

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



Corvettes Christmas Party!
Saturday, December 3, 11:30am
Geneva Hall

- Masterworks Chorale
- Catered buffet luncheon

This is your last opportunity to get a ticket so look for Bill Baker in Geneva Hall today after worship to reserve your spot!
Prepaid tickets (\$25) are required.

Kingdom Club Presents....

Saturday, December 10, 4:00pm, Sanctuary



CONTACT INFORMATION

CHURCH OFFICE: (650) 345-1633

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ELDER ON CALL: Jim Bell—(650) 341-2878 *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

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VISITATION COORDINATOR: JoAnn Evans—evans242@sbcglobal.net

Local Missions

This week we pray for CALL Primrose.



One of the six local mission agencies we support as a church is the CALL Primrose Center, a non-profit, Christian agency that exists to assist those in San Mateo County who are in need. Their goal is not only to provide direct aid and referrals for services, but also to help people along the path to self-sufficiency. Please pray for CALL Primrose this holiday season as they are experiencing a staggering increase in requests for food and other assistance due to the downturn in the economy. Consider helping them to provide a holiday dinner box for a needy family (see details in our Advent Conspiracy brochure), or donate food items directly to their center at 139 Primrose Road in Burlingame. For more information about this mission, see their website www.callprimrose.org, or contact our congregational liaison, Nancy Murray at 342-2255.

What is Advent?

We are now in the season the church calls Advent, the four weeks that lead up to Christmas. Advent, which comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming", has been celebrated by churches since the 4th century as a way to remember the Jews' looking forward to the coming of their messiah; a way for us to prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus 2000 years ago; and a hopeful and certain reminder for us that Jesus is coming again in the future.

One of the many ways that churches have symbolically celebrated Advent is with an advent wreath. The circular nature of the wreath reminds us that God is eternal. The greenery of the wreath reminds us that God is living and that Jesus is resurrected and alive. The candles, which we light one by one as we move from the four weeks of Advent, remind us that Jesus is the light of the world.

STEWARDSHIP Update

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income thru November 20*	\$ 53,000	\$686,000
Expenses thru November 20	56,000	724,000
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (3,000)	\$ (38,000)

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

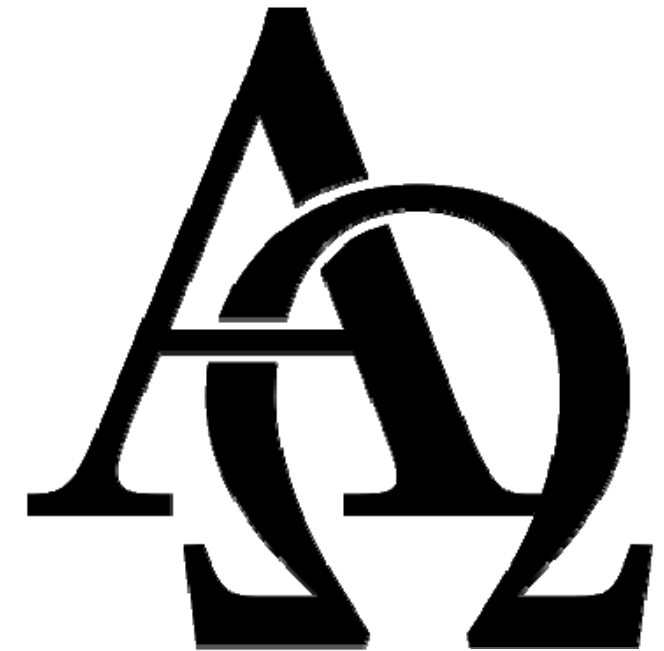
Glory to God for the faithfulness and generosity of His people!

Raise for the Roof!



We have received \$52,715 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.



Gratitude ... goes beyond the "mine" and "thine" and claims the truth that all of life is a pure gift. In the past I always thought of gratitude as a spontaneous response to the awareness of gifts received, but now I realize that gratitude can also be lived as a discipline. The discipline of gratitude is the explicit effort to acknowledge that all I am and have is given to me as a gift of love, a gift to be celebrated with joy.

