

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT FPCSM

SCHEDULE

9:30am	Worship
9:45am	Children's Sunday School C-260 & C-220 Middle School Sunday School, Youth Room
10:30am	Refreshment and Fellowship Time

REFRESHMENTS: Join us for refreshments and fellowship on the Geneva hall after the worship service.

CHILDCARE: Childcare for infants through 3-year-olds is available in our nursery during the worship service. The nursery is located on the first floor of our children's wing; ask an usher for directions.

COMMUNION: We celebrate Communion on the first Sunday of the month at our 9:30am worship service. Gluten-free bread is available, when we celebrate Communion, in a small container in the center of each bread tray. When we celebrate Communion by intinction, Gluten-free bread is on the bread trays at the outer, traditional stations. (*Communion for January 1, 2012 is being changed to January 8, 2012.*)

PRAYER: We believe God is all-powerful and that God heals, and we believe God responds with love to the prayers of His people. Prayer teams are available to pray with you at the front of the sanctuary at the conclusion of the worship service.

FPCSM MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of FPCSM is to honor God by helping people become fully-devoted followers of Jesus.

- VALUES:**
- Jesus Christ as Lord
 - Generosity
 - Loving God wholeheartedly
 - Compassion and social justice
 - God's Word as foundational
 - Prayer and healing
 - Equipping all for ministry
 - Children, youth, and families
 - Telling God's good news
 - Community

Condolences

The congregation extends its heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of Bob Shoemaker who passed away on December 19. At the same time, we celebrate the firm and certain hope we have for Bob and for ourselves in the resurrection through Jesus, who conquered death and who lives and reigns today and forever. A memorial will be held for Bob in Santa Barbara. Gifts in memory of Bob may be made to FPCSM, per Bob's family's guidance.

Let us know you're here

We're glad you're here! Please take a few minutes to tell us a little more about yourself by filling in the information on both sides of the card. (Please print.)

Date _____

Name _____

I am a: First Time Guest 2nd or 3rd Time Guest
 Regular Attendee Member

If you're a guest, how did you hear about us?

Please complete if you are visiting or if there has been a change in your contact information.

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Phone (_____) _____

New E-mail? New phone? New address?

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CONTACT INFORMATION

CHURCH OFFICE: (650) 345-1633

PASTOR: Shannon Pappas—shannonp@fpcsm.org

ELDER ON CALL: Alison Freeman—(650) 341-2722 *The Elder on call assists Pastor Pappas and the deacons in pastoral care as needed during the week.*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Gladys Gardner—gladysg@fpcsm.org

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES: Lois Darbonne—loisd@fpcsm.org

FINANCE/FACILITIES: Melissa Brumbaugh—melissab@fpcsm.org

MUSIC AND WORSHIP MINISTRIES: Steve Jones—stevej@fpcsm.org

VISITATION COORDINATOR: JoAnn Evans—evans242@sbcglobal.net

YOUTH MINISTRY: Brad Brown—bradb@fpcsm.org

FPCSM Church Officers who have served in 2011

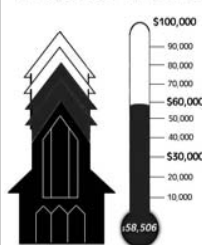
Elders Serving on Session

Jim Bell—Communications
Darryl Compton—Clerk of Session
Walter Darbonne—Evangelism & Nominating
Jeff deLamare—Global Missions
Alison Freeman—Finance
Jean Johnson—Discipleship & New Members
Myrna Klassen—Equipping
Gail Masters—Human Resources
John Mehl—Facilities & Church Life
Sabrina Robinson—Youth
John Tastor—Local Missions
Annette Tornborg—Worship and Prayer

Board of Deacons

Yamileth Clore
Tom Collette
Steve Evans
Victoria Garcia
John Gardelius
Greg Johnson
Sharon Tastor
Kathy Terry
Jay Thompson
Tom Tucker
Liz Yeager

Raise for the Roof!



We have received \$58,506 toward our goal. To make a donation, please use one of the pew envelopes and put an "x" in the box next to Building Fund or go to our website, www.fpcsm.org, and click on the "Worship" tab and then the "Giving" tab. This will take you to the Online Giving page. Designate the gift to "Facilities." **All funds received are designated exclusively for the roof and Facility Capital Outlay Reserve.**

For more information contact Melissa Brumbaugh at 345-1633 or Jim Bell at 341-2878.

