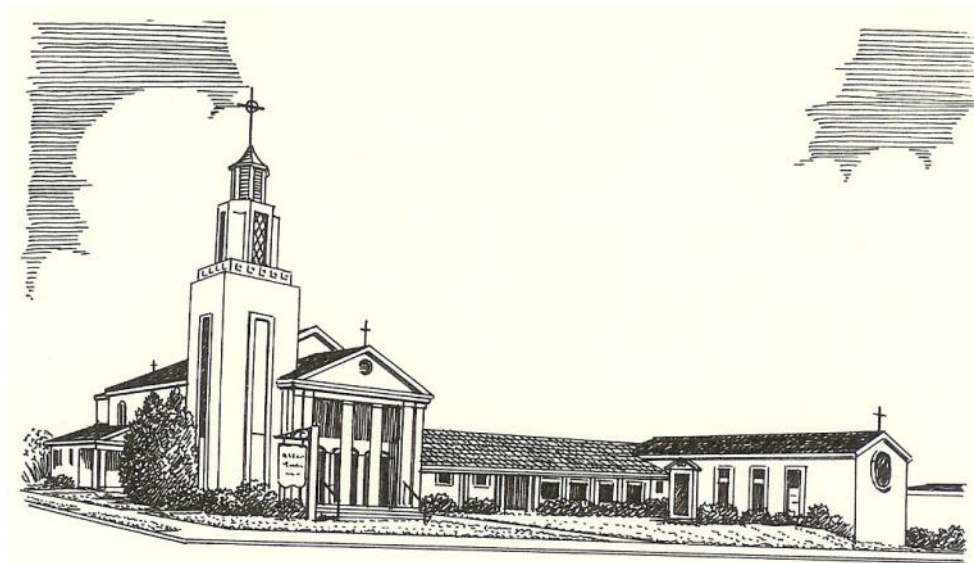


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## *From the Pastor's Desk...*

How many thought we'd be still struggling with the pandemic in September 2021? I know I wasn't. Yet, here we are. As someone said to me today when I asked how they were doing, "Hanging in there. Doing what everyone else is doing to be safe." That is probably true for all of us.

I just completed my vacation. I found it confusing how different states have different ideas on how to deal with the pandemic. We found ourselves having to adjust how we live around different rules on what safety looks like. And even then, there was no consistency. (Just for your info, I had a nice vacation. The hardest part is not having Rebekah home with us as she is away at college – Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ. She is doing well. School started August 23.)

It seems like every day there is a new challenge locally, nationally, or internationally that needs to be addressed. I feel sometimes that the U.S. needs a vacation to get away from it all, to gain a healthy perspective on what life is supposed to be all about.

Psalm 115:3 is a great passage about what is most important in life. *"Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him."* God is sovereign, He reigns over all things, and he does whatever pleases him. God has supreme power and authority over everything. We may not always understand or agree with what God does, but I find great comfort in knowing that our God's love and power is at work in our world, that everything in heaven and earth is His, including us. How great is our God.

I remember a student that I was helping grow as a disciple in Christ saying during times of unrest or turbulence, "God's still on the throne." That's my encouragement to you and me as we continue our journey together during this time of uncertainty. GOD IS STILL ON THE THRONE!

God is sovereign! What does that mean for you and me? His mighty power was at work through His Son, Jesus, to reconcile humanity back to himself. God's sovereign power was at work when He became a human being and lived on earth as fully God and fully human. And because God loves us, Jesus died on the cross for our sins, setting us free from sin and death and giving us eternal life.

So whatever happens in this world we belong to God and His sovereign reign. We know that means that someday Jesus will return in his power and love and will make all things new. There will be no more pandemics, wars, suffering, pain, diseases, corruption, or tears. Sin and death will be wiped out forever. No more brokenness. We will be resurrected with a new body and made whole. Thank you Jesus!

That is the meaning of life.

Trusting God,

Pastor Chris

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## Mt. Davidson

Have you ever walked to the Mt. Davidson cross and taken in the beauty around you?

Here are some quick facts about Mount Davidson:

- ◆ Highest natural point in San Francisco. Elevation 928 feet.
- ◆ The cross is 103 feet tall and is visible from much of the city.
- ◆ Has 40 acres of peaceful, public, and open space.
- ◆ **Available for weddings, services and special events.** For more information or to check availability, please contact them at [info@moundavidsoncross.com](mailto:info@moundavidsoncross.com) or visit their website [www.mountdavidsoncross.org](http://www.mountdavidsoncross.org).
- ◆ In 1997, local Armenian churches and organizations purchased the cross to preserve this treasured San Francisco monument.
- ◆ Serves as a symbol and memorial to the martyrs of the Armenian Genocide in 1915.
- ◆ Home to the Annual Easter Sunrise Service since 1923
- ◆ Fun fact: 1971 movie *Dirty Harry* was filmed at the cross.



