

# Worship Together

May 11, 2025 11am

\*Congregation, please stand.

Please turn off the sound on all electronic devices.

Elementary Sunday School Children will join their families for 11am Worship in the Sanctuary and will be dismissed for Sunday School after the Passing of the Peace, to the Preschool Building, 1st floor.

## P R E P A R A T I O N

**Pre-Service Music** Robert Carpenter, Pianist

**Prelude** Dr. Kimo Smith, Organist  
*TBD - TBD*

**Choral Call to Worship** Cathedral Choir  
Dr. Ariel Quintana, Conductor  
*I Sing the Greatness of Our God - Fred Bock*

## A D O R A T I O N

**\*Call to Worship & Prayer of Invitation** Elder Lucy Huckabay  
Psalm 22:25-26, 23:1-4 NRSV

Leader: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**ALL: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD.**

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

**ALL: He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me.**

**\*Opening Hymn**  
Hymn # 332 *The God of Abraham Praise!*

**Welcome, Announcements & Prayer of Thanksgiving**  
Elder Lucy Huckabay

**\*Songs of Praise** Praise Band/Ian Luna, Worship Leader  
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*Shepherd* – Nathan Singh, Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson  
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## C O N F E S S I O N & A S S U R A N C E

**Prayer of Confession** Elder Lucy Huckabay  
Father in Heaven, as we recognize your goodness, your kindness and your holiness, we are also conscious of our present unworthiness. We recognize that in light of your goodness and holiness, we have strayed like lost sheep. We have condemned your goodness, defied your power, trampled upon your love and rendered ourselves unworthy. Forgive us, Lord. We ask that you would nourish our hearts in Your grace, restore our joy and strength and renew our minds so that we may walk in your ways again. In Christ's Name, we pray. Amen.

\*Written with inspiration from "Valley of Vision", pg 59.

**Assurance of Pardon** – 1 Corinthians 1:2-3 (NRSV)  
"To those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

**Choral Prayer Response** Cathedral Choir  
*O Lord, Hear Our Prayer - Ariel Quintana*

## I N T E R C E S S I O N & T H A N K S G I V I N G

**Congregational Prayer** Elder Lucy Huckabay

**Tithes & Offerings** Elder Lucy Huckabay

**Offertory** Cathedral Choir  
*All Thing Bright and Beautiful - John Rutter*

**\*Doxology**

## I N S T R U C T I O N

**\*Scripture Reading** Bonnie Hellman - Actors Co-op  
Esther 2:1-23 found in page 398 in the pew Bible

**\*Passing of the Peace** Bonnie Hellman  
(The children are dismissed at this time to go to their Sunday School classes)

**Sermon** Rev. J.T. Tarter  
"For Such a Time as This" - The Book of Esther  
"The Rise of Esther" (Esther 2:1-23)

**\*Song of Response** Praise Band/Ian Luna, Worship Leader  
*Trust In God* – Original Words by Fanny Crosby, Add'l. Words and Music by Brandon Lake, Chris Brown, Mitch Wong, Steven Furtick, © Brandon Lake Music | Music by Elevation Worship Publishing | A Wong Made Write Publishing | Integrity's Praise! Music, CCLI Song # 7206001, CCLI License # 30110

## R E S P O N S E & B L E S S I N G

**\*Benediction** – 2 Corinthians 13:14 Rev J.T. Tarter  
"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, Amen."

Elders and Deacons are available for prayer after the Service.

## Sunday Bible Classes & Weekly Fellowship

\*Coffee Time

Sundays at 10:30am, outside Wylie Chapel Booth.

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**\*Christian Education Director Terri Knox**  
Email: tknox@fpch.org, or call direct: (323) 606-5213

**\*Reaching for the SON – Sunday School Times**  
Nursery Hours 9:30am-12:15pm  
Preschool/Kindergarten Sunday School 11:00am-12:15pm  
The Elementary Sunday School students start in the 11am worship service and then are dismissed to their class at the "Passing of the Peace".  
Kids Connect (preschool - elementary) meets from 9:30-10:00am  
The elementary Children's Choir meets from 10:00-10:40am

**\*Jr. High & High School Students** (Youth Group) meets Sundays, 9:30-10:45am; Middle Terrace. Email Richard Gomez: Rgomez@fpch.org

