

LAKESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SAN FRANCISCO

LANTERN

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

May through July will be an adventure for you and me. I am starting my 90-day sabbatical on May 2 and finishing on July 31. I've been asked what I plan to do with my time away from Lakeside. Here are some examples of what I'll be doing:



The Rev. F. Christopher Gellini
Pastor

- **Resting** – My family and I will be traveling. I will also be going on personal retreats both locally and outside the Bay Area.
- **Reading** – I have a list of books I want to read (theological and fun).
- **Recreation** – I plan on golfing and taking long walks.
- **Revival** – I will spend more time with God than I normally do. I want to draw closer to Him through personal retreats and extended time. I will be meeting with a spiritual director to assist my revival.

Upcoming Services

Ascension Sunday
May 29, 2022, 11 am

Pentecost
June 5, 2022, 11 am

Trinity Sunday
June 12, 2022, 11 am

I have worked to provide some wonderful preachers for you while I'm away. Here are their names:

Rev. Cal Chinn, Rev. Randy Young, Rev. Mary Naegli, Rev. Delianne Koops, and Rev. Don Mulford.

Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare and present the Word of God to you. I'm excited for the new voices you will hear from the pulpit. I know that you will make our guest preachers feel loved and appreciated.

Session will be in good hands as Cal Chin and Brian Camara will be moderating session meetings. Our session and staff will keep the church running smoothly. If there are any emergencies that come up, please call the church office and let the secretary know so she can provide pastoral care for you.



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AN INCLUSIVE HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE CELEBRATING GOD'S AMAZING LOVE.

From the Pastor's Desk, continued

You might be wondering how this sabbatical came about for me. It is customary in the PCUSA that pastors take a sabbatical after seven years at a church. You approved my sabbatical when I became your designated pastor. Due to the pandemic, this needed to be postponed until now.

I've never left a church on a sabbatical before. I'm so used to being with you as my church family. Please keep my family and me in your prayers as I will keep you in mine.

Jesus says to us: *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

May we both come to Jesus during this time. May the Lord bless you and me as we take time apart. May the Lord revitalize us for what He has in the future.

Serving the King,

Pastor Chris

PastorChrisLPC@lpcsf.org

The Session, Staff, and Members are grateful for your generosity.

To make an offering to LPC, please place it in the offering place in the Narthex,

visit LakesidePCSF.org/donate,

or mail a Check to 201 Eucalyptus Drive, SF 94132. Thank you!

The deadline for articles for the July/August **LANTERN** is June 15.
Content may be sent to dscarpenter@outlook.com.

WORSHIPPING THROUGH MUSIC, ART, AND DRAMA

Our liturgical journey continues in May and June. Easter, which lasts for 50 days, continues early in the month and then we turn to the culmination of our faith journey which began with Advent.

The **Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ (May 29, 2022)**, also called **Ascension Day** or **Ascension Thursday** commemorates the Christian belief of the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven. It is one of the ecumenical (i.e., universally celebrated) feasts of Christian churches, ranking with the feasts of the Passion, of Easter, and Pentecost. Following the account of Acts 1:3 that the risen Jesus appeared for 40 days prior to his Ascension, Ascension Day is traditionally celebrated on a Thursday, the fortieth day of Easter; although some Christian denominations have moved the observance to the following Sunday.

Pentecost (June 5, 2022) for Christians culminates the celebration and work of the church begun on Easter Day. In much of early Christianity, Easter Day (not Pentecost) became the primary day for baptisms. After their baptism, the newly baptized were then trained in basic Christian doctrine, including the meaning of the sacraments they had now experienced, as they prepared to take up their ministries in the life of the church. On Pentecost, Christians primarily celebrate the commissioning of new members into ministry. Some do this through services of confirmation on Pentecost. And still others have also, historically, offered baptism on Pentecost as well.

Trinity Sunday (June 12, 2022) is the first Sunday after Pentecost in the Western Christian liturgical calendar, and the Sunday of Pentecost in Eastern Christianity. Trinity Sunday celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The Season after Pentecost (Sundays after Pentecost) is the time of the church year to support new disciples and the whole congregation in living out the gifts we have been given in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Throughout the summer, we will continue to offer worship in person and online and our "Summer Hymn Sing" will return before worship.