STEWARDSHIP Update

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income thru December 18*	\$ 55,000	\$757,000
Expenses thru December 18	<u>60,000</u>	<u>796,500</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (4,500)	\$ (39,000)

*Includes Giving Income and activity fees from Kingdom Club, VBC, Youth Events, etc.

For your convenience, we offer a variety of ways to give your tithes and offerings to the Lord. Boxes of weekly or monthly **giving envelopes** are available or you may use the envelopes provided in the pew. We also offer **online giving** through our website, www.fpcsm.org and **stock donations** through our Charles Schwab account. To request a box of envelopes or for information, contact Melissa Brumbaugh, 345-1633 x224 or melissab@fpcsm.org.

Glory to God for the faithfulness and generosity of His people!



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A Christmas Prayer

Loving Father,
Help us to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing that which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful hearts, forgiving and being forgiven, through Jesus in whose name we pray. Amen.

—Robert Louis Stevenson

Christmas Day
2011

Order of Worship

December 25, 2011

"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."
—Luke 2:14

Prelude Steve Jones

Welcome Mike Aicardi

Scripture Micah 5:2

Songs of Praise Congregation

Joy to The World
(#171 in the hymnal)

What Child is This?
(#180 in the hymnal)

Away in A Manager
(#185 in the hymnal)

O Come, Let Us Adore Him (chorus)
(#193 in the hymnal)

Time With Children Gladys Gardner

Greeting One Another

Announcements

Prayers of the Congregation and for the World Lois Darbonne
This week, we pray for Stephen Lungu,
with African Enterprise.

Scripture Luke 2:8-20
(page 725 in the pew Bible)

Message Shannon Pappas
A Savior for All People

Call for Offering
If you know God and if you are seeking to follow Jesus, we invite you to participate with us as we offer our worship to God by joyfully and gratefully giving back to Him out of the abundance with which He has blessed us.

If you are a guest with us this morning or if you still have questions about God or Jesus, please feel no pressure or obligation to participate in this part of the worship service. Simply listen, rest, and seek God. He loves you.

Offertory Congregation

We Three Kings
(#206 in the hymnal)

Go Tell It On the Mountains
(#205 in the hymnal)

Benediction

Postlude

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Please switch your cell phone to the "silent" or "mute" mode during the worship service.

FAMILYNews

TODAY

2012 Flower Chart—Each year, individuals sign up to donate flowers for the sanctuary in honor of a special person or in memory of loved ones. The 2012 Flower Chart sign-up sheet is located in the lobby or go online to www.fpcsm.org.

COMING EVENTS

Holiday Church Office Hours—The church office will be closed on Monday, December 26, for the Christmas holiday. The office will be open Tuesday-Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm and closed again on Monday, January 2, for New Year's Eve. We will return to normal operating hours on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

Discover First Pres—*Saturdays, January 28 & February 4, 9:00am-12:30pm.* Interested in membership? Plan to attend our next Discover First Pres class! This short course will give you a good overview of the Christian faith and is a great introduction to FPCSM. At the completion of the course, you'll have the opportunity to decide if you'd like to become a member. Contact Lois Darbonne at loisd@fpcsm.org or 345-1633 x223 to register, or to learn more.

Annual Celebration—*Sunday, January 29, 11:00am-12:30pm, Geneva Hall.* Mark your calendar and plan to join us after the worship service for a potluck lunch to celebrate the exciting happenings at FPCSM in 2011 and to look ahead to how God is leading us in 2012. Join us as we get fired-up and excited about FPCSM—past, present and future!

OTHER

2012 Offering Envelopes—The boxes of 2012 offering envelopes that were not picked up have been mailed to homes. To request a box of weekly or monthly giving envelopes, please contact Melissa Brumbaugh, 345-1633 x224 or melissab@fpcsm.org.

Perspectives—Two thousand years before Christ, the Lord told Abraham that in his seed all the nations of the world would be blessed. Two thousand years ago Jesus came to earth to die for the world. Now, it's been another two thousand years. Is there a connection between Abraham's promise, the Messiah's coming, and what is happening in our world today? Come to *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement* and find out! Classes start the week of January 9 in Foster City, and elsewhere. Give yourself a gift and come to the first class for FREE!! For more information, contact: Cathy Chang, gnahc3@aol.com, 650-525-9695, Jack Klassen, jackklassen@earthlink.net, 415-920-9711 or Myrna Klassen, myrnaklassen@earthlink.net, 415-990-0429 or www.perspectives.org.

