

# WELCOME TO FIRST PRES!

November 3, 2019

We are glad you're here! Our community is thoughtfully engaged in our faith, embracing people of all ages, ethnicities, backgrounds, and circumstances. This is a place where questions can be asked, honest reflection is encouraged, creativity is cultivated, and where faith is not a formula, but a life lived. We seek to be engaged locally and around the world, to listen and to learn, to embody justice and compassion, and to share the love of Jesus Christ in tangible ways as we journey together.

## Get Connected!

Want to learn more about First Pres, explore how to connect here, or update your contact information? We invite you to complete a Connect card and place it in the offering plate, or talk to someone at our Welcome Cart and pick up a Connecting Brochure.

## Today's Worship and Ministry Programs

	Traditional Worship 9–10 am	Middle Hour 10:15–11:15 am	Contemporary Worship 11:30 am–12:45 pm
<b>CHILDREN</b>			
Birth–2 years	<b>Nursery:</b> 1st floor, Westminster Hall, 9 am–12:45 pm		
2 years–Pre-K	<b>Teddy Bear Lair:</b> 2nd floor, Westminster Hall, 9 am–12:45 pm		
4 years–Grade 5	<b>Godly Play:</b> 2nd floor, Westminster Hall	<b>Cherub Choir:</b> W213B, Westminster Hall	<b>Godly Play:</b> 2nd floor, Westminster Hall
		<b>Joyful Noise Choir:</b> W204A, Westminster Hall	
<b>YOUTH</b>			
Grades 5–8		<b>I-5 &amp; Rooted:</b> M201, McKinley Hall	<b>NewSong Choir:</b> W302, Westminster Hall
Grades 9–12		<b>Marked:</b> M202, McKinley Hall	<b>Network Choir:</b> Music Room
<b>ADULTS</b>			
		<b>Emmaus Communities:</b> Various Locations <b>EC 2:</b> New location in Mears A <b>Building Families of Faith:</b> Calvin Room <b>Open Door Community Group:</b> G205 <b>Connect(her):</b> Church Lounge <b>Sunday Morning Study:</b> G214 <b>Koinonia:</b> G209	
<b>COMMUNITY-WIDE HOSPITALITY</b>			
	<b>Welcome Cart and Coffee:</b> Westminster Courtyard		
		<b>Lunch at The Table..., 11:15 am–1:15 pm, Westminster Gym</b> <i>Banh Mi, noodles, bok choy salad, vanilla applesauce cake, and more</i>	



# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HIGHLIGHTS

**Gift World Partner Showcase** (*Sunday, November 10, 10:15–1 pm, Calvin Room*). Come meet our Gift World mission and outreach partners, hear their stories, and find out more about the hope-filled work they are doing in the world! You can also grab the new Gift World catalog to purchase gifts that make a difference. For questions, contact [beth@fpcberkeley.org](mailto:beth@fpcberkeley.org).

**Stewardship Town Halls** (*Sunday, November 17, 11:30 am and Tuesday, November 19, 7 pm*). Thank you for your faithful giving and pledging to support our mission in 2019. Learn our plans for 2020 at one of our Stewardship Town Halls. Bring your pledge for 2020 on Commitment Sunday, November 24. To learn more, email Sue Burger at [sueb@fpcberkeley.org](mailto:sueb@fpcberkeley.org).

**November 17 | One Worship Service at 10 am.** Join us at one worship service followed by the Stewardship Town Hall and lunch at *The Table...* The Berkeley Half Marathon, 5K, and 10K are that morning, but between a new route and earlier race start times, we hope to avoid traffic obstacles.

## TODAY

**Building Families of Faith: A Gathering of Parents of Young Children** (*Today and Sundays, November 10 and December 1, 10:15–11:15 am, Calvin Room*). Join other parents of young children (birth-5th grade) on a journey to instill practices that nurture our children's relationship with Jesus, with opportunities for conversation, questions, and fellowship. For more information, contact Justin Roth at [justinjroth@gmail.com](mailto:justinjroth@gmail.com).

**Little Book Sale** (*Today, Westminster Hall*). Find books on Christian psychology, dealing with hurts, and caregiving.

**Open Door Community Group** (*Today, 10–11 am, G205, Geneva Hall*). Drop in to enjoy great conversations

and study Scripture with us. We dive into the biblical text from Sunday's sermon. Contact Caroline Chen at [crunchn@yahoo.com](mailto:crunchn@yahoo.com).

**Connect(her)** (*Today, 10:15–11:15 am, Church Lounge, Westminster Hall*). Gather with other women to explore stories from *Vintage Sinners & Saints—25 Christians Who Transformed My Faith* by Karen Marsh. For questions, email Janet Sanders at [janets@fpcberkeley.org](mailto:janets@fpcberkeley.org).

