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Weekly Newsletter Week of November 7, 2021

Temple Tidings

First Presbyterian Church of Oakland

M a k i n g G o d ' s W e l c o m e K n o w n

This Week:

Sunday, October 31

- 9 am Worship leader preparation
- 10 am Worship, Rev. Matt Prinz preaches
- 11 am Fellowship Time, Reception Room
- 11:15 Food Ministry lunch preparation in the kitchen, led by Bill Coburn.
Sunday lunch preparation consists of sack lunches given out on Sundays and preparation for Monday's meal
- 12:30 Food Ministry Lunch Service

Monday, November 1

- 10 am Food Ministry lunch prep starts
- 12 pm Food Ministry lunch service
- 12 pm Worship Planning Team

Tuesday, November 2

- 11 am Food Not Bombs lunch prep starts

Wednesday, November 3

- 7 pm Bible Study (Zoom)
The Acts of the Apostles

Thursday, November 4

- 11 am Food Not Bombs lunch prep starts

Friday, November 5

- 12 pm ReCares equipment distribution

Saturday, November 6

- 7 am Food Ministry morning grocery pick-up.



**BRASS OVER BRIDGES
RETURNS!**
MUSIC BY HIGDON MINGUS GABRIELI REENA ESMAIL JOAN TOWER

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 9, 7:30 PM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF OAKLAND
TICKETS - www.brassoverbridges.com/events

A photograph of five musicians (three men and two women) standing outdoors, holding their brass instruments (trumpets, trombones, and a French horn).

Cantare Con Vivo presents:
Lift Every Voice and Sing!



Sunday, December 4, 6 pm
Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church



**The Installation of
Rev. Matthew Prinz**
as the 19th Pastor of First Church
November 14, 4 pm, reception to follow

A close-up portrait of Rev. Matthew Prinz, a man with dark hair, smiling.

Homecooked Meals Requested for Arrival of New Baby & Family

Baby Edwell arrives November 8! To ensure the family is well-fed and cared for during the first sleepless nights, the congregation is invited to provide them with meals. Starting November 14, Jen and April would very much appreciate the gift of dinner from members of our congregation. They have no allergies or restrictions. Plan to make enough for three and a toddler since Jen's mother will be there through Thanksgiving. Please contact Jen at jen.edwell@gmail.com, to get the address and arrange to drop off a meal. If you have questions, feel free to contact Julia Marquez, jmarquez@fbcl-visa.com

Pop Clinic Needs Hospitable Volunteers

Alameda County Health Department and Vituity Care Foundation will host a pop-up clinic at First Church geared primarily toward those without access to conventional health care. Volunteers are needed to assist with hospitality: set-up, patient welcome, patient processing, refreshments on Monday, November 29, 10:30 - 3 pm

Learn About Ceasefire Strategy and Gun Violence: Night Walk Planned.

Wednesday, November 10, 12:15 pm is our monthly meeting with Faith in Action. We will be hearing from Servant BK Woodson who will explain the Ceasefire Anti-violence strategy and how we might join this important work in Oakland.

Friday, November 12, 6 - 7:30 pm, a Ceasefire night walk will begin at First Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church in East Oakland. Come and join this night walk for peace, letting our East Oakland neighbors know we care and want the violence to stop. Contact Suzie Inadomi or Pastor Matt for more information.

Halloween Fun & Baby Shower





Unaddressed Sexual Harassment at Oakland Technical High School Prompts Student Protest, Walk Out

Cat calls, groping, teasing, and unwanted advances are a regular part of the school day for many girls at Oakland Technical High School, where a culture of permissiveness and passiveness had left many victims feeling unempowered – until last week when students demanded a safe learning environment by walking out of class and marching to district offices, two miles away.

“It’s very common for girls in class to have guys make inappropriate comments about their appearance and clothing,” said Leah Marquez, who helped lead the march, which left the school’s campus on Wednesday during fourth period. “Guys can make very rude sexual comments and some teachers just look the other way, like they don’t want to get involved. No one knows what to do or where to go.”

Students provided the district a list of demands, which were read aloud on a megaphone at the district offices. The demands included an accessible means of reporting acts of sexual harassment and assault. “It was very empowering being involved in this,” said Leah. “We’ve all

tolerated this kind of behavior in the past, it’s commonplace, but it’s still wrong.” Leah joined other students, in making signs and organizing the march. She soon found herself at the front, directing marchers down mid-day Broadway through traffic. “Community is important. We all learned the power of speaking up, and taking action.”

Demands also included abolition of the dress code. “The dress code mostly targets young women,” said Leah. “It’s not unusual for a student to get called out in class, in front of everyone, because of what they are wearing, often in a way that sexualizes their appearance in front of classmates.

