

Interactive Good Friday Retraces the Stations of the Cross as Campus Pilgrimage Route



Inter-generational Community a Topic for Next Building the Beloved Community

Employment Training to be Considered for First Church Kitchen

Spring Concerts Continue with Oakland School For the Arts, Oakland Women's Orchestra

April 17, 2022

Weekly Newsletter

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

Building the Beloved Community Discussion Group to Focus on Inter-generational Community

One generation commends Your works to another; they tell of Your mighty acts.”

Psalm 145:4

Any generation can speak of God’s works to another one. We have so much to learn from one another, the young from the old and the old from the young, and it all starts with being intentional about inter-generational relationships.

Most churches are multi-generational. With intentionality, a church can become inter-generational, transforming to a new way of being the church—growing disciples, and impacting the world for Jesus Christ in the way we believe God intended. This transformation brings about a sense of belonging for all, to be in relationship as equal parts of the body of Christ—the intergenerational church.

When generations mutually invest in one another, relationships deepen, transforming the church from doing inter-generational programming to thriving as an inter-generational community. Christ-centered community draws us all closer to God.

Please help add perspective to our BBC conversation, with Leah Marquez, Alessandra Mohar, Elizabeth Goodwin, and Cami Inadomi, as we discuss what it is like for young people in “the church” and what it is like for young people at First Church.

Wednesday, May 11, 7 pm, Zoom

Good Friday Pilgrimage Invites Closer Witness to the Crucifixion



Stations found throughout the campus provided a self-led journey through the moments leading from Jesus’s trial, through his execution and death. Each station provided hand’s on experience of the details through taste, touch, and exploration.



First Church Is Hiring A Community Events Manager

If you've been to the First Church campus anytime other than Sunday mornings, you've probably noticed how bustling the place can be. The Fellowship Hall, the Reception Room and even the Sanctuary are used by community groups and performing arts groups every day of the week for meetings, rehearsals, and concerts. School dances have even made their way to First Church. There are 17 groups that call First Church home now. And every month there are at least two or three private parties on Saturdays.

All this activity is helping to bring new revenue which contributes to keeping the campus maintained and available for community use. But it's also creating a fair amount of extra volunteer work for First Church Buildings & Grounds Committee Chair, Chris Weber, who is eager to pass the responsibility on to someone else.

Session has agreed to hire a new Community Events Manager, whose job will be serving the community and church by managing campus rentals, the church calendar and coordinating campus use by our Community Partner groups. This new, part time job is expected to take about 8-10 hours per week, with some office hours required for public interface. The work requires a fair amount of interaction with the campus community and neighborhood and some careful organization. Additional details about the job can be requested from Chris Weber or Pastor Matt.

The new job position has been posted online, but word of mouth is always a great way to make introductions and recruit. Any candidate with a talent for making people feel welcome and keeping a busy campus organized is encouraged to inquire.

Easter Lillies Lovingly Provided by:

- Martha Bauman, in loving memory of **Earl, Carolyn & Meta Smith; Joseph & Marie Bauman**
- Linda & Larry Carter, in memory of **Kenneth Paul Carter & Dylen Carter Mead; Wayne & Ronald Hill, Dorothy & John Keating**
- Dorothy Dugger, in memory of **Fowler & Vivian Dugger**
- Henry Gardner, in memory of his mother **Annie Bell Gardner**, his grandmother **Rosa Bell Underwood & Taylor's great-grandmother, Betty Wiegand**
- Diane Hill in memory of her parents **Vic & Adele Wrasse** and her sister **Carolyn Josephian**, and in honor of her daughter, **Linda Carter**
- Louise Hill, in honor of her sisters and mother.
- Charmaine Irmiter, in honor of **Simplicio & Gertrudes Caga-anan**, great grandparents and children **Maria Albon-Omandam**, great grandmother and her daughters, **Rufina, Glyceria, Neng-Neng & Leonarda (Aida)**
- Shawn Jones & Elizabeth Cureton, in memory of **Joseph Jones, Kimberly Jones & Lillian Stanford**
- Lorraine A. Provost, in memory of her sister **Frances Kennix Lowery** and her mother **Anita Kennix**
- Rose Mary Richmond, in memory of **Tom Richmond**
- Marilyn Reynolds, in honor of her aunt, **Eartha Lewis**
- Judy Rowan, in memory of her parents
- Kerry Sherman, in honor of her mother, **Mikyong Sherman**, and her sister, **Song-A Sherman**
- Margie Witt, In memory of **Jeanette Stewart**, a dear friend.