ADULTMinistry

Men's Monday Evening Bible Study—*1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, 7:30-9:00pm, B100.*

Women's Monday Evening Bible Study—*2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, 7:30-9:00pm, B100.* All women are invited to join us January 9, as we begin a study on the Fruits of the Spirit and Luke, combined! Our format includes Bible study, time for sharing, and praying for one another. For more information, contact Amy Rundle, acrundle@comcast.net, 401-8624; or Cathy Chang, gnahc3@aol.com, 525-9695.

Women's Daytime Bible Study—*Thursdays, 10:00-11:00am, Lighthouse.* Women of all ages are invited to be a part of this study of the book of Hebrews. Childcare is provided. *(On break until 1.5.12)*

Men's Bible Study—*Saturdays, 8:00am, Lighthouse.* Men of all ages are invited to join a great fellowship of sharing and discussing God's grace, and His Word.

Advent Conspiracy

Advent Conspiracy Report – This Christmas season, our congregation was encouraged to consider giving to those in need in honor of their loved ones (rather than giving to those who already have so much), and as a result a number of the less fortunate in our community were blessed! As a church, we collected over 20 "Christmas dinner boxes" for CALL Primrose to give out to needy families, and over 60 gifts for Help One Child to deliver to children and youth who currently live in foster care in our County. In addition, our Kingdom Club kids collected over \$350.00 to give to Help One Child which will be used to put together activity bags for foster children who spend a great deal of time waiting during court proceedings. What a privilege to be a blessing in this way to our community this Christmas season! Our prayer is that those receiving these gifts will know the love of Christ through them.



YOUTHThisGeneration

Sunday School—*Sundays, 9:45-10:30am, youth room.* Our middle school class is not meeting today. Please remain in worship with your families.

Youth Groups—*Thursdays, Middle School, 5:30-7:30pm, High School, 7:00pm-9:00pm.* Youth groups resume on Thursday, January 12.

Confirmation—*Sundays beginning January 8, 10:50am-noon, Youth Room.* Confirmation is for students in 8th grade or older who want to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, learn more about the church, and learn how to express their faith to others.

CHILDRENSMinistry

Christmas Day—*Today, 9:30-10:30am.* No nursery, toddler or Power Station classes today so that families can celebrate the birth of our Lord together.

New Year's Day—*Sunday, January 1, 9:30-10:30am*—Nursery, toddler and preschool care will be offered. Elementary aged children are encouraged to attend worship with their families.

Kingdom Club—*Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30pm.* Our mid-week program offering kid-friendly dinners with friends, games, fun Bible lessons, crafts and music will take a holiday break for a few weeks! Our Winter/Spring 2012 session begins Wednesday, January 11. For more information, call the Children's Ministry office.

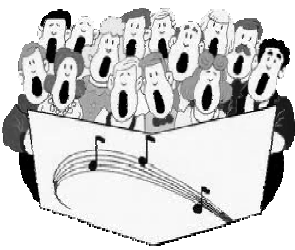
Little Sprouts—*Fridays, 9:30-11:00am.* Our popular playgroup for preschool age children and their families will take a break until January 13. For more information, call the Children's Ministry office.

Sing with the Choir!

One of the most joy-filled communities within the larger FPCSM family is our sanctuary choir because every week they get to sing for joy to the Lord together *and* be a blessing the whole FPCSM congregation, encouraging our worship and praise of Almighty God!

Practices are enriching and fun. Childcare can be made available. New voices are absolutely welcome and invited!

Rehearsals begin again on Thursday, January 5. For more information, contact, Steve Jones at stevej@fpcsm.org or 650-438-2578.



and tell us more...

I'd like to learn more about:

- Receiving Jesus Christ into my life
- The basics of Christianity
- Church membership classes
- Counseling (premarital, marital, grief, etc.)
- How to get connected at FPCSM
- How to sign-up for Pastor Shannon Calling
- Other _____



- Baptism
- The Bible
- Small groups
- Sunday morning classes
- How to sign-up to receive eNews

Prayer requests and Praise reports:

I'm interested in serving in the following ministries:

- Children
- Missions
- Administration/Clerical
- Youth
- Music/Media
- Evangelism
- College
- Prayer
- Other _____

I am: Single Married Widowed

My age: 0-18 19-29 30s-40s 50s-60s 70s-80+

(For students) I am in the following grade: 1-5 6-8 9-12 College