

Sunday, June 1, 2025

First Presbyterian Church Oakland

Making God's Welcome Known



W E L C O M E

Visitors:

- If you would like to be added to our email list, please go to firstchurchoakland.org and fill out the form at the bottom
- Need help hearing? Ushers can provide **hearing devices** to assist you.
- Please feel free to take the Sanctuary flowers home to enjoy after the service.

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** by the Hammond organ and in the back of the sanctuary.
- Children's **worship bags** are available in the narthex or from the ushers with worship play items.
- On the first Sunday of the month we celebrate **Family Worship & Communion** and children remain in worship.
- **Godly Play** is offered for children all other Sundays. Children are escorted to Classroom 2 during *Passing of the Peace* and rejoin their families during Fellowship Time.

O R D E R o f S E R V I C E

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.

I N V I T A T I O N t o W O R S H I P

Prelude

Pomp and Circumstance
By Edward Elgar

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Clap your hands. Sing for joy!

All: God's glory is all around.

One: Rejoice and praise. Worship and pray.

All: God's glory is in each of us.

Gathering Prayer

One: God of grace and glory, shine through our worship, that we may know your presence.
Shine through our lives, that we may bring your presence to others. Shine through
our world, that all may come to know you, love you, and glorify your name.

All: Amen

Please rise in body or spirit

Song

More Love
by Mark Miller
Sung by the choir

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

One: In any moment,
on any given day
I can measure my wellness
by this question:

'Wellness Check'
by Andrea Gibson

Is my attention on loving?
or is my attention on
who isn't loving me?

All: Amen.

Silent Reflection

You are invited into a time of silent, personal reflection

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

All: Amen

Please rise in body or spirit

Assurance of Pardon

Let the thirsty come.

For in Christ's grace, we receive the water of life.

In God's mercy, we receive forgiveness and love.

Passing of 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.

Children remain in the Sanctuary for Family Worship.

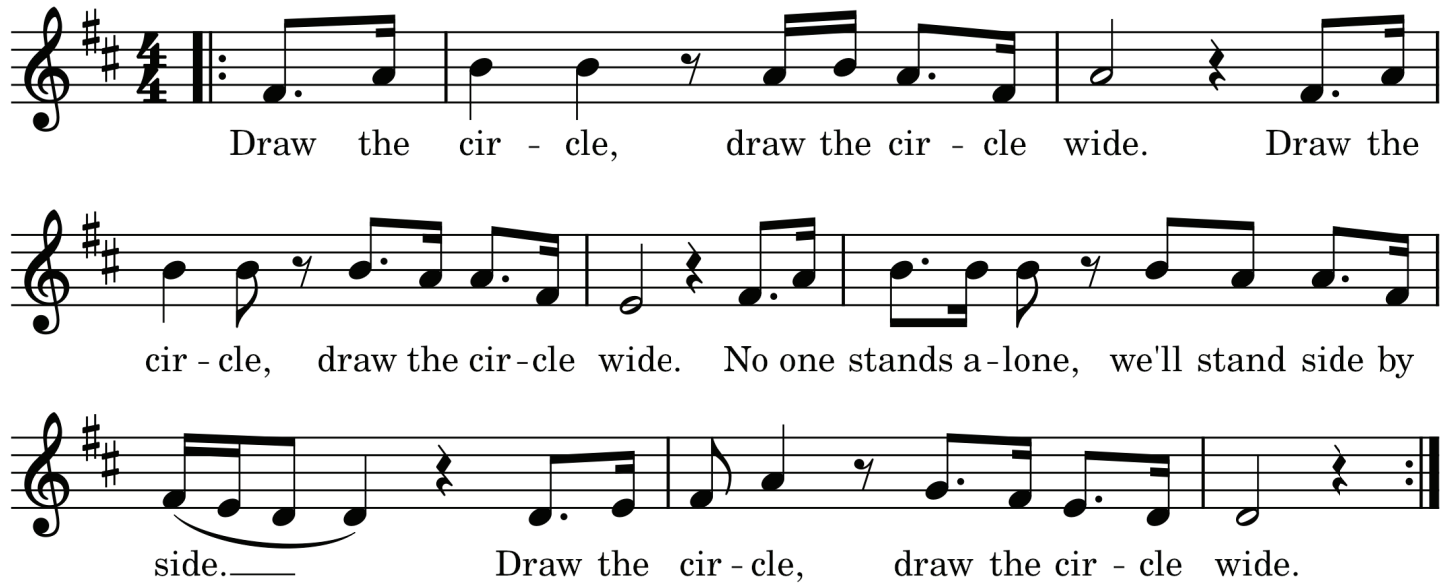
P R A Y E R S o f t h e P E O P L E

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Write a word or prayer for what you hope on one side of your prayer tag and word/prayer for what you fear in this season on the other side. Bring your prayer tag forward and attach it to the prayer tree.