“In the past, complaints about sexual harassment would go nowhere. It didn’t seem like anyone would get punished. The district has responded to our demands, we don’t know if things will change though,” said Leah, who is a senior at Oakland Tech, is applying to universities throughout the country. She has been a First Church member for most of her life.

Food Ministry Weekly Report

By Bill Coburn

This week our food collection team gathered items from Whole Foods, Good Eggs, Food of God, Western Service Workers, Firbrand Bakery, Hazel Seiden's after school program, and extra items from Food Not Bombs. This collection usually occurs Fridays and Saturdays. This week we added a pickup on Thursday too. We have learned to compose our menus based on collected items, therefore menus are often not decided until Saturday morning. This week a chance pickup of eggs, allowed us to create fried egg sandwiches with green peppers, grated cheese, lettuce, and tomato for Sunday lunch. A stash of frozen meats allowed us to create a mixed meat stew with lots of vegetables for Monday.

Su Coburn arranged a Saturday stew prep session with Devon as the chief assistant. The meats were grilled, and spices, juices, vegetables assembled, then cooked slowly on Sunday. Pickup team members Steve and Rajiv particularly supported this effort and the team carefully arranged food storage in coolers allowing refrigerator use for an Eritrean wedding celebration on Saturday.

Team members, including Henry and Paul, each pitched in to make up for the absence of Peter and Bryan this week, each with different needs keeping them away for a couple of days. Excess foods were given to Presbyterian Homes of Berkeley and ECAP.

Sunday, we prepared 150 lunches of egg sandwiches, chips, fruit, cookies and packets of emergency water. We were happy to have Kyong, Anne, Matt, Pauline, Bonnie, Navdeep, Jennie, Ricky, Dorothy and Victor, each playing critical roles in preparing lunches and prepping items for Monday. Veggies and the green salad were put



together. Again, the regular cleanup crew was replaced largely by Ricky who also helped with food distribution at the gate. Navdeep did a great job distributing sandwiches (50 people today) and lots of excess fruits and boxes of cereal, along with other items.

Dorothy was a tremendous help, organizing the pantry shelves among other tasks, which is much appreciated. Dorothy also manages the supplies of food containers, keeping some available for us every week. Gay Cobb brought in desirable give-away items to supplement our tables. We appreciated every one's support. Carmelo and team not only distributed sandwiches today, but also were good enough to help finishing the packaging to get everything ready to go out. Our Monday menu is a richly flavored meat and vegetable stew, mashed potatoes, veggies (cauliflower, green beans and Brussels sprouts). Fruit salad, green salad with cheese, Arizmendi bakery items plus desserts.

Monday, we prepared around 155 lunches. Matt, Jan and Devon said the stew was very good. It

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had been 'stewed' Sunday morning so meat and vegetables were very tender, and it had a lot of flavor with the sauce. We thank Su and the special team for putting this together. We gave out extra fruits and foods on this rainy day at the gate. Liza Tarver and team distributed food to the streets, including extra salads, stew and fruit salad and desserts. Devon also took a box of extra groceries to the streets.

Teri's team, including Diane, Beth, Laura, Ellen, Trish, and Jan prepared desserts, with Jan, packaging items for setting up the food line and preparing mashed potatoes. Devon prepared many of the vegetables and Ellen did the flavoring for the cauliflower. Hunter came in and worked the food line along with Bonnie. He also helped with the cleanup. Navdeep helped with the cleanup and was good support to Paul who was managing the cleanup procedures. Connie and Victor distributed food at the gate under the roof to avoid the rain.

First Church is proud to support its COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

- **Cantare Con Vivo**
- **College Awareness**
- **Community Women's Orchestra**
- **Faith in Action East Bay**
- **Food Not Bombs**
- **Habitat For Humanity, East Bay
Silicon Valley**
- **Oakland Early Head Start Preschool**
- **Oakland Gay Men's Chorus**
- **Oakland Kids First**
- **Piedmont East Bay Children's Choirs**
- **Quinteto Latino**
- **ReCares**
- **The Lucy Kinchen Chorale**
- **Western Service Workers Assoc.**

This place was made with you in mind!

Need Something Printed in Temple Tidings?

The First Church Communications Team meets every other week to discuss events and the life of the church. If you have a special event coming up, contact Pastor Matt, Chris Weber, Shawn Jones or Anne Margaret Manay.