**Emmaus Communities (ECs)** (*Today, 10:15–11:15 am, various locations*). Adults of all ages and stages of life and faith are invited to drop in any of our ECs for conversations around the intersection of God's word and our lives. Check the welcome cart for locations.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Advent Workshop** (*Sunday, November 24, 1–3 pm, Mears, Westminster Hall*). Enjoy live Christmas music, delicious treats, ornament making, and Christmas crafts with neighbors, family, and friends. Admission is free! Purchase materials at the door for \$15 to make a live greens Advent Wreath, complete with candles. All ages are welcome. For more information, please contact Rosemarie Eichner-Raja, Director of Children's & Family Ministry at [rosemariee@fpcberkeley.org](mailto:rosemariee@fpcberkeley.org).

**Self-Care in Anxious and Discouraging Times** (*Saturday, November 23, 9 am–12:30 pm, G202*). New College Berkeley's Faith & Work mental health forum offers resources in a time when social tensions are high and pressures to perform can be crushing. Join us for a keynote address by Berkeley Christian Counselors Executive Director Lily Stearns, PhD, MA, MDiv, and speaker panel discussion. Register (\$15 fee) at [www.newcollegeberkeley.org](http://www.newcollegeberkeley.org). Students attend for free; email [info@newcollegeberkeley.org](mailto:info@newcollegeberkeley.org).

**FoCUS Thanksgiving** (*Sunday, November 24, 6–8 pm, Calvin Room*). Students, are you missing homemade meals? Celebrate Thanksgiving early with all your favorites at a potluck style dinner! We will eat great food and play some games. Bring your friends and roommates! Email Austin Rehbein at [austinr@fpcberkeley.org](mailto:austinr@fpcberkeley.org) or Ryan Pemberton at [ryanp@fpcberkeley.org](mailto:ryanp@fpcberkeley.org) for more information.

**Weekly Communion** (Tuesdays, 8–8:30 am, Sanctuary). You are invited each week to join a small group for Scripture reading and spiritual nourishment.

**Pray for First Pres** (Wednesdays, 10:30–11:30 am, G201, Geneva Hall). All are welcome to pray for our church—join us in person or in prayer at this time.

**Moms Together** (Fridays, 9:30–11:30 am, Church Lounge, Westminster Hall). Share the common bond of motherhood and faith. Free childcare is provided for children ages 1–6. Email [fpcbmomstogether@gmail.com](mailto:fpcbmomstogether@gmail.com).

## SPECIAL NOTES

**Welcome.** If you're new here and looking to learn more about First Pres, please visit our welcome team at the welcome cart on the patio for more information about connecting with any of our Middle Hour communities.

**Deacon Fund.** Please prayerfully consider making an extra donation to the Deacon Fund, which provides support to those in our First Pres community who are experiencing crisis, bereavement, or health needs.

**Worship with Us Online!** Did you know you can listen to our worship services on our website? The 9 and 11:30 am services are posted each Sunday at 11 am and 2 pm at [www.fpcberkeley.org/audio-library](http://www.fpcberkeley.org/audio-library).

## WORK AT FIRST PRES

Join our team! To apply for the role below, please visit [www.fpcberkeley.org/employment](http://www.fpcberkeley.org/employment).

- **Dishwasher.** 11 hours/week.

**Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).** Please pray for the PNC as they search for our new Senior Pastor. Follow their progress at [www.fpcberkeley.org/pnc](http://www.fpcberkeley.org/pnc). For more information, contact [pnc@fpcberkeley.org](mailto:pnc@fpcberkeley.org).



## BECOME AN ELDER, DEACON, OR JOIN THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is now accepting recommendations and applications for new Elders, Deacons, and the 2020-2021 Nominating Committee.

If you have questions today, find members of the Nominating Committee wearing orange buttons.

Please prayerfully consider recommending church members or submitting your own application for these positions.

More information and applications are available at [www.fpcberkeley.org/nominating](http://www.fpcberkeley.org/nominating).

Send applications or questions to [nominating@fpcberkeley.org](mailto:nominating@fpcberkeley.org).

# OUR MISSION

*First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley*

**WE ARE CALLED BY GOD,  
TRANSFORMED BY GRACE,  
STRENGTHENED IN COMMUNITY,  
CONFIDENT THAT CHRIST IS MAKING ALL THINGS NEW.**

**NOW GO:**

**LOVE CONCRETELY, EVEN WHEN IT'S RISKY,  
SERVE GENEROUSLY, WHOEVER HAS NEED, AND  
PURSUE GOD'S RESTORING JUSTICE.**



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