# MUSIC, WORSHIP, AND ARTS

The last Sunday in which a Lakeside music ensemble participated in worship was March 8, 2020. The Chancel Choir sang Thomas Tallis' *If Ye Love me* and the Jubilation Ringers played Kevin McChesney's *What Wondrous Love is This*. It was the Second Sunday in Lent and we were focused on Christ's great sacrifice (Christ's love) for us all. At that time, it would have been unfathomable to think that it would be eighteen months before these dedicated individuals would once again gather in the sanctuary to make music, but that is exactly what we are going to do on Thursday, September 16, 2021.

**Everyone is invited to join us; you simply have to show up!**

Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal: Thursdays 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsals: Thursdays 8:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Of course, as we go forward, we will utilize health and safety precautions set forth from the City and County of San Francisco, but as we enter the next stage—endemic—it is paramount that we find ways to make music and to offer this music up to God in worship; to find some sense of normalcy amid angst. The Chancel Choir will sing in worship for the first time on Sunday, October 3, 2021, World Communion Sunday; Jubilation Ringers will play a few weeks later on October 17.

By visiting the Worship and Arts website, you can find details of all our ensembles, history of the music ministry, information on the organ, and an up-to-the-minute calendar of all things happening in worship. I hope you will spend some time there. [LakesidePCSF.org/music](https://lakesidepcsf.org/music)

September music includes "Gospel Hymns Sunday" on Labor Day Weekend, September 5, as well as duets for soprano and alto presented by quartet members Cheryl Cain and Kyle Tingson on September 12 and 19. The last Sunday of the month, Cheryl will dazzle us with her other musical skill, the violin, with Dan Anderson at the organ.

October music includes world music, music for clarinet & organ and piano & organ, favorites from John Rutter, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Gwyneth Walker, and Henry Purcell, as well as Bach's famous Toccata and Fugue in D Minor.

Come back to in-person worship. We promise to heal your soul while we keep you safe.

In God's Service,  
Don Scott

So to live is heaven: To make undying music in the world,  
Breathing as beauteous order that controls  
With growing sway the growing life of man.

And what may yet be better,—saw within  
A worthier image for the sanctuary,  
And shap'd it forth before the multitude,  
Divinely human, raising worship so  
To higher reverence more mix'd with love,—  
That better self shall live till human Time  
Shall fold its eyelids, and the human sky  
Be gather'd like a scroll within the tomb Unread forever.

So shall I join the choir invisible  
Whose music is the gladness of the world.

from *The Choir Invisible*  
-George Eliot

# TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

## LPC WEBSITE

Did you know our church website has many pages to help you be more involved with Lakeside?

[Mission](#) (find out how you can be more involved in mission)

[Music and the Arts](#) (learn about, and engage with, our Music Ministry)

[Christian Education](#) (read about all of the CE opportunities)

["This is My Song"](#) (find videos of previous musical offerings)

["This is My Prayer"](#) (utilize a way to make your prayer request online)

and so much more...

Spend some time perusing our site. If you have content suggestions or thoughts on the site, contact Don Scott Carpenter at [dscarpenter@outlook.com](mailto:dscarpenter@outlook.com).

## LAKESIDEPCSF.ORG

Now that we are back to in-person worship, we are using our newly installed audio and video equipment to stream the service across the internet and to better amplify our worship in the sanctuary. We are continuing to tweak and update the system as we go, so we ask for your continued patience and prayers as technology and communications team works to perfect our online ministry.

If you would like to be more involved, contact Communications Committee Chair Beth Phipps ([arobicmadness@aol.com](mailto:arobicmadness@aol.com)) or Don Scott Carpenter at [dscarpenter@outlook.com](mailto:dscarpenter@outlook.com).

## Engage with us on Social Media!



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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

We started 2021 uncertain about how COVID19 would affect Lakeside Presbyterian Church financially. By faith session approved a budget for 2021 and with your continued faithfulness and help from the PPP loan we received this summer, by the grace of God we have been fortunate to have met our financial obligations through the first half of this year.

The leadership of the church is grateful for your sacrificial giving to the work of the Lord at LPC.

- Staff continues their work in music, bookkeeping, youth, administratively, and with pre-school children.
- It's hard to believe that we are airing live-stream worship services each week with in-person participation. How great is it to be able to have such wonderful soloists to lead us in worship each Sunday.
- The Children's Center is running strong as they start a new year of Christian pre-school. Jesus is being proclaimed each week and lives are being changed.

