

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT FPCSM

SCHEDULE

9:30am	Worship
9:45am	Children's Sunday School C-260 & C-220 Middle School Sunday School, Youth Room (not today)
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.

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

Kingdom Club Presents....

Saturday, December 10, 4:00pm, Sanctuary






Holiday Caroling

Saturday, December 10, 1:30 - 3:30pm
Homebound in our community

Sunday, December 11, 1:00-3:00pm
Brookside & Mills-Peninsula Skilled Nursing Facilities

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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? over →

CONTACT INFORMATION

CHURCH OFFICE: (650) 345-1633

PASTOR: Shannon Pappas—shannonp@fpcsm.org

ELDER ON CALL: Darryl Compton—(650) 341-7786 *The Elder on call assists Pastor Pappas and the deacons in pastoral care as needed during the week.*

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VISITATION COORDINATOR: JoAnn Evans—evans242@sbcglobal.net

YOUTH MINISTRY: Brad Brown—bradb@fpcsm.org

Global Missions

This week we pray for Perspectives on the World Christian Movement

Perspectives: A Course of Vision


As the name implies, the Perspectives course is about vision. It's the same vision which empowered Jesus to live His life with joy, hope, and single-hearted passion. This course explores that vision and will help you respond to Christ's invitation to live for the same purpose and significance that He did.

What was the vision? Jesus summed up the vision in one of His final prayers to His Father, "I glorified You on earth, having accomplished the work that You gave me to do" (John 17:4). Jesus' life purpose was to bring about God's glory on earth. Throughout His life, Jesus kept the vision of God's greater glory before Him. Passion for God's glory energized and integrated His life. Life with purpose was so satisfying that He said, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work (John 4:34). As He set His life toward the hope of finishing God's work, His life became a daily feast of purpose. The Perspectives course aims to help you live strategically toward that same hope.

God has a "world-sized" role for every Christian in His global purpose. Whether people go to distant countries or stay at home is a secondary issue. The primary issue is what most people are hungry to discover: vision to live a life of purpose. Discovering that vision makes Perspectives valuable and perhaps crucial for any Christian.

... Perspectives Study Guide

Grab a brochure from the narthex or for more information, contact:
Cathy Chang, gnahc3@aol.com, 650-525-9695, Jack Klassen, jackklassen@earthlink.net, 415-920-9711 or Myrna Klassen, mymaklassen@earthlink.net, 415-990-0429.





You must encounter God firsthand or you will become passive, apathetic, or just drop out altogether. You must continually encounter God firsthand or your fellowship with God will grow cold. You will quit caring about the concerns of God for His church, for the Kingdom, or for the lost world.

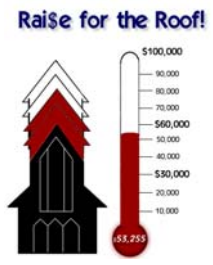
—Henry Blackaby

STEWARDSHIP Update

	Month	YTD
Income thru November 27*	\$ 69,000	\$702,000
Expenses thru November 27	<u>68,500</u>	<u>736,500</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 500	\$ (34,500)

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

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



We have received \$53,255 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.

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Order of Worship

December 4, 2011

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 29:12-14a

Prelude Brian Howell and Steve Jones

Welcome Mike Aicardi

Song of Praise Congregation

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
(#169 in the hymnal)

Advent Candle #2 Patrick, Joyce,
Evan & Ashley Yango

Songs of Worship Congregation

You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
(#197 in the hymnal)

Greeting One Another

Time With Children Gladys Gardner

Special Music Kingdom Club Choir

I Give You Me

Announcements Lois Darbonne

Prayers of the Congregation and for the World Annette Tornborg

This week, we pray for Perspectives on World Christian Movement,
and locally, Kingdom Club.

Call for Offering

Offertory Choir

Breath of Heaven
Words and music by Amy Grant and Chris Eaton, arranged by Don Hart
Soloist: Brie Jones

Scripture Luke 1:5-25
(page 723 in the pew Bible)

Sermon Shannon Pappas

Finding God in the Most Likely Places

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Communion: Sharing the Bread and Cup

All who put their faith in Jesus Christ are invited to share in the sacrament as the bread and juice are served by elders and deacons. You are welcome to eat the bread whenever you are ready after you have received it, and likewise with drinking the juice.

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Moving Out In Worship Congregation

I Give You My Heart

Benediction

Postlude

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

FAMILYNews

2012 Offering Envelopes—Please pick up your 2012 offering envelopes located on the table in the Iona lobby. To avoid giving record errors, please DO NOT use these envelopes until the new year. To request a box of weekly or monthly giving envelopes or to get information about online giving, please contact Melissa Brumbaugh, 345-1633 x224 or melissab@fpcsm.org.

Church Directory—Please pick up a copy of the new Church Directory available in the lobby. Contact Melissa Brumbaugh at 345-1633 if you discover any errors and/or omissions. We will list corrections in an upcoming bulletin for people to update their directories.