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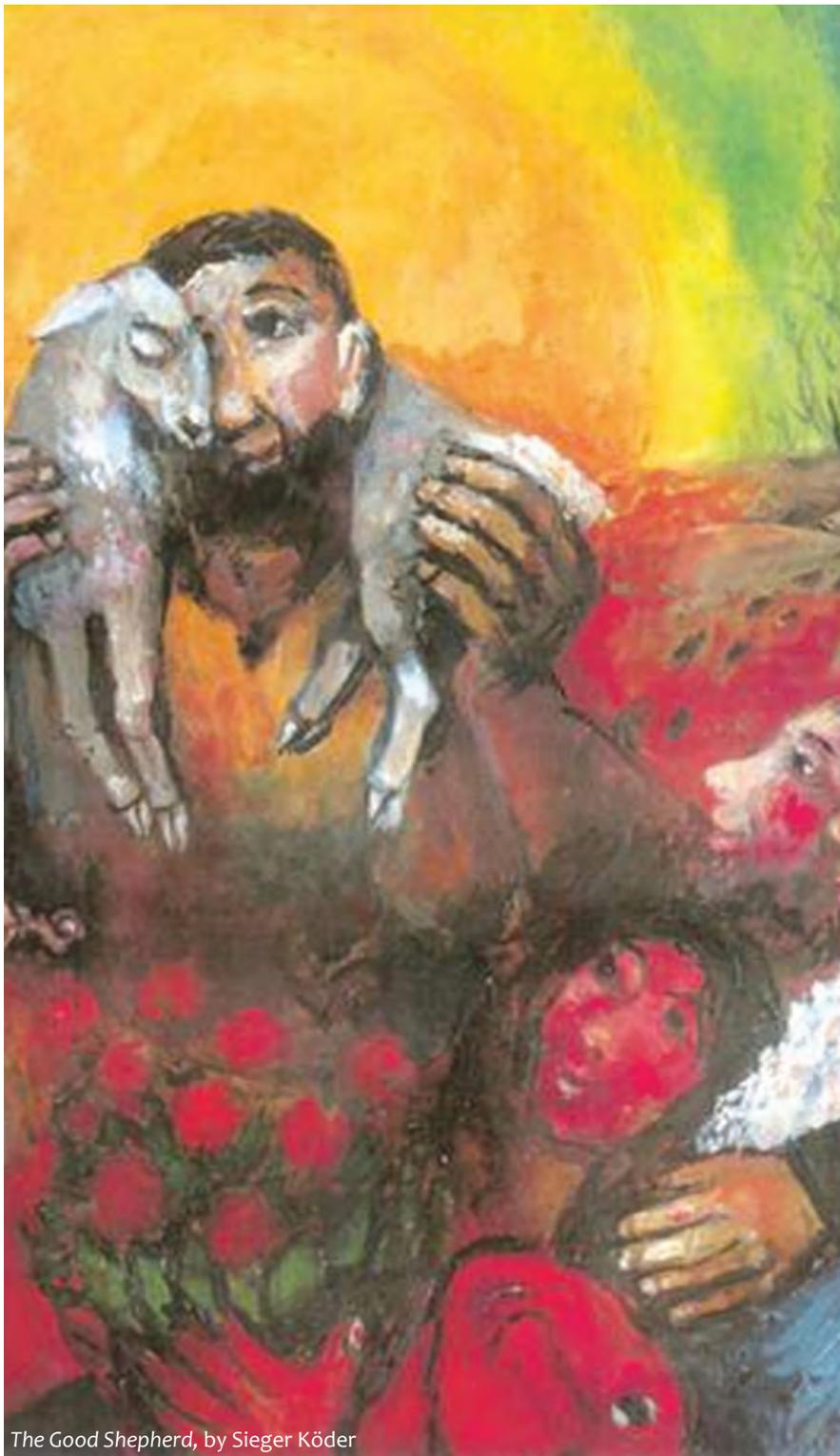
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The Good Shepherd, by Sieger Köder

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SUNDAY, November 7, 2021

The Good Shepherd

Making God's
welcome known

Welcome to this time of intergenerational praise and worship

Visitors:

- Please fill out a **Prayer Card** if you would like prayer from our pastor and deacons.
- Please also fill out a **Welcome Card** so we can become acquainted with you.
- Need help hearing? Ushers can provide **hearing devices** to assist you.

Visiting Parents:

- Ushers can guide you to the **nursery** for certified childcare for children age three years and younger.
- You may also make use of the **Parent Corners** at the rear sanctuary entrance or up front by the font.
- Children's **worship bags** are available in the narthex or from the ushers with materials that can be used by children during the worship service.
- On the first Sunday of every month we celebrate **communion** and children remain in worship with families to participate.
- **Godly Play** is offered for children all other Sundays. Children are escorted to Classroom 2 during *Passing of the Peace* and can rejoin their families during Fellowship Time.

First Presbyterian Church of Oakland is a **More Light** faith family,
on a journey toward becoming the **Beloved Community**.

We welcome and affirm persons of every age,
national origin, racial and ethnic heritage, gender identity, sexual orientation,
socio-economic status, physical ability and spiritual leaning.