I want to THANK members of the Worship & Arts Committee, the Chancel Choir, Jubilation Ringers, the Drama Troupe, and our guests for being a part of our Holy Week and Easter celebrations! After three years of not being together for these most holy of days, your dedication ensured that the people who worshipped with us in person and online truly were able to proclaim: "Hosanna to the Son of David," "Love one another as I have loved you," "It is finished," and "Alleluia! Christ is Risen."

We're going to slow down during the summer months, but we will not stop! We will highlight members of our ministry throughout the summer, so you will not want to miss a single Sunday.

In God's Service,
Don Scott

Don Scott Carpenter
Organist and Director of Music, Worship, and the Arts

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SESSION UPDATES

Dan Anderson
Margaret Elam
The Rev. Chris Gelini
Gail Hemenway
Karl Morthole
Judith J. Murio

Beth Phipps
Jane Sharp
Sandra Tye
Beverly Wong

MISSION

According to the SF Food Security Task Force, **1 in 4 San Francisco residents is at risk of hunger due to low income.** As a way to help with this a Food Bank Barrel has been placed at Lakeside. Please bring groceries, if you can, to fill the barrel which will help alleviate this need. Protein items are always requested: peanut butter, canned tuna, canned chicken. The barrel will remain as part of LPC's ongoing ministry to the hungry in our own community. Thank you for your help with this.

Session approved a \$1,000 donation be sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance designated to Ukraine Relief. Funds are from the Mission Committee budget.

-Margaret Elam, Mission Committee Chair

LAKESIDE HAPPENINGS



OUR DAILY BREAD

Our Daily Bread for June, July and August will be available in the Narthex for pick-up beginning the last two weeks of May. Please pick up a copy for yourself, family and friends when you leave worship. If you would like one mailed to you, please email your request to Penny Blumenthal at secretarylpc@lpcsf.org or call the office at 415-564-8833 ext. 14 and let her know how many copies you would like. You can also go online at <https://odb.org>.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

LPC Children's Sunday School class is now available for **children ages 3-8 years old** for five-weeks **April 24th through May 22nd** from **11 a.m. - 12 p.m.** Children will learn about God through Bible stories, memory verses, arts & crs, singing, games and more. **Theme for Weeks 1,2,3: God Made Everything!** **Theme for Weeks 4,5: Noah Obeys!** For more information, contact Beverly at bevme2@yahoo.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Do you have a prayer request?
Need prayer?

The online prayer request site is available 24/7 for your prayer requests. The LPC Prayer Group regards it as a privilege to offer prayer requests on your behalf.

To request prayer, visit:
lakesidepcsf.org/prayer

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LAKESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CENTER FOR CHILDREN

As COVID restrictions start to loosen through the country, the Children's Center has returned to some normalcy. Parents are dropping off their children in the school building. In-person family events are occurring outdoors for each class. Children and staff are able to remove their masks indoors and outdoors. We are excited, as they are small glimmers of hope of what's to come in the summer and the 2022-2023 school year.

During the months of March and April, the Children's Center was busy with different activities. Women's History Month, Community Helpers Week, St. Patrick's Day and Holi were celebrated in the month of March. Additionally in March, a memorial was held for Mrs. Louanne Heath, a founding member and longtime director of the Children's Center. A plaque in her memory is mounted at the entrance of the school. A dedication was also held for Mrs. Meredith Johnson, the longtime assistant director and kindergarten teacher. A plaque in her memory is mounted outside of her former classroom, the Butterfly room. In April, Deaf History Month, Passover, Ramadan and Easter were celebrated. The teachers and children continue to do daily devotions from our *Devotions for Preschoolers* book at Circle Time, say morning prayers, and pray before meals.

