

## Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

*Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are so glad that you are here!  
Please take a minute to fill out the friendship pad in your pew and pass it along to others.  
Our desire is to serve you and your family as you seek to grow in your faith.*

### WORSHIP TODAY

**Flowers** today are given the glory of God by Danny and Melba Slaven in honor of their 48th wedding anniversary.

**Sanctuary Flowers** - If you would like to donate flowers for the Sunday Worship Services, please sign your name on the **2019 Flower Chart Calendar** and complete the flower card, located by the bulletin boards in the hall. Please return the flower card to the church office or offering plate with your payment of **\$50.00**. Thanks for being part of this important ministry.

**The Barnabas Cards** are located in the pews. They are used like thinking-of-you cards. Fill out the person's name on the front and place it in the offering plate. A volunteer will address it and mail it for you.

### Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

**Health concerns:** Margaret Plunkett; Imelda Carrillo; Louis McCaleb; Dannie Bryars; Roy Kreitz; Don Kreitz; Celia Scheer; Virginia Fitz; Jackee Baggott; and Nola Bray.

### WORSHIP HELPS

**Jesus said "Let the children come to me."** Families with young children are invited to sit in the pews on the organ side of the sanctuary (if desired) to allow the children to do quiet activities using the tables and pillows in our "pray ground". As always, our nursery (Room 1) is open for children 4 and younger following "Chancel Time with Children", should parents/grandparents choose that option.

**Bibles and hearing enhancement devices** are available at the back of the sanctuary.

**Coffee, Wassail, and Cookies are available before and after worship in the fellowship hall.**

**Attendance: 12/16/2018 - 139**

### THIS WEEK AT FPC

<b>Today, Dec. 23</b>	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship-Joy Offering	10:30 am
	Handbells	12:15 pm
<b>Monday, Dec. 24</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>	All Day
	<b>Christmas Eve - Communion</b>	7:00 pm
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 25</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>	All Day
	<b>Christmas Day Informal Worship</b>	10:00 am
<b>Thursday, Dec. 27</b>	Men's Breakfast at Frank's	7:00 am
	Pilates	10:15 am
	Yoga/Chair	6:00 pm
	Men's Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Yoga/Floor	7:00 pm
<b>Sunday, Dec. 30</b>	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Handbells	12:15 pm
<b>Monday, Dec. 31</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>	All Day
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 1</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>	All Day

*Merry Christmas*



*“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven’s all-gracious King”:  
the world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.*

Glory to God #123

### **Upcoming Worship Services**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Worship for all ages tomorrow night at 7 pm.**

**Christmas Day Informal Worship Tuesday morning, at 10 am.** Come celebrate with songs, scripture, stories and prayers as we gather in a circle around the manger in the narthex for this cozy FPC tradition. Children may bring a quiet toy & even wear pajamas. There is always room for a baby doll or two in the manger!

### **FPC Youth Dates to Remember**

Dec. 23 and Dec. 30 - NO YOUTH

Jan. 6 - YGAC - 12 pm - First Sunday Lunch - Unhanging of the Greens - Plan Spring Semester

Jan. 6 - 2 pm - Confirmation starts

### **The Christmas JOY OFFERING**

The Christmas Joy Offering provides critical financial assistance to church leaders in need and support opportunities for future leaders at Presbyterian racial ethnic schools. Please give generously to this special offering on Sunday, December 23.

**Brown Bag Bible Study** meet every Wednesday, 12-1 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your lunch and join this lively discussion. We have finished meeting for December 2018. *Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 9, 2019!*

**Yoga and/or Pilates - Cost \$5 - Yoga Chair Thur at 6 pm. Yoga 7 pm. Pilates meets Thur at 10:15 am.**

### **Spanish Bible Study**

The Spanish Bible Study, led by Imelda Carrillo, will resume Thursday at 6 pm in the Prayer Shawl Room on January 10, 2019. All are invited!

*Estudio Biblico en Español. Los Jueves a las 6:00 pm. Todos Estan Invitados. Mas Information Llame la Iglesia.*

### **Confirmation Class**

Classes will begin January 6, at 2 pm. For more information and to sign up please see Jessie. All are welcome!

### **Youth Trips**

The youth will be going on three different trips in 2019. More information to follow in the newsletter and the youth bulletin board. Information and some deposits are due to Jessie **today**.

### **Church Office Closure**

Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve

Monday, December 31, New Year’s Eve

Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day

Tuesday, January 1, 2019, New Year’s Day

### **A Peek Into the New Year**

**Decluttering Group** meets on Wednesday, January 2, from 6-7 p.m. in Room 11.

**Committee/Ministries** meet Monday, January 7, from 6:45-8:15

**New Officer Ordination & Installation** January 13 during worship

**Brunch & Book Group**, Saturday, Jan. 19, from 10-12. *“The Last Jew”* by Noah Gordon

### **Annual Reports - A Reminder to Session Members, Deacons, Presbyterian Women, Early Childhood Program, Gathering Place, and others about Annual Reports**

To capture a glimpse of the mission and ministry of FPC during 2018, please write and send your 2018 Annual Report to Jessie Kuehner (dce@fpcpasadena.org) as soon as possible. Thanks to all who have already done so.

**URGENT SAFETY REQUEST!** Please confirm church outside doors are locked at all times (except during Sunday mornings and specific church functions). If you unlock, you must be responsible for locking. Never assume someone else will lock up. If in doubt, please lock!

**Barbara Davis will be out of the office December 24-January 1, 2019**