Song

Draw the Circle Wide



Prayer

**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

Scripture Lesson

Luke 24. 44 – 53 Message translation

Then he said, “Everything I told you while I was with you comes to this: All the things written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets, and in the Psalms have to be fulfilled.”

He went on to open their understanding of the Word of God, showing them how to read their Bibles this way. He said, “You can see now how it is written that the Messiah suffers, rises from the dead on the third day, and then a total life-change through the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed in his name to all nations—starting from here, from Jerusalem! You’re the first to hear and see it. You’re the witnesses. What comes next is very important: I am sending what my Father promised to you, so stay here in the city until he arrives, until you’re equipped with power from on high.”

He then led them out of the city over to Bethany. Raising his hands he blessed them, and while blessing them, made his exit, being carried up to heaven. And they were on their knees, worshipping him. They returned to Jerusalem bursting with joy. They spent all their time in the Temple praising God.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

R E S P O N S E t o t h e W O R D

Reflection

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

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

Communion Music

*Somewhere Over the Rainbow
by Harold Arlen*

Sharing of the Holy Meal & Offering

Please come forward when invited by ushers. Communion is non alcoholic and gluten free. Donations can be placed in the offering plate. Donations may also be made using this QR Code:



Prayer

S E N D I N G O U T t o b e T H E C H U R C H

Invitation to Community Life

Song

This Little Light of Mine

Please come forward while singing to stand around the Hammond organ as a church community.

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. [x3]
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. [x3]
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Benediction

One: In the glory of God, go forth to shine with love.
Go forth to shine with peace.
Go forth to shine with hope for the world.

All: **Amen.**

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S E R V I N G i n W O R S H I P T O D A Y

Pastor: Rev. Matt Prinz

Liturgist: Dorrie Dodge

Music Director: Jake Fontana

Song Leader: Anne Margaret Manay

Head Usher: Di Pagel

Fellowship Time Refreshments: Paula Goodwin and Derek Mueller

Deacons Celebrate First Church Student with Treats and Gift Bags

Deacons celebrated first church students with homemade treats and encouraging words. Special thanks for Derrick Polk and Martha Baab for making treats.



Pride Month Dinner Party Set for June 28

Eighteenth-century philosopher Immanuel Kant hosted dinner parties at which he insisted on a strict set of conversational rules. His dinner party philosophy could be summed up as “anyone can talk, but few can converse.” Twenty-first century queer folks are putting a fresh spin on dinner parties by employing fun, bold rules. A new dinner party concept devised by Joseph Awuah-Darko, a queer artist and founder of The Last Supper Project, and his friend Ili, encourage attendees to share stories and practice vulnerability.

As a part of pride month, we are planning a dinner party of this type. Before the event, attendees will receive a short list of “rules,” such as “wear your favorite color” and “come with a joke to share.” This will be an intergenerational event (kids are super duper welcome). The sentiment for our dinner party will be “to know one another and to be known.”



Please Join Faith in Action for these Ceasefire Nightwalks

Stop the gun violence! Oakland Ceasefire is a movement to stop the killings and more people going to jail. We are uniting to build a culture of peace and healing. We are walking our neighborhoods to carry this message: We love you and we want you to be alive and free!

June 13 ~ Tabernacle MBC, 10115 Edes Avenue

June 20 ~ Emmanuel Greater Praise Church,
2025 86th Avenue

June 27 ~ At Thy Word, 8915 International Blvd.

Please talk with Suzie Inadomi or Pastor Matt to plan a Friday to attend together.



Join us for Upcoming Oakland Ballers and Oakland Roots Games!

Please join us at two upcoming Oakland hometown teams. Henry secured the box for the Roots vs Detroit City FC game on Saturday, July 5 at 7pm. It seats 18 and there are fireworks that night.

Suzie purchased 10 tickets to the Oakland Ballers vs Northern Colorado Owlz game on

Sunday, July 27 at 1:05pm. They were \$20.50 each. Theme is Halloween in July so costumes are welcomed.

Please contact Suzie to secure your seat at either or both of these games. It will be great to cheer for our local teams!



Join in the June 8 Pilgrimage

The poster for the Right of Return Pilgrimage features a green silhouette of the state of California on the left, with a white dove in flight. In the top left corner is a QR code. The main text is in bold black font: "Right of Return Pilgrimage" followed by "Sunday, June 8, 7am-7pm". Below this, it says "22 miles in 7 legs". The starting and ending locations are listed: "Starting at: Islamic Center of Alameda" and "Ending at: West Berkeley Shellmound". Registration information is provided: "To register for a leg: bit.ly/RightofReturnPilgrimage". At the bottom, it states: "Join Interfaith4Ceasfire to walk in public witness for the Palestinian Right of Return to their homes and families. We also walk in solidarity with immigrant, Indigenous, student, unhoused, transgender and BIPOC communities." The background of the poster shows a large crowd of people walking in a city street.