God's promise to us: "And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

Thank you again for your generosity in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Finance Team



# Lakeside Happenings

## Book Club News

The Lakeside Book Club had hopes to meet in person by September. With the recent increase in COVID cases in City, we decided to continue to meet on Zoom.



The book for our September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting is Queen Bee by Dorothea Benton Frank, and the book for October meeting is Anxious People by Fredrik Backman. Both books are available in the San Francisco Public Library or for purchase from West Portal Books.

We welcome all to our fellowship. If you would like a copy of our reading list for 2021 or join our group for an occasional meeting, please contact the Church Office or Sandra Tye for meeting times and locations.

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## Prayer Requests

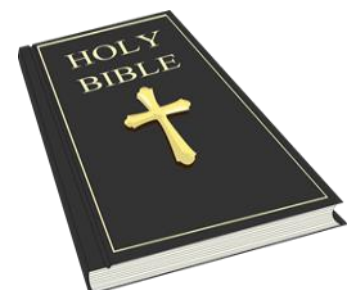


Do you have a prayer request? Need prayer? The online Prayer Site is open 24/7 for your prayer requests. We have received several requests through this site, recently. The LPC Prayer group regards it a privilege to lift up prayer requests to our Creator. How do I find where to request a prayer? Go to: [lakesidepcsf.org](http://lakesidepcsf.org) and click on **This is My Prayer** in the upper left-hand corner.

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## Bible Study

On Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am - 11:00am Pastor Chris will begin an online Bible Study of the Book of Romans. All are invited.



## Mission Hunger Group



“Shelter in Place” has not prevented the Lakeside Hunger Mission Group from volunteering on Saturday mornings at the Food Pantry at First United Presbyterian Church on Sloat Blvd. Due to First United’s outdoor location the Food Pantry has continued each week. Dan Anderson, Jerry and Penny Blumenthal, Sandra Tye, Bill Tuiasosopo, members of the Tuiasosopo family, including the family from Kansas have faithfully served those in need with groceries.

We work with volunteers from First United, Sunrise Baptist Church, The Fathers House and the Sunset neighborhood who are of all ages, some of whom lost their jobs and are dependent on the Food Bank as well as many who work from home and look forward to the food pantry where they can interact with others in person. We have also said farewell to a few who moved out of San Francisco because of the pandemic and have welcomed others back.

Each Saturday we bag and distribute bags of food to 160 families. Bill Tuiasosopo was able to register with Lunardi’s Market in San Mateo for their day-old breads and pastries. This helps to supplement the food provided by the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank.

It is a blessing to make new friends with others from our neighborhood.

Sandra Tye

## Lakeside Welcomes Back Renters

We are delighted to welcome back our returning renters, as well as some new ones.

**Mondays:** Symphony Parnassus (September 19, 2021 through January 17, 2022)

**Tuesdays:** SF Choral Society (August 10, 2021 through April 4, 2022)

**Wednesdays:** SF City Chorus (September 8, through November 3, 2021)

**Thursdays:** San Francisco Forest Choir (September 2, 2021 through December 30, 2021)

Last month we hosted the SF Civic Music Association’s Community Night where musicians gather together for a fun evening of music. Beginning in July, Bryan Baker returned for his piano practice and Small Group Choir Rehearsals and continues to come each month.

This means additional income to help support our annual budget.



## This n' That

### Zoom Coffee Hour is Back

Margaret Elam will begin hosting a virtual coffee hour every Sunday at 11:30 am  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86453938620?pwd=aVZVK2lTUW5JLy8xUENUQmFSRnRidz09>

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### Lakeside Needs You!

#### Communications Committee

If you are you interested in website design, social media, advertising, film production and more then Lakeside's Communications Committee is looking for you. This past year has shown how important technology and communication is in our world today as we navigated into online worship as well as keeping in contact with each other via zoom and other media platforms. If you are interested in finding out how you can be a part of this exciting new outreach, please contact Beth Phipps at [arobicmadness@aol.com](mailto:arobicmadness@aol.com)

#### Christian Education

Christian Education is seeking one or two people who would be willing to teach an adult spiritual/Bible class this fall. If you are willing please contact Beverly Wong at [bevme2@yahoo.com](mailto:bevme2@yahoo.com)

#### Event Coordinators needed

Our number of event coordinators is growing smaller and we could use your help. We hold a variety of events here and Lakeside and one of the greatest opportunities you can experience is listening to beautiful voices as they sing and instrumentalists as they play. You are also compensated for your work. If you are interested, please contact Penny via email at [secretarylpc@lpcsf.org](mailto:secretarylpc@lpcsf.org) or by phone at 415-564-8833 Ext. 14. Thank you.