COMING EVENTS

Seniors' Lunch with Pastor Shannon—*Thursday, December 8, 11:45am, Lighthouse.*

Come join this casual and fun lunch together for fellowship, laughter, addressing issues and needs specific to seniors, discussing FPCSM's bright future, and even doing a little strategic problem-solving. Please bring your own lunch; drinks and dessert will be provided.

Set Painters Needed—*Saturday, December 10, 9:00am-1:00pm.* To heighten its impact on the community, Live Nativity 2011 will feature new drama and a beautiful new "stable" set. If you're semi-handly with a paint brush or roller, please join our set-painting crew. We expect to finish the work in just a few hours. Contact Steve Jones at 650-438-2578 or stevej@fpcsm.org.

Holiday Caroling—*Saturday, December 10, 1:30-3:30pm.* an informal group of youth and adult carolers will visit the San Mateo homes of several of our homebound members. Then on *Sunday, December 11, 1:00-3:00pm* we will meet at the church to start off our "Caroling Caravan." The Choir (plus youth and all who'd like to come) will sing carols at Mills Peninsula Skilled Nursing (Burlingame) at 1:15pm and Brookside Skilled Nursing at 2:30pm. Contact Sue Parry at parrysue@sbcglobal.net.

Kingdom Club Presents *The Great Christmas Giveaway*—*Saturday, December 10, 4:00pm, Sanctuary.* For more information, call the Children's Ministry office.

Mission Report: Haiti—*Sunday, December 11, 11:00am, Iona Room.* John Tastor will present a teaching based on his recent trip to Haiti, building homes with Habitat for Humanity and former President Carter. Emphasis will be on living the scriptural call to serve the poor, the importance of mission, and insights on Jesus-modeled leadership. John will illustrate these points with photos from Haiti and the work project, and will share his personal experience.

OTHER

Help put the Cupcake in Carols and Cupcakes—We will be serving cupcakes in the Iona Room after the Caroling program in the sanctuary. If you love to bake cupcakes, this is your chance! Please bring your cupcakes to the Iona Room by 5:30pm on Saturday, December 17. If you can help set-up for the cupcake extravaganza, serve or help clean up, please contact John Mehl at johnmehl6981@att.net.

Tools for your Advent Conspiracy Giving! If you are giving a dinner box to CALL Primrose, a gift to a foster child through Help One Child, or a financial gift to the Horn of Africa Medical Fund in honor of a loved one this Christmas, pre-printed cards to give that person are available for you in the lobby.

Help One Child Tree in Lobby—Buy a gift and bless a foster child this Christmas. Please join in our Advent Conspiracy efforts by choosing a gift tag from our Help One Child Christmas tree. Help One Child is a Christian ministry serving at-risk children in foster care. The tree will be in the lobby this Sunday and next and is decorated with hanging gift tag "ornaments." Each hanging gift tag has a request from a child in foster care. Simply take the gift tag, purchase the gift, and bring the unwrapped gift and tag back to church by Sunday, December 11. Complete information is provided when you choose a gift tag. Please contact Jenny Young with any questions (jdyoung@stanfordalumni.org).

Poinsettias for Advent—Don't miss your chance to donate a poinsettia to be enjoyed at the front of the sanctuary all through Advent. Sign up in the lobby or by emailing Allison Hudson at allisonhudson78@hotmail.com. There is also a sign-up sheet for the 2012 Flower Calendar.

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*

Women's Fall 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.

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.

Condolences

The congregation extends its heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of long-time FPCSM member, Pat Rivord, who passed away on November 7 in Everett, WA. At the same time, we celebrate the great hope we have in the resurrection through Jesus, Who conquered death and Who lives and reigns today and forever. A Memorial Service was held in Washington.

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.* Spend time with God and your friends every Thursday night. Middle school starts with dinner in Geneva Hall. High school starts in the Lighthouse.

High School Summer Mission Trip—*July 21-28, 2012.* We will be once again partnering with YouthWorks and ministering at the Yakama Reservation in Washington State. Service opportunities will include Kid's Club, and various work projects for residents. Registration will begin soon!

CHILDRENSMinistry

Power Station—*Sundays, 9:45-10:45am.* Children will be dismissed from the worship service for Power Station – where Jesus gives us the power to live for God! Check the sign in the lobby of the children's wing for your child's classroom and be sure to pick up a lesson schedule.

Kingdom Club—*Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30pm.* Full rehearsal for *The Great Christmas Giveaway* this week! Please arrive by 5:30pm! We'll eat first and then head to the sanctuary for rehearsal! 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. For more information, call the Children's Ministry office.

The Live Nativity
Saturday, December 17
5:00-8:00pm

Featuring live animals, "angels, shepherds and the holy family" and special music by the Youth Band and Kings' Brass.

Carols & Cupcakes
Saturday, December 17
6:00-7:00pm, Sanctuary

Including fun features for children and a great holiday sing-along.

Christmas Morning Worship
Sunday, December 25, 9:30am

Christmas
Events
at FPCSM



Christmas Eve Services
Saturday, December 24

Family Service
5:30-6:30pm

Carol singing led by a band and singers of all ages, plus a youth drama and the Christmas story.

Candlelight
Communion Service
9:30pm
With Choir, Organ, and Handbells.

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

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