

LAKESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SAN FRANCISCO

LANTERN

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September/October 2022

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Join us each Sunday at 11 a.m.
for worship.

Back to Church Sunday – September 11

World Communion Sunday – October 2

Reformation Sunday – October 30

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*Those who live in the shelter of the
Most High will find rest in the
shadow of the Almighty.*

-Psalm 91:1

The 90-day sabbatical went fast, and I'm thankful for and glad I took it. I want to give you a report on what I did for three months.

May

I spent the month of May doing two primary things. One, my sister and I had to find a Board & Care for my dad to live. His health had declined to the point that we needed to find a place that would provide the care he needed. This took more time than we anticipated as there are not a lot of openings for Board & Cares in San Francisco. Dad now lives off of Sloat Blvd. and seems to have adjusted well to his new environment.

Self-care was a priority for me during this time. I was able to go to Carmel, CA for a nice retreat. During this time, I read books, had extended time with God, and took walks. The weather during May is usually in the 60's so it was very comfortable. If you haven't been to Carmel in a while, it's beautiful country and quiet.

June

June had unexpected surprises. My dad came down with pneumonia and was hospitalized for over a week. He recovered pretty well.

I went to two S.F. Giant games against the Dodgers with a good friend of mine and somehow between the games and riding BART I contacted COVID. I was quarantined for 11 days due to positive results with the COVID tests. Margaret and Rebekah escaped catching COVID from me. I didn't feel real sick except for the first couple of days.

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The Rev. F. Christopher Geline
Pastor



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Two days after I received negative results with the COVID tests, Margaret and I left for Hawaii to spend nine days on the Big Island, city of Kona. This was our first vacation in 19 years without Rebekah (who traveled to Minnesota to visit a friend). Margaret and I had a great time. We were able to spend some time with JD Ward and his wife Tracy who now live in Kona. They're doing great and send their love.

July

My dad had a relapse of pneumonia, was hospitalized, and is now on oxygen. He also had treatments for bladder cancer which is in total remission. I'm glad I could be there for my dad.

I went to Carmel for a second retreat. The quiet and peaceful environment was conducive to my wanting to be still before God. It was good to be away from everything.

The rest of the time I played golf, took many walks, and read a lot of books. I didn't realize how exhausted I was until I put the brakes on and rested.

Overall, this wasn't exactly what I planned for my sabbatical, but God is sovereign and gracious in all things. This reminds me of Proverbs 16:9, *"We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps."*

May the grace and peace of Christ be with us always!

Pastor Chris

PastorChrisLPC@lpcsf.org

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visit LakesidePCSF.org/donate

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

The deadline for articles for the November/December **LANTERN** is October 15.
Content may be sent to dscarpenter@outlook.com.

WORSHIPPING THROUGH MUSIC, ART, AND DRAMA

It is that time of the year where music directors around the globe are sending the annual appeal to “join the choir” and I am no exception. The church has gathered for worship for over two thousand years where hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs have been shared to lead God’s people in prayer and praise.

Lakeside’s Chancel Choir began offering its gifts to God almost immediately after the church first gathered in 1942. You can read more about the Chancel Choir’s history by visiting <https://www.lakesidepcsf.org/music-ministry>.

Today, we have dedicated volunteers who spend countless time in preparation each week, and we want you to be a part of it. We are also fortunate to have a quartet of professional singers who supplement our volunteers enabling the choir to be an integral part of the Lakeside community. We are so fortunate that we have all been able to work side-by-side.

Soprano Cheryl Cain and Countertenor Kyle Tingzon will once again join us as fall programming gets under way. I want to welcome and introduce Tenor Sam Faustine and Bass Andrew Pardini to you. Sam will join us in worship on September 18 and Andrew on September 11. Please make them feel welcome!



Sam Faustine

Sam Faustine, a San Francisco born-and-raised musician, performs a wide-variety of genres ranging from Baroque Opera to Modern Musical Theatre. Recently, he was a member of the first National Tour of Broadway’s *A Christmas Carol* and made his third appearance as a soloist with the San Francisco Symphony performing as the Roasted Swan in *Carmina Burana*. Sam has appeared in Europe, China, and across the US in roles such as Anthony in *Sweeney Todd*, Tony in *West Side Story*, Seymour in *Little Shop of Horrors*, Curly in *Oklahoma!*, and Candide in *Candide*. In addition to his staged-performance career, Sam sings with many Sacred Music and Choral ensembles across the country, including Byrd Ensemble, Gaude, Volti and Cappella SF. When not performing classical music, Sam plays in a QUEEN cover band impersonating Freddie Mercury. You can read more about Sam at <https://www.lakesidepcsf.org/sam-faustine>.