#### Ushers Needed

Since Lakeside reopened on May 30<sup>th</sup>, we are thankful to have had our faithful ushers greeting and welcoming people back to church. As we continue to see more people returning to church, we are looking for ushers to supplement those we already have. The job is easy and rewarding as you get to know our family and friends. If you are interested in participating as an usher, please speak to Beth Phipps following the service or email her at [arobicmadness@aol.com](mailto:arobicmadness@aol.com). Thank you.

## LAKESIDE CHILDREN'S CENTER

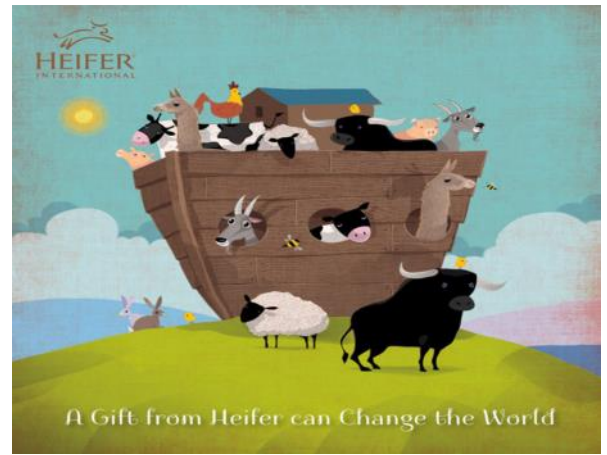
The Children's Center completed eight weeks of summer camp on August 6th. During one of the last weeks of camp, there was exposure to COVID-19, where one camp was cancelled and quarantined. Fortunately, because of the full vaccination of the staff and the continued COVID-19 protocols, the remaining camps were able to run and finish smoothly. The school is grateful to the 18 staff who worked all summer to provide care for the children as families return to in-person work.

On August 19th, the Children's Center welcomed 94 families for the 2021-2022 school year. Certainly, the new school year is seeing a similar start to last school year due to the concerns over the Delta variant -- masking for all staff, students, and family members, daily health and temperature checks at drop off, classrooms remaining in steady groups, social distancing, extra hand washing, parent meetings continuing online, consistent cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting throughout the day, etc. The staff remains hopeful that these mitigation efforts will help Lakeside remain a safe and healthy place for children to play and learn and that some semblance of normalcy will return after the first several weeks of school. The Children's Center is looking forward to hosting an in-person Back to School Night in September and the annual Pumpkin Patch Field Trip in October.



**Birthdays, Anniversaries and the Heifer Project**

Because of your generous donations in honor of your birthdays and anniversaries, we continue our tradition of donating on the **Fourth Sunday** of each month. We have raised **\$721.00 out of \$5,000.00** towards our sixth Ark comprised of two water buffalos, two cows, two sheep and two goats, along with bees, chicks, rabbits and more. Thank you for your continued support.



**September Anniversaries**

Daniel & Karen Tomczak 9/21

**September Birthdays**

Christopher Padian 9/1  
 Elaine Padian 9/5  
 Barbara Bruxvoort 9/8  
 Jordan Thomas 9/15  
 Talia Thomas 9/15

**October Anniversaries**

Penny & Jerry Blumenthal 10/2  
 Sam & Jaki Fielding 10/2  
 Samina Inayat & Inayat Munawar 10/4  
 Judi Murio & Todd Jolly 10/19  
 Eric & Pili Lien 10/27

**October Birthdays**

Philippe Van Lieu 10/20  
 Judy Lindquist 10/21  
 Emily Rupright 10/22  
 Beverly Weber 10/28  
 Karen Tomczak 10/30



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OR CURRENT RESIDENT



**CHURCH HOLIDAY**

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 6th.

**SUNDAY Events**

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 am  
Bay Church Worship Service 9:00 am & 11:00am  
GKI Worship Service: 4:00 pm  
Coffee Hour will resume on Sunday, September 12, 2021

***Lakeside Presbyterian Church***

The Reverend Chris Geline, Pastor  
Don Scott Carpenter, Director of Music, Worship & Arts  
We are Lakeside Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), an inclusive community of faith striving to live and tell the good news of Jesus Christ. Through God's Blessings, we seek to provide an inviting, supportive and challenging atmosphere for worship, education, fellowship and service.

Office Hours:

Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Fri. 8:30am-12:30pm  
Tue. 8:30am-3:00pm