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To register for the event, please visit:
im4humanintegrity.org/2025/04/right-of-return-pilgrimage/

Save the Date for our Fall Retreat: September 26-28, 2025

Join us at the beautiful Zephyr Point Presbyterian Center for a weekend of peace and joy. Please see Pastor Matt if you are interested in helping to plan the retreat.



Food Ministry Roles Available

Contact Pastor Matt, Dorothy Dugger or Gay Cobb to sign up for these opportunities.

Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.: Each Saturday morning volunteers go to Whole Foods and Good Eggs to pick up donations. We need help organizing and cleaning up the donation pick-ups. Love our neighbors and build community.

Weekly Communications: Each week we share in word and picture what is happening within our food ministry to the church community. Would you like to take a few pictures and type up a brief report about the food ministry to encourage and inspire others to join us in loving our neighbors?

Sunday Lead: We are seeking another volunteer to lead one Sunday a month before and after our worship service. A Sunday lead follows the meal plan, coordinates volunteers, guides food distribution, and checks on the clean-up. The lead ensures that volunteers have meaningful service and can contribute to this important ministry.

Organizing dry goods pantry and storage closets: With many users of the kitchen, things sometimes don't get put away in the best place or with the most logic. Spend an hour or two at the most, once a month to put things back in shape and help keep the kitchen functional.

Neighbor Liasion: Get to know the neighbors we serve and guests who come pick up lunch and sometimes groceries at our 27th St entrance. Sundays after fellowship hour. 11:45 to 12:45-1:00. 2 volunteers needed to give out lunch bags and serve coffee and visit with our guests. You can sign up online when you see a vacancy or pick one Sunday a month as a regular time of service.

Substitute Friday Pick Up in August 11am -1pm

Our Friday grocery donation pick up team (Ben and Martha Baab) will be away for three weeks in August. Involves driving the church truck (standard transmission) or your own vehicle to pick up groceries and put them away in church kitchen refrigerator/freezer/pantry.



Music Selections an Important Element of Sunday Worship Planning

By Jake Fontana, Music Director



One of the best parts of the music director job is working with our musicians to choose songs for worship. You'll notice that each song leader has their own style, and that we come up with tunes that suit their interests and strengths. It's a great way to ensure a diversity of styles in our worship: some weeks are more classical, others are more folk, gospel, contemporary, and so on. This week, for instance, the fantastic Joe Warner is our guest pianist, and we've picked some songs that he'll hit out of the park.

As we head into Pride Month, we'll also be spotlighting some different genres as we celebrate the great artistic diversity of LGBTQ+ history. The choir will sing contemporary gospel, we'll hear organ music by queer composers, and some of our guest preachers will share some of their favorite songs. We've also got a tune that we'll sing all throughout the month, highlighting the theme of inclusivity: the contemporary song "Draw the Circle Wide."

Pastor Matt and I have been experimenting with picking one song that we repeat all throughout a season, such as Easter season or Pride Month. It has felt like a great way for the congregation to spend time with a new melody, and it's fun to hear the singing get louder and more confident as we learn it better and better.

As always, we strive each week for a selection of music that can speak to the rich diversity of people and styles we have at First Church. I try to make a point of including the pipe organ, Hammond B-3, and piano each week -- I haven't gotten to the harpsichord yet, but I hope to someday.

When possible, I also like to make sure we sing out of both of our hymnals each week. Throughout, we're always looking for a balance of musical diversity, flexibility, growth, and tradition. Please be in touch if you'd like to learn more about how we pick music at First Church, or if you've got a favorite song to suggest. I never make any promises we can include everything, but I love to hear what music is on people's minds. Reach out at jake@firstchurchoakland.org if you'd like to share your thoughts.

Celebrate June Birthdays!



June 1: Ann Jones

June 2: Clementine Ruff

June 7: Ryan Ekwoge

June 24: Beth Beatty

June 25: Iheani Ngumezi

June 28: Pauline Ahanotu

June 28: Cami Inadomi

First Church proudly supports our COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

- Afterglow Chorus
- Cantare Choirs
- Catalyst Youth Network
- College Awareness
- Community Women's Orchestra
- Faith in Action East Bay
- Food Not Bombs
- Habitat For Humanity, East Bay-Silicon Valley
- Mandela Partners
- Oakland Civic Orchestra
- Oakland Early Head Start Preschool
- Oakland Gay Men's Chorus
- Oakland Kids First
- ReCares
- The Lucy Kinchen Chorale
- Vituity Care Foundation



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