Andrew Pardini

Andrew Thomas Pardini continues to win audiences with his vibrant tone and thrilling character portrayals. Upcoming engagements include company debuts with San Francisco Opera as part of its 2022-2023 Centennial Season, where he will perform as a member of the Regular Chorus, company and role debuts with San Francisco Opera as Flora’s Servant/*La traviata*, and company debut with San Francisco Opera Guild’s Opera Together as Marcello/*La boh me*. Earlier this season, Pardini made his company debut as Giuseppe Palmieri/*The Gondoliers* at Winter Opera Saint Louis, as well as Bass Soloist/*Messiah* at Handel Choir of Baltimore. During the 2020-2021 Season, Pardini made his company debut with Opera North as Schaunard/*La boh me*, in addition to serving as a 2021 Opera North Resident Artist, company and role debuts with Opera Orlando as Dr. Falke/*Die Fledermaus*, Peter (Cover)/*Hansel and Gretel*, and Danca re & Escamillo (Cover)/*Carmen*, in addition to serving as a 2020-2021 Opera Orlando Studio Artist, as well as company debut with Gulfshore Opera as Schaunard/*La boh me*. You can read more about Andrew at <https://www.lakesidepcsf.org/andrew-pardini>.

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 Geline
Gail Hemenway
Karl Morthole
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Beth Phipps
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Beverly Wong

SUMMER MISSION PROJECTS



School Supplies for Afghan Refugees

The generosity of this church family is never ending. God knows your hearts and sees that you care for those who are in need. Hundreds of supplies were delivered to the Afghan Christian Church in Fremont to be distributed to children of refugees. Thank you for responding to our request in July. A check in the amount of \$300 was also sent to support this project.

Diapers for Compass Family Services Teen Moms

Thank you also for donating diapers and infant supplies during August. These were given to Compass Family Services; the same agency Lakeside donates to for our annual Advent Project.



Looking Ahead

Check the weekly Grapevine (included in the Sunday order of Worship), beginning in October for information on our yearly Advent Project. We will provide gifts for a family and for women/children sheltering from abuse.

LAKESIDE HAPPENINGS

BOOK CLUB NEWS

The book list for 2022-2023 is now posted on the Bulletin Board outside the front office.

We will discuss *Born A Crime* by the comedian Trevor Noah for the September 6 meeting. Sandra Tye will lead the discussion.

The October 4th book is *Taste: My Life Through Food* by Stanley Tucci, the Emmy Awards actor. The club tries to select books that are available in the Public Library so that members do not have to buy them. We welcome all to join us for book discussion and fellowship. Please contact Sandra Tye (sgydt2960@yahoo.com) for the Zoom link.



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

LAKESIDE HAPPENINGS

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Hello fellow church members and friends. It has been a very long 2 ½ years for all of us. The celebration committee is working to begin to bring some normalcy back into our lives organizing a few special gatherings throughout the year. We have a goal to offer 4 of these events in 2022 and are well on the way to accomplishing this.

WELCOME BACK LUNCH

Our 3rd event will be held on **September 11, 2022**. This will be a simple welcome back lunch after church in the social hall. The menu will consist of pasta, salad, dessert, and beverages.

There will be an insert in the bulletin the next couple of weeks for you to make your reservation to attend, you can also call the church office and leave the information with the Church Administrator or volunteer answering the phone. I will need to know your name and how many will be attending in your party. I am also asking the congregation to provide the desserts; please leave the type and/or name of dessert you will be bringing when you call with your reservation.

Thank you all for making Lakeside such a special place to gather and worship God. Hope to see you all on the 11th.

LAKESIDE CELEBRATES 80 YEARS

On another note. As many of you know Lakeside celebrated (rather quietly) 80 years of ministry in February. The Celebration Committee has been asked to organize a special celebration of this milestone. I would like to ask anyone who would like to help with this very special event to contact me at 650-678-4123 or email me at arobicmadness@aol.com. I have a couple of ideas but would welcome help.

Thank you !

Beth Phipps
Celebration Chair



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LAKESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CENTER FOR CHILDREN

The Children's Center successfully completed 8 weeks of summer programming on August 5th, with 108 students enrolled. This far exceeded our projected enrollment.

On August 17th, we welcomed 92 students for the 2022-2023 school year. The Children's Center also welcomed one new assistant, Jennifer Lei, a senior in the Child Development program at San Francisco State University and a returning Lakeside assistant and former Lakeside student, Breanne Banahan. Both will be helping our youngest classroom, the Caterpillars.

As COVID-19 guidelines loosen and all our students being eligible for vaccination, the school will resume a normal school year. In-person drop offs and pick ups have returned, along with mixed cohorts during morning and afternoon extended care. Outside enrichment programs, such as SF Tots and Martial Arts, will start after Labor Day. Family events and field trips are scheduled, including Back to School Night in September and the annual Pumpkin Patch field trip in October. In-person volunteering will resume in October, as well as PVO-sponsored enrichment activities. Needless to say, we are looking forward to a fun-filled school year!



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Christopher Padian	9/2
Elaine Padian	9/5
Barbara Bruxvoort	9/8
Miss Jordan	9/15
Talia Thomas	9/15
Judith Lindquist	10/21
Emily Rupright	10/22
Beverly Weber	10/28
Karen Tomczak	10/30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Daniel & Karen Tomczak	9/21
Penny & Jerry Blumenthal	10/2
Sam & Hegla Fielding	10/2
Samina Inayat & Inayat Munawar	10/4

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

	July		YTD		Annual Budget
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	
Total Income	\$34,447	\$31,328	\$243,008	\$249,596	\$428,098
Total Expense	\$37,404	\$37,816	\$294,833	\$284,816	\$497,896
Net Ordinary Income	-\$2,957	-\$6,488	-\$50,825	-\$35,220	-\$69,798

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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.

