 22

Nursery Care Available 8:30 a.m. to
12:15 p.m.

8:45 a.m. Worship Service

10 a.m. Usher Training

Children's Church: K-3rd

11 a.m. Worship Service

6 p.m. The Summit: Jr. and Sr. High
School Youth Group

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please help your pastor help our members,
especially in times of illness or accident.
When you, a relative, or a friend enter the
hospital or are scheduled for surgery, please
phone the church office with the following
information—name, place, and date.

Dave Bauer: At home recovering from a
heart attack.

Lou Fogo: Treatment for cancer.

Leila Humphrey: Vein mapping procedure
March 13.

Dorie Larson: Prayers needed - Cards
appreciated.

Nobuko Ohgi: Recovering from Valley
Fever, cards appreciated.

Lou Shevlin: Passed away March 1.

Bob Williams: At home with lung
infection.

OFFICERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Elders: David Bauer, Elizabeth Diggle, Deon Dunaway, Bob Gordon,
Don Green, Jane Maxwell, Ed Musolff, Doug Hoffman, Donna Loper,
Jeff Priest, Amy Stapp, Susan Updegrave, Virginia Walter
Moderator: John D'Elia | Clerk of Session: Warren Hansen

Deacons: Nellie Beecher, Judi Davies, Peggy Estes, Barbara Gillson,
Joan Green, Alethea Justus, Nobuko Ohgi,
Maggie Oman, Gay McCready, Catherine Petty,
Mike Suddarth, Karen Wiles
Moderator: Debbie Hoffman

CHURCH STAFF

Linda Brady: Praise Singers' Pianist;
John D'Elia, PhD: Interim Pastor;
Becky Falasco: Children's Choir Director;
Rev. Dr. Dennis Falasco: Pastor; **Scott Glysson, DMA:** Director of Music;
Rev. Luanne Griguoli: Minister of Outreach; **Kenneth Hand:** Church Administrator;
Rev. Curtis Illingworth: Minister of Preaching; **Susan Layous:** Financial Secretary;
Alison Lewis: Organist; **Rev. Jim Nielsen:** Minister of Missional Outreach;
Austin Pack: Building and Maintenance Technician and Worship Technician Assistant;
Ian Rabenaldt: Office Assistant and Worship Technician;
Jen Rabenaldt: Director of Christian Education and Memorial and Wedding Coordinator;
Evelyn Ruehr: Kitchen Coordinator; **Jim Seeber:** Minister of Stephen Ministries;
Diane Shervem: Treasurer; **Rev. Dr. Jack Springer:** Pastor Emeritus;
Bert Townsend: Assistant Treasurer.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

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