**\*City Lights** (FPCH Young Adults) meets every Sunday @ 12:20-1:30pm in the Studio (top floor-Grey Missions house behind the Sanctuary)  
Email Terri Knox for more information: tknox@fpch.org

**\*Berean Bible Study** taught by Elders Jesse Corti and John Safoyan for everyone in Mears 1 & 2, at 9:15am, with bagels & coffee and Thursdays at 7pm through Zoom. Email: jsafoyan@gmail.com

**\*Mariners** meets Sundays 9:30am in Mears 3 Email Elder Tom Clark: Thomas\_clark\_98@yahoo.com

**"The Bridge"** Taught by Elder Julietta Corti.  
**Training in the Essentials Doctrines of Christian Faith**  
Sundays at 9:15am in Mears 4

**Devotional and Discipleship Group for Women** – Devotional and Discipleship Group for women under 30 meets Tuesdays at 7pm from March 18-May 6 in the FPCH Arts Office. We'll explore C.S. Lewis's "Mere Christianity" and its accompanying devotional.  
Email FPCHWOMEN@gmail.com to join.

**\*Women's Bible Study** for all women of FPCH. The Women's Bible Study is on Wednesdays, 9:30-11am through Zoom. Email Elder Andrea Knox: andrea1knox@gmail.com

**\*Women's Book Club** meets 7:00pm on Zoom, for more information: Email: wandaaa@pacbell.net

**IN COURAGE** – A support group celebrating healing and recovery. Meets Thursdays at 7pm on campus. Contact Tom Harts-horn, thartshorn@fpch.org for info.

## SUNDAY PREACHING SCHEDULE

Sermon Series: The Book of Esther "For Such a Time as This"

May 11- Week 3: "The Rise of Esther" (Esther 2:1-23)

### Eastertide

**Theme:** Continued Joyful celebration of the Resurrection and its implications.

**When:** A fifty-day season of the year, beginning on the evening before Easter and continuing for seven Sundays until Pentecost. Includes Ascension Day. Easter Sunday or Resurrection Day is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring equinox .

**Meaning of the Color Red: For the Church, Gold and White for Easter.**

**Thanks to Rev. Dr. Mark D. Roberts, Senior Strategist, Max De Pree Center for Leadership and has article on "The Christian Year: An Introduction"**



We believe God is calling us to be a praying and worshipping community in the city. Trusting in God's grace, centered on Jesus Christ, and equipped by the Holy Spirit, we desire to proclaim the good news of Christ with our words and lives. We want to be a blessing to our community and the world.

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## Announcements

The Lord's Supper will be served Sunday June 8th.

Fellowship with Coffee and Donuts after service in the Rose Garden.

**\*Exploring Membership Class** – Our next Exploring Membership Seminar will take place on **Sunday, May 25, at 12:30pm**. This is for anyone who would like to learn more about the vision, mission, beliefs, and values of our church. You can learn about our ministries, ways to grow in your faith, and opportunities to serve. If you are thinking about becoming a member, or already know that you want to join, please come and join this important conversation. If you would like to attend, please contact John Safoyan at [jsafoyan@gmail.com](mailto:jsafoyan@gmail.com)

**\*Cathedral Choir Auditions** - On **Sunday May 18th**, If you would like to sing with the choir, we invite you to come and find out how much fun it is. Come to the **Choir Room on the 2nd floor behind us at 9:15am**.

**\*The Spitfire Grill** – The Actor's Co-Op musical "The Spitfire Grill" **is now playing** on campus in The David Schall theatre and run through **June 8th**. Running **Friday and Saturday Nights 7:30pm, Sundays 2:30pm**. Tickets are available at [actorsco-op.org](http://actorsco-op.org) or at the box office.

**\* FPCH Youth BBQ and Golf Event** - To all families who have middle or high school youth, we have a vibrant and active youth community we would love for them to be a part of. This month, on **May 17, from 5-8pm**, FPCH youth will be getting together for a time of mini-golf and a family barbeque afterward. If you would like to know more about our youth group and receive more information regarding our upcoming youth events, please contact Richard Gomez in person, or email him at [rgomez@fpch.org](mailto:rgomez@fpch.org). Thank you!

**\*The Children's Library** - OPEN upstairs in the preschool Building. Books are available for children and adults. Open 10:15-11:00am and 12:15-1:00pm Sundays.

**\*Sanctuary Flowers** – Donate in memory or commemorate a special event. Worship Office 323-606-5227.



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