

Welcome!

We are glad you are here to worship God with us today! We hope you get a taste this morning of our life together as a congregation.

Our Mission

To honor God by helping people become fully-devoted followers of Jesus.

Our Values

- Jesus Christ as Lord
- Loving God wholeheartedly
- God’s Word as foundational
- Equipping all for ministry
- Telling God’s Good News
- Generosity
- Compassion and social justice
- Prayer and healing
- Children, youth, and families
- Community

Sundays at FPCSM

- 9:30am Morning Worship Service
- 9:45am Children’s & Middle School Sunday School
- 10:30am Refreshments and Fellowship
- 11:00am Discussion Groups for *The Story*
- 5:00pm Lighthouse Worship Service

Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month.

Childcare for infants through 3-year-olds is available in our nursery during worship. The nursery is located on the first floor of our children’s wing. Childcare for elementary school-age children is provided during the *The Story* discussion groups.



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Welcome Card

Thanks for taking the time to complete this card, so we know you’re here and can keep our records current!

Name _____ Date _____

First-Time Guest Returning Guest Regular Attender Member

NEW INFORMATION ONLY

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Please place this card in the offering. →

Opportunities to Connect

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, there are always opportunities to grow!

Women's Monday Evening Bible Study

2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, 7:30pm, Iona Room

A time of sharing/caring prayer time and Bible study.

Women’s Daytime Bible Study

Thursdays, 10:00am, The Lighthouse

Weekly Bible study for women of all ages. Childcare is provided.

Lunch with the Pastor

2nd Thursday of each month, 11:45am, The Lighthouse

A casual and fun lunch together addressing issues and needs, and discussing FPCSM’s future. Bring your own lunch; drinks and dessert are provided.

Men’s Bible Study

Saturdays, 8:00am, Lighthouse

Great fellowship for men of all ages to share God’s grace and study His Word.

Cancer Support Group

Second Sunday of each month, 1:00pm, The Lighthouse

If you or someone you know is fighting cancer, you are encouraged to join us.

Sowers & Reapers “Quilts with a Mission” Ministry

Saturday (as scheduled), 9:00am (Next meeting February 24)

This group meets to quilt and sew, as well as to encourage and enjoy one another. Proceeds from their annual event support our missionary families.

Financial Update

	Month Actual	YTD Actual	01/31/18 YTD Budget
Giving Income through January 31	\$ 53,000	\$ 53,000	\$ 62,000
Other Income*	14,000	14,000	12,000
Total Income	\$ 67,000	\$ 67,000	\$ 74,000
Expenses through January 31	81,000	81,000	83,500
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$(14,000)	\$(14,000)	\$(9,500)

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

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

Community Outreach Focus: Help One Child

It’s hard to imagine that some children in our community are victims of abuse, neglect and abandonment. When their situation becomes severe they are placed in protective custody. These children are in desperate need of love. For many years FPCSM has supported Help One Child - a Los Altos based Christian charity that recruits, trains and supports those willing to share their home with these children. Please watch for future opportunities to get involved and support HOC.

Today we pray for the children in our community who are at risk. We ask God to put His arms around them, to protect them, nurture them and love them. We pray that those children who don’t feel loved hear His voice in the midst of the unimaginable challenges they face. We pray for foster parents who willingly and selflessly open and share their homes with vulnerable children, knowing that the need for this is great.

Visit their website for a summary of the work they’ve done this past year to see the scope and effectiveness of this ministry. (<https://helponechild.org/about-us/year-end-report+15-16>)



Forgiveness is the final form of love.
- Reinhold Niebuhr

February 11, 2018

Order of Worship

Praise the Lord, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
- Psalm 103:1

Prelude	Derek Wee
Welcome	Steven Finau
Song of Praise	Congregation
	<i>Your Love Never Fails</i>
Greeting One Another	Sue Aquipel
Announcements	
Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise	
Songs of Worship	Congregation
	<i>Lord, I Need You How He Loves Mighty to Save</i>
Time With Children	Gladys Gardner
Prayers of the Congregation and for the World	Jeff de Lamare
	This week we pray locally for Help One Child and globally for Doug and Barbara Lamp with OC Int'l in Brazil.
Call for Offering	
Offertory	Vocal Team and Band
	<i>You Are God Alone (Not a God)</i> Words and music by Billy Foote and Cindy Foote
Scripture	John 20:19-23
Message	Shannon Pappas
	Our Forgiveness Mission
Moving Out in Worship	Congregation
	<i>The Anthem</i>
Benediction	
Postlude	Please silence your cell phones during the worship service.

