

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Welcome

*Praise/I Thank God**

*God Is Love**

Psalm 16*

Announcements

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

*Living Hope**

1 Peter 1:3-9**

Sermon - Living a New Hope

*Glorious Day**

Benediction

**Please rise in body or spirit*

***Children may leave for Kids Connect at this time*

WAYS TO CONNECT & SERVE

Matthew 25 Lent Campaign

Each year during Lent, we work to raise \$25,000 to assist Chester County residents with emergency housing, utility, and transportation needs. We are thrilled to report that this year, we raised \$41,941. On behalf of the pastors, staff, and mission committee, thank you for your generosity.

A family in the church has committed to match any additional gifts that we make, up to \$25,000. This offer applies to any donations that are made between Easter and the end of April, so if you haven't had a chance to participate, this is the perfect opportunity to do so. You can give online (select Matt 25 Lent from the drop-down menu) or by making a check out to First Presbyterian Church (put Matt 25 in the memo line). Thank you so much for your generosity.

April Mom's Group This Afternoon

All First Pres moms are invited to gather for Mom's Group today from 4 - 5:30pm at church. Dr. Tracy Burke will be joining us for her annual Questions from a Hat! Tracy is a psychologist who brings professional and personal insight into all of your questions about your kiddos. We ask anonymously, so bring your worries! Contact Mary Hambleton (emham@verizon.net) or Liz Single (lizsingle@gmail.com) with any questions.

Worship Night Tonight

The Contemporary Worship Band is excited to host a Spring Worship Night here at First Pres. We hope that you will join us tonight for refreshments and fellowship at 5:30pm and worship at 6:00pm. This will not be a service, but an opportunity to worship and enjoy some new company while singing and playing to the honor and Glory of God. We are thrilled to open our doors not only to our church but to the community surrounding it. Please invite friends and family to tag along with you and keep the band in prayer, as we set up for what will hopefully be a very powerful night.

Single Worship Service Sunday, April 19

There will be a single worship service at 10:00am on Sunday, April 19. The nursery will be open, but except for the Children's Musical, there will not be any other children's programs that morning.

Leading in Worship

Rev. Andrew Esqueda, Senior Pastor
Rev. Caroline Cupp, Sr. Assoc. Pastor
Kiana Rivera, Lead Singer
Members of the band

Spring Midweek Journeys Study

Later this month we will begin a new book study of *Reading the Bible from Turtle Island: An Invitation to North American Indigenous Interpretation* by T. Christopher Hoklotubbe and H. Daniel Zacharias. This book will explore what it means to read the Bible from the lens of Indigenous peoples in North America, inviting us to learn from the faith of others and view Scripture from a new perspective. This study will meet on Zoom at 6:30pm each Wednesday night starting on **April 22**. Participants are asked to purchase the book on their own and let Sara Pantazes know if you plan to participate

Church Grounds Clean Up Day

Now that spring is here, the grounds around the church and our rental properties need some attention. We are looking for volunteers to help out on **Saturday, April 25** (rain date Saturday, May 2), starting at 8:30am, to do weeding, mulching, trimming bushes, etc. If you would like to participate, please contact Carmelo Ortiz (2021cortiz@gmail.com) to sign up or for additional information.

VBS Registration & Volunteers

Now is the time to sign your kids up for this summer's Vacation Bible School! Open to kids ages 4 - 5th grade, this fantastic week will be filled with fun games and science experiments, playing with Bible stories, great music and friends. VBS will take place Monday, **July 20 - Friday, July 24** from 9am - noon every day. Sign up through the sign-up tab of the church's website. We are also looking for teen and adult volunteers willing to help! We are seeking station leaders (art and science) as well as group leaders to accompany each group of kids. If you are only available a couple days that week, we would still welcome your help! Talk to Director of Faith Formation Sara Pantazes to sign up and get more information (spantazes@firstpreswc.com)

Sympathy & Prayers

Our sympathy and prayers are with Vicki Gansner and her family in the death of her daughter-in-law, Rachel.

Welcome Kids & Families

We are glad you are here to help us make a joyful noise to the Lord! Children of all ages are always welcome in worship. We also have a nursery available for kids ages 0 - 3 and offer the Kids Connect program during a portion of this service for preschool and elementary aged kids. Talk to an greeter or staff member for more information.

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