Spring Concerts Bring Art & Advocacy to First Church



Community Women's Orchestra

Sunday, May 1, 4 pm

Join Community Women's Orchestra for an evening of spectacular music, featuring the world premiere of Jessica Krash's *Seven Kinds of Happiness*. Community Women's Orchestra concerts showcase contributions by women in classical music as composers and musicians. Tickets are available at CWO's website.



Oakland School for the Arts

Sunday, May 6, 7 pm

Come experience the Oakland School for the Arts year-end concert, featuring dozens of student performing groups, with musical styles ranging from acapella and classical to hip hop and pop.



Oakland Civic Orchestra

Sunday, May 15, 4 pm

Featuring the premier of a special commission by Oakland local, Umar Durr: *Serenade: A Zephyr in Gemini*, with Eamon Riley and Milo Klise, playing Violoncelli. Also featuring Brahms: *Academic Festival Overture* and Beethoven: *Symphony No. 7*.



Top: David Morales directs Cantare with orchestra in Brahms's *Requiem* at First Church on March 27. **Middle:** Students from the Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Center recite original poems between movements at March 27 concert. **Below:** Oakland Gay Men's Chorus perform "Be the Change" on April 10.





Food Ministry Kitchen Report

By Bill Coburn

Friday afternoon, our pick up team, Bryan and Henry, picked up items from Western Service Workers Association and Good Eggs. Saturday morning, we returned to Good Eggs for a second donation, and also picked up groceries from Whole Foods. We received a delivery from Omni Commons. Additionally, we had vegetable items from the Food of God program. We continue to have donations from longtime supporter, Sandy.

On Sunday, 150 sandwich lunches were made of cold cuts and tomato and lettuce, plus chips, fruit and desserts. Dorothy directed the Sunday volunteers about food prep for Monday. Some meals were distributed at the gate, the remaining were distributed throughout the neighborhood.

For Monday, Teri led the team preparing chicken, some with BBQ sauce and some with sweet chili sauce. Also, a number of mixed vegetables, some rice, bread, green and fruit salad plus desserts. Lexine Alpert distributed the meals in the neighborhood, with her friend Linda Ellinwood. We thank the many dedicated volunteers, who continue to make all this happen.

Food Ministry Street Report

By Lexine Alpert

This Monday, Linda and I picked up 74 beautiful hot meals consisting of corned beef, potatoes, green beans, green salad, and a dessert.

We also were given about twelve large bags of dog food that Teri had put together for us to give out to the many dogs that accompany those

living on the streets. Thank you so much Teri! I focused this week on the many dogs that we see out there who provide comfort and love to those dealing with the challenges of living in the rough.

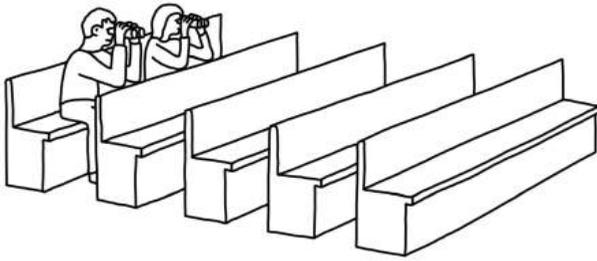
Thank you, Teri and to the many volunteers who make such fantastic meals for those hungry and homeless. These are not cold sandwiches on dry bread, but hot delicious and healthy meals that people on our route look so forward to.

First Church Kitchen Considered as New Home for Justice Group

Oak Harvest Kitchen provides formerly incarcerated community members, and people with employment barriers, the training they need to gain skills for second chance employment opportunities in food service. The group provides reentry job training for local residents as well as quick, affordable, delicious meals consisting of plant-based food, using produce from Mandela Partner's network of BIPOC farmers located within a 150 mile radius of Oakland.

Trainees receive hands-on mentorship in food safety, kitchen skills, customer service and hospitality, and essential technologies used in food-service and the workplace. Participants also train inside live kitchens, like the kitchen at First Church, to build skills and experience to add to their resumes. Program graduates either stay on as part of our kitchen team or gain employment through partner food businesses, ready and committed to providing dignified job opportunities.

Representatives from Oak Harvest Kitchen have expressed an interest in partnering with First Church and using the kitchen during "off hours" weekday afternoons. Food Ministry and Facilities leadership are being asked to consider the many logistical needs of incorporating a new organization into the campus fabric, as well as the possibility for mission expansion.



Temple Tidings Contributors This Week

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Temple Tidings is a weekly publication. All are welcome to contribute news, events and opinion.

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From the Vault

The sanctuary is set for easter morning worship at First Church's previous home at 14th & Franklin on April 25, 1886



First Church is proud to support its COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

- Cantare Choirs
- College Awareness
- Community Women's Orchestra
- Faith in Action East Bay
- Food Not Bombs
- Habitat For Humanity, East Bay-Silicon Valley
- Oakland Civic Orchestra
- 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
- Vituity Care Foundation
- Western Service Workers Assoc.