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

 **Notes:**

Today

The Story Video and Discussion Groups Sundays, 11:00am, Geneva Hall

Come to Geneva Hall to watch a short 10-15 minute video related to the week's reading, then join one of the discussion groups for more in-depth study.

Lighthouse Service 5:00pm, The Lighthouse

Lighthouse is a casual time of worship, scripture and fellowship around a meal together. (\$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12.) The coffee kiosk opens at 4:30pm. Childcare begins at 4:45pm. **If you are able to help with the dinner preparation, please contact Mia at miaf@fpcsm.org or 650-345-1633.**

Cancer Support Group 1:00pm, The Lighthouse

If you or someone you know is fighting cancer, you are encouraged to join us. For more information, contact JoAnn Evans at evans242@sbcglobal.net.

Events & News

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, February 14, 11:00am & 6:30pm, sanctuary

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Join us for a 45-minute service of worship, scripture, and the imposition of ashes as we begin together the journey with Jesus to Good Friday and the cross of Christ.

Home & Hope February 18-25

Here's your chance to serve the working homeless in our community! Volunteers provide five families dinner, overnight shelter and a light breakfast the next morning at our partner church. We also need warriors to help carry, set up and later break down tents, cots and bedding. Sign up at tinyurl.com/HH-Feb2018 or contact Sue Aquipel at (650) 212-7350 or akdenali@aol.com.

Alpha

Wednesdays, beginning February 21, 7:00-9:00pm, Marvin Gardens, Belmont

Do you have questions about the Christian faith? Are you wondering what it is all about? Join us for an informal conversation where you can talk about life's most basic questions in an open, nonjudgmental environment. Each week we'll ask questions like "Does evil exist?" and "Why should I pray?" No pressure. No charge. No follow up. Contact Louise Griffin at louise_griffin@rocketmail.com for details.

About Lent

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday. Lent is a season during which Christians have historically prepared our hearts and minds for the observances on Good Friday of Jesus' death and on Easter Jesus' resurrection, recognizing, among other things, that God made us from dust and to dust we will one day return – but with *hope* because of the resurrection of Jesus in whom there is forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

The English word "Lent" is derived from the Germanic root word for "long" because Lent occurs in the Spring when the days get longer. In the early church, the approximately six weeks of Lent were a time for instruction for those who had come to faith in Jesus Christ and also preparation for baptism on Easter. Not counting Sundays, which are considered "little Easters," Lent lasts for 40 days, reminding us of the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness at the beginning of his public ministry fasting, praying and resisting temptation, as we also are called to do during Lent especially. In addition, Christians have traditionally embraced the spiritual disciplines of repentance, self-denial and giving during Lent as we seek to walk more closely with Jesus.

Young Adults Ministry

Outreach to Asian Students Saturday, February 17, 5:30-8:00pm, The Lighthouse

We will be hosting a Chinese New Year celebration for international college students and others. Be encouraged to invite young adults to this evening. If you are able to help with setup or cleanup, please contact Nithila Dozier, dpath97@sbcglobal.net, or Janice Wee, janicelau007@yahoo.com.

Youth Ministry

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Sundays, 9:45am, Youth Room

Sunday school for middle school students meets every Sunday except on Communion Sundays (typically the first Sunday of the month) and when there are special events. **Today, students will leave following the children's message.**

Youth Groups

Thursdays, Middle School 5:30pm-7:30pm, High School 7:30pm-9:30pm

Come and connect with God and your friends on Thursday nights!

Children's Ministry

Power Station Classes

Sunday Morning

Children are dismissed from the worship service following the children's message. Today, infants through 5th graders meet in their assigned classrooms. Check the sign in the children's wing lobby for specific classroom information.

Kingdom Club

Wednesdays, 5:30pm-7:30pm

A fun mid-week program for kids, kindergarten to fifth grade, which includes dinner, Bible lessons, crafts, children's choir and games.

Little Sprouts

Fridays, 9:30am-11:30am

Our popular play group for infants through pre-K and their grown-ups.

Let Us Know

Prayer Request/Praise/Comment/Question (All is kept confidential)

Stay Informed

- Email me the weekly eNews (sent Thursday evening)
- Email me the weekly Youth eNews (sent Tuesday afternoon)
- Email me the Children's special event eNews (sent as needed)
- Add me to Pastor Shannon's weekly Phone Call (sent Thursday at 5:00pm)

Please fill out the contact information on the other side. →