Henri Nouwen

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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Order of Worship

November 27, 2011

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.
Psalm 100:4-5

Prelude

Welcome

Dave Darbonne

Song of Praise

Nothing But the Blood
(#266 in the hymnal)

Congregation

Greeting One Another

Sam Brumbaugh

Announcements

Advent Candle #1

Brie Jones
Dustin Masters

Songs of Worship

One Way
Everlasting God
Mighty to Save

Congregation

Time With Children

Dustin Masters

Prayers of the Congregation and for the World

This week, we pray for Dave and Julee Schoch with Charstar,
and locally, CALL Primrose.

Michael Stults

Scripture

Colossians 3:12-17
(page 834 in the pew Bible)

Sermon

Shannon Pappas
Perpetual Thanksgiving

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

Vocal Team and Band
Invitacion' Fountain with *Seek Ye First*
Words and music by Michael J. Pritzl and Karen Lafferty

Moving Out In Worship

You're Worthy of My Praise

Congregation

Benediction

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.

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

FAMILYNews

TODAY

Advent Celebration—*Sunday, November 27, 11:00am-1:00pm, Geneva Hall.* The whole church family is encouraged to attend this wonderful event designed to help us make the most of this special season in the life of the church. We'll learn about the season of Advent, make an Advent wreath and *Chrismon* (Christ-Monogram) decorations and enjoy a soup and finger food lunch. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. Soup, dessert and drinks will be provided.

Sanctuary Flowers—The flowers this week are given by the family of Ron Combs in memory of Ron.

COMING EVENTS

Corvettes Christmas Luncheon—*Saturday, December 3, 11:30am, Geneva Hall, \$25.* All adults are welcome to join us as we enjoy a delicious luncheon catered by The Carvery while enjoying a performance by a group from Masterworks Chorale. See Bill Baker to purchase your ticket today in Geneva Hall.

The Live Nativity!—*Saturday, December 17, 5:00-8:00pm.* Be a part of bringing the True Message of Christmas to our Community! On December 17, FPCSM will once again host the Live Nativity, a "reenactment of the first Christmas" that includes shepherds, wise men, angels, live animals and, of course, the Holy family! Our neighbors look forward to this event that takes place on the front lawn of our church each year, and we are grateful to have this wonderful opportunity to remind people of what Christmas is really all about. If you would like to be a part of this special outreach, please contact Lois Darbonne at loisd@fpcsm.org immediately.

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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 (jyoung@stanfordalumni.org).

Perspectives—Who was William Carey? And, what did he do to respond to the Great Commission? Come join us in the *Perspectives* class and learn more about the biblical, cultural, and strategic aspects of fulfilling the Great Commission. *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement* begins on January 9th. For more information, contact:

- Cathy Chang, gnahc3@aol.com, 650-525-9695
 - Jack Klassen, jackklassen@earthlink.net, 415-920-9711
 - Myrna Klassen, mymaklassen@earthlink.net, 415-990-0429
- www.perspectives.org (Go to the CLASSES tab, FIND A CLASS, enter FOSTER CITY, CA)

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

Iona Room Bible Study—*Sundays, 10:50am, Iona Room.* A study of the book of Romans.

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

On Tuesday morning, after a long and valiant battle with declining health, Ron Combs was received into the arms of His Father in heaven. The fight is now over. The battle is won. Earth has lost one of its dear saints. Heaven has welcomed home one of its beloved children. The congregation extends to Ron's family and many friends its heartfelt sympathies, while also affirming its firm and certain hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

YOUTHThisGeneration

Sunday School—*Sundays, 9:45-10:30am, Youth Room.* Middle school youth are not meeting today. Please remain in worship with your families

Youth Groups—*Thursdays, Middle School, 5:30-7:30pm, High School, 7:00-9:00pm.* Spend time with God and your friends every Thursday night. Middle school starts with dinner in Geneva hall. High school starts in the Lighthouse.

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.* Our mid-week program offering kid-friendly dinners with friends, games, fun Bible lessons, crafts and music! For more information, call the Children's Ministry office.

Kingdom Club Presents The Great Christmas Giveaway—Saturday, December 10, 4:00pm, Sanctuary. 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 this week. 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
- Youth
- College
- Missions
- Music/Media
- Prayer
- Administration/Clerical
- Evangelism
- 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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