Resurrection by Conrad Pickle

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Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

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 and remember your name and your visit with us. If you would like to be added to our email and mailing lists the welcome card will do that too (you can also sign up on the home page of our website - at the very bottom)
- 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 **Family Worship & 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

Prayer, from Cavalleria Rusticana

Welcome

by Pietro Mascagni

Call to Worship

One: This is a new day! A day of marvels and miracles! A day to rejoice in what God has done! Yesterday was filled with too many worries and too little faith.

All: **On this Easter morning, we hear old folks say, “Mary, don’t you weep!”**

One: This is a new day! A day of marvels and miracles! A day to rejoice in what God has done! Yesterday was filled with too much criticism and too little affirmations.

All: **Today, Martha, don’t you moan!**

One: This is a new day! A day of marvels and miracles! A day to rejoice in what God has done! Yesterday was filled with too many questions and too few answers.

All: **This is Easter morning; dry your tears and shout for joy! Jesus is not dead. He is alive! God has conquered death and Jesus has canceled sin. This is, indeed, a new day! Leap for Joy!**

Gathering Prayer

One: God of new life and new possibilities, we gather to sing our songs of gladness and to share our steadfast love. Some of us come from the shadows of our lives, as we anticipate the light. Some of us come eager to learn, but are unsure of what it all means. Some of us come in grief, grateful to discover hope. Wherever we have come from, may we all find you, the risen Christ, the one who conquered death and proclaims new life for all. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray.

All: Amen

Please stand as you are able

Opening Hymn

#232 : Jesus Christ is Risen Today

C O N F E S S I O N o f S I N & A S S U R A N C E o f G R A C E

Confession

One: Holy One, we are tired and a little terrified. We do not understand the confusing world around us. It is easier to live in the darkness than to walk toward the light. Forgive us. Open our eyes to see your presence among us. Open our hearts to perceive the risen Christ walking toward us. Fill our hearts with amazement, wonder, and hope.

Silent Reflection

You are invited into a time of silent, personal prayer

One: In the name of the one who loves us unconditionally, we pray.

All: Amen

Please stand as you are able

Assurance of Pardon

One: Family of God, Siblings in Christ, we are witnesses to the resurrection story. As witnesses, may we find hope in Christ and be assured of God's grace, forgiveness, and steadfast love.

All: Amen

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.

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.

Litany *Hope: A Litany Claiming That Another World is Possible and On Its Way*
by Zhailon Levingston

One: We are made in the likeness of Eternal Creativity.

All: Another world is possible and on its way.

One: Its insistence moves us into being and imagines for us worlds beyond our hopelessness.

All: Another world is possible and on its way.

One: We are made to collaborate with those around us to build deeper connections and sustainability around new ways of doing life together.

All: Another world is possible and on its way.

One: We are making space in our world for doubt and uncertainty by calling out fear and isolationism.

All: Another world is possible and on its way.

One: This is the truth about us. It always has been and always will be.

All: A new world is both here and arriving. We wait for it, usher it, greet it as a hopeful people. Amen.



The Entombment of Christ by Rembrandt van Rijn



The Empty Tomb by Mikhail Nesterov

THE WORD

Please stand as you are able

Hymn

#236 : *The Strife Is O'er*

Scripture Lesson

Luke 24 : 1 - 12

One: But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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.

Please stand as you are able

Hymn #240 : Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Donations, Welcome Cards & Prayer Cards can be placed in the offering plate.

You may also make a donation by using this QR code on your smart phone:

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

Prayer of Dedication

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

Musical Offering

Sharing the Holy Meal

Please come forward as the ushers allow and return to your seat down the side aisles. Communion is alcohol and gluten free.

SENDING OUT to be THE CHURCH

Invitation to Community Life

Sending Hymn

#238 : Thine is the Glory

Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in B-flat

David N. Johnson

SERVING in WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Matt Prinz

Liturgist: Leah Marquez

Guest Musician: Dave Hatt, organ;
William Baker & Sam Wamhoff, trombone

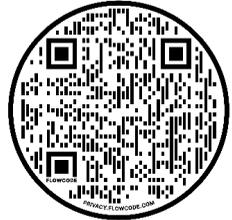
Song Leader: Anne Margaret Manay

Head Usher: Matthew Inadomi

Audio & Online Support: Diane Hill, Linda
Carter, Bex Fortin, Anne Margaret Manay

Flowers: The Sanctuary Guild
Fellowship Time: Julia Marquez, et al.

Agnus Dei
Georges Bizet



I Come With Joy
Brian A Wren