ORDER of SERVICE INVITATION to WORSHIP

Prelude

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need &
The King of Love My Shepherd Is*
arr. Dale Wood

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Why are we gathered in this place?

All: We are here to worship God.

One: Who is this God we worship?

All: We worship the Creator of the earth and everything in it.

One: Why do we worship God?

All: We are God's children; God knows each of us by name and loves us.

One: Let us worship God today with our hearts and minds and spirit.

Gathering Prayer

One: Lord, we invite you into our hearts and among us here. May we sense your presence, and may our hearts and minds be attuned to what you want to show us today.

All: Amen



Leader: Come, let us wor-ship God. Come, let us wor-ship God.



Come, let us wor-ship God. Come, let us wor-ship God.



Wel - come ev - 'ry - one... Wel - come ev - 'ry - one



to the love of God. to the love of God.

2. Food for the hungry... 4. Hope for the children...
3. Rest for the weary... 5. Come, let us worship God...

Round ①

The Lord is My Shepherd



The Lord is my shep-herd; I'll walk with him al - ways.
The Lord is my shep-herd; I'll fol - low him al - ways.
The Lord is my shep-herd; I'll live for him al - ways.



He leads me by still wa-ters; I'll walk with him al - ways.
He leads me by still wa-ters; I'll fol - low him al - ways.
He leads me by still wa-ters; I'll live for him al - ways.



Al - ways, al - ways, I'll walk with him al - ways.
Al - ways, al - ways, I'll fol - low him al - ways.
Al - ways, al - ways, I'll live for him al - ways.



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CONFESSIO N of SIN & ASSURANCE of GRACE

Confession

One: God of many pastures, your Spirit calls us to reach out and proclaim the good news where bandits and thieves seek to lead your sheep astray. Forgive us, source of comfort and strength, when we seek to keep your care for ourselves – believing that we alone have a special place in your love. Call us once more, loving shepherd, to lay our burdens down and rest, that we might have the strength to open our eyes and see the needs of your flocks all around us.

Silent Reflection

You are invited into a time of silent, personal prayer

One: In the name Jesus Christ we pray

All: Amen

Please stand as you are able

Assurance of Pardon

One: Even when our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts. Our shepherd is the guardian of our souls and the gate to eternal life. The good shepherd leads us to safe pastures and restores our souls. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell secure in the pasture of God's love forever.

Passing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace

Greet those around you with a sign of Christ's peace (practice sign language!)

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

Sharing of joys and concerns

You may share requests for prayer with the congregation aloud, or fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering plate to privately share your prayer need with the pastor.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

THE WORD

New Testament Reading

Matthew 18 : 10 - 14 (NRSV)

One: ¹⁰“Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. ¹²What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

One: For the Word in scripture, the Word made flesh, and the Word in our hearts

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

RESPONSE to the WORD

Sermon Continued

Pastor Matt will lead the congregation in reflection on the reading and sermon.

Invitation to the Lord’s Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The bread of heaven is here, leading us into life.

All: We draw strength from the bread of life.

One: The cup of blessing is at hand, bringing us salvation.

All: We find life in the cup of salvation.

One: Eat and drink, for Christ is here, offering us eternal life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Holy Meal & Offering

Please come forward as the ushers allow. Communion is alcohol and gluten free.

You may leave your offering in the plates on the table.

You may also make a donation by using the QR code at the bottom of this page.

Note: donations made online are subject to a 4% service charge, paid by us.

Communion Music

#802 The King of Love, My Shepherd Is

Commemoration of All Saints



SENDING OUT to be THE CHURCH

Sending Hymn

#384 For All the Saints

Benediction

v. 1, 2, 3 & 5

One: Go to love God and neighbor

All: We go forth in the love of God.

One: Go to welcome the stranger.

All: We go forth with love for the world.

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

arr. Richard ElsaBer

SERVING in WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Matt Prinz

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FIRST CHURCH'S VISION for CHILDREN & YOUTH

We are an extended family with members of all ages:

we honor our baptismal vows by nurturing all children in our care;
we develop caring relationships with children and youth in our community;
we support parents and join them in the faith development of their children;
we recognize the vulnerability of children and protect them from harm.

We welcome children and youth:

we allow children to act like children;
we affirm each child's unique personality and God-given gifts;
we offer worship services and church events that are relevant and accessible to them;
we offer God's grace to children and youth beyond our church community.

We take children and youth seriously:

children, youth and adults all share in ministry;
children and youth are trusted with responsibilities.

We encourage children and youth to know and follow Jesus:

they hear the stories of the Bible;
they have a forum for addressing their spiritual questions and concerns;
they learn ways to express their faith
they see love and respect modeled by the community and practice it themselves;
they have opportunities to respond to God's love in community.

We covenant to make this vision a reality both now and in times to come.