May 2nd through May 6th marks Teacher Appreciation Week. We are especially grateful for all of our Children's Center teachers and staff this year, having to work through the many challenges the COVID pandemic has presented, both at school and within their own families. Thank you to Michelle Adelsheim, Herlyn Cresino, Denice Hickey, Vivian Ta, Michele Riedel, Maritza Bustamante, Vikki Chu, Laura West, Emily Pham, Chelsea Chow, Katie McCarthy, Sweelina He, LaPriel Rossi, Ashley Kwan, Pilar Manning, Destynie Carreon, Judy Kwan, Elizabeth Pech, Chrys Yee, Sandra Puccinelli, Brianna Cacao and Karen Andre for their service, commitment and dedication to the children and families of the school.

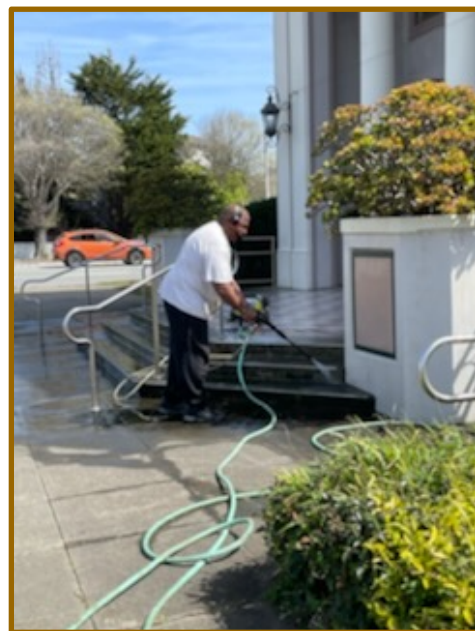
The school year wraps up on June 3rd. The Children's Center is planning a graduation ceremony in the Social Hall for the Butterfly and Firefly students. This will be the first full in-person graduation ceremony since June 2019.

June 6th marks the first day of summer mini camp. The Children's Center is looking forward to a fun-filled summer.



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WORKDAY – EASTER PREPARATIONS



Thank you!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Helen Kashevaroff 5/2
 Jarod (Papu) Tuiasosopo 5/7
 Donna Rae Wickham 5/10
 Mike Copani 5/18
 Philip Sanders 5/28

Lisa Marie Padian 6/2
 Lila Babcock 6/4
 Tavita Tuiasosopo 6/4
 Chris Rupright 6/6
 Fracnes Roebke 6/10
 Jeannie Wong 6/10
 Marvelle Koenig 6/10
 Joel Allen 6/12
 Leann Harris 6/13
 John Johnson 6/17
 Margaret Elam 6/18
 Cathy Hsieh 6/20
 Wendy Springer 6/24
 Katie Tomczak 6/25
 Sharom Thomas 6/25
 Sandra Tye 6/28
 Judith Murio 6/30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

George & Beverly Wong 5/22
 Kevin & Beth Phipps 6/4
 Chris & Margaret Geline 6/20

HEIFER PROJECT

At LPC, we celebrate our birthdays and anniversaries by supporting the Heifer Project. We encourage you to donate to this project in celebration of your special day. For every \$5,000 LPC raises, we donate 1 "Ark" to be used in a myriad of ways. An Ark includes two water buffalo, two cows, two sheep, and two goats, along with bees, chicks, rabbits, and more.

For more information on the Heifer Project, visit heifer.org.



FINANCE REPORT

	March		YTD		Annual Budget
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	
Total Income	\$32,967	\$35,778	\$101,204	\$107,634	\$428,098
Total Expense	\$44,926	\$42,826	\$120,659	\$115,987	\$497,896
Net Ordinary Income	-\$11,959	-\$7,048	-\$19,455	-\$8,353	-\$69,798

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OR CURRENT RESIDENT

An inclusive house of prayer for all people celebrating God's amazing love.

The Rev. F. Christopher Gelini, Pastor

Don Scott Carpenter, Organist/Director of Music

Lakeside Presbyterian Church is a missional church rooted in loving God, loving our neighbors, and living our lives in a manner befitting the Lord. We celebrate our faith through worship, education, mission, and outreach. We are committed to bringing all the warmth, beauty and God's presence at 19th and Eucalyptus directly to you! We invite you to interact with us in new ways, and we hope you find a measure of comfort and God's grace in our time together. Everyone is welcomed here.

