

**LAKESIDE  
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CHURCH  
SAN FRANCISCO**

# LANTERN

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November/December 2022

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*From the Pastor's Desk*



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

*Arise, shine, for your light has come, and  
the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.*



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The Rev. F. Christopher Gellini  
Pastor

It was the day after Christmas at a church in San Francisco. Pastor Mike was looking at the nativity scene outside when he noticed the baby Jesus was missing from the figures.

Immediately, Pastor Mike turned towards the church to call the police. But as he was about to do so, he saw little Jimmy with a red wagon, and in the wagon was the figure of the little infant, Jesus.

Pastor Mike walked up to Jimmy and said, "Well, Jimmy, where did you get the little infant?" Jimmy replied, "I got him from the church."

"And why did you take him?"

With a sheepish smile, Jimmy said, "Well, about a week before Christmas I prayed to little Lord Jesus. I told him if he would bring me a red wagon for Christmas, I would give him a ride around the block in it."

I hope this story brought a smile to your face.

We are entering the season where we get to celebrate two incredible events; one, Thanksgiving, and second, Christmas. The first one, we, like the pilgrims acknowledge that God provides all that we need. The pilgrims celebrated their first harvest in the New World in October 1621. This feast lasted three days and was attended by 90 Wampanoag Native American people and 53 Pilgrims. They had much to be grateful to God for and so do we.

The second is Christmas Day when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, incarnate Lord to Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem. Who celebrated the birth of Jesus? Cattle, sheep, and other farm animals, and of course, shepherds.

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

I want to point out two things both Thanksgiving and Christmas have in common—first is God, and second, God is to be celebrated. We have come a long way since the first wave of COVID19. Churches are open, people are working, people are moving around freely, and, hopefully, the worst of the pandemic is behind us. This is something to celebrate and give thanks to God.

I want to focus on Christmas with the rest of this article, asking the question, “How Do We Get into the Holiday Spirit?” Here are a few suggestions:

1. Put up an Advent calendar to count down to Christmas.
2. Turn up the Christmas music to get you in a festive mood.
3. Watch classic Christmas movies to learn the meaning of Christmas.
4. Read Christmas stories with your family to enjoy quality time with each other (The Grinch, Scrooge, It's a Wonderful Life, Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street, and The Nativity Story to name a few).
5. Visit outdoor displays of Christmas lights and decorations.
6. Reflect on the reason for Christmas. Find the Christmas story in Luke chapters 1 and 2 and Matthew chapters 1 and 2. Consider reading these chapters aloud as part of your family's holiday.

My prayer for all of us is that we will be overwhelmed by God's grace, love and goodness in both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Let us give thanks to God for all His wonderful gifts.

Thanking and Celebrating Jesus!  
Pastor Chris

[PastorChrisLPC@lpcsf.org](mailto:PastorChrisLPC@lpcsf.org)



## 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](https://lakesidepcsf.org/prayer)

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](https://LakesidePCSF.org/donate)

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

The deadline for articles for the January/February 2023 **LANTERN** is December 15.  
Content may be sent to [dscarpenter@outlook.com](mailto:dscarpenter@outlook.com).

# WORSHIPPING THROUGH MUSIC, ART, AND DRAMA



November and December, more than any other two months of the year, represent endings and beginnings. In the liturgical calendar, November 1 is set aside as **All Saints' Day**—the day that the church honors the dearly departed in the faith. At Lakeside, during the first Sunday following November 1, we honor and remember those who have died over the course of the last twelve months.

This year, November 20, is the last Sunday in the Christian calendar. On this day we celebrate **Christ the King** as king and ruler of all. It also happens to be the Sunday before Thanksgiving, so LPC has the tradition of worshipping in celebration of Christ and in thanksgiving for the world that God has given us.

**"Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so, worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our 'God is a consuming fire.'"**

And then we begin again! You can see from the image above that with **Advent**, we wait in expectation of the birth of our Savior, but that is only the first step in our journey to the cross. For the next 20 weeks, we wait in expectation; we celebrate in joy of the newborn child; we experience the arrival of the Magi; we remember our baptism; we are transformed; we are reminded that we are mere specks of dust; we marvel in the triumphal entry; we gather around Christ's table; we sit and pray at the foot of the cross; and we finally witness the joy of the resurrection. Advent is the beginning of an amazing journey for all Christians, and you are invited to join us in person or online for every minute of it.

Make sure to join us on **Sunday, December 11, 4 pm** for our **Christmas Carol Concert and Sing-along** in the sanctuary featuring our Sanctuary quartet. Afterwards, join us in the Fireside Room for a Christmas party with pastries and desserts prepared by the Chancel Choir and others.

## Christmas at Lakeside

Finally, join all of us for our **Christmas Eve** service on Saturday evening **December 24, 9 pm** (with music for brass, organ, handbells, and choir) and our **Christmas Day** service on Sunday morning **December 25, 11 am** (with music for choir and organ) in the sanctuary as we celebrate the birth of the Savior. These services will also be streamed on our website and Facebook Live.

More information on all the offerings during November and December may be found on the next page.

In God's Service,  
Don Scott

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

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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

### EVENTS AT LAKESIDE

#### NOVEMBER

- 6 . All Saints' Sunday, 11 am (also, daylight saving time ends)  
Communion – Chancel Choir
- 13. 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, 11 am  
Jubilation Ringers – Chancel Choir
- 20. Christ the King, 11 am  
Chancel Choir  
Thanksgiving Luncheon, 12:15 pm  
Social Hall

#### ADVENT

##### NOVEMBER

- 27. First Sunday of Advent, 11 am  
Chancel Choir  
Decorate the Christmas Tree after Worship, 12:15 pm  
Chancel - Everyone is invited!

##### DECEMBER

- 4. Second Sunday of Advent, 11 am  
Chancel Choir
- 11. Third Sunday of Advent, 11 am  
Lessons and Carols for Advent – Chancel Choir  
Christmas Carol Concert and Sing-along, 4 pm  
Lakeside Quartet  
Christmas Party, 5 pm  
Fireside Room
- 18. Fourth Sunday of Advent, 11 am  
Chancel Choir

#### CHRISTMAS

##### DECEMBER

- 24. Christmas Eve Service, 9 pm  
Brass and Organ – Chancel Choir
- 25. Christmas Day Service, 11 am  
Chancel Choir

##### JANUARY

- 1. Second Sunday of Christmas, 11 am

# JUBILATE CHOIR IS BACK!

Exciting news! On Thursday, November 3, Lakeside's children's choir, Jubilate, is coming back! After closing in March of 2020 due to Covid there have been several years where it was not wise to mix children from various schools for singing. Meanwhile, our wonderful Jubilate singers grew-up and aged out of the program.

So, Jubilate is beginning anew, focusing on T-K/Kindergarten through Second Grade this year. Children's choirs are a wonderful way to learn how to work together in a group, to sing (and speak) in healthy ways for their bodies, to learn about music in general and making music and explore responsibility at a young child's level. Being a church choir, Jubilate is also a special place to learn about our faith, our traditions, and experience God's love in new ways. It's music with a message that the children learn to share with the congregation and throughout their lives. Aretha Franklin, Bono, John Legend, and John Lennon, among so many accomplished singers, began in children's church choirs (and John Legend and Andrew Lloyd Weber became church choir directors, too.)

Jubilate is open to boys and girls of all faiths (or none) as a ministry of our church, and no previous church nor singing experience is required. The choir does participate in the worship service several times a year (about once a month), and children who join the choir will be expected to come on those Sundays.

Jubilate is also a wonderful way for Lakeside Children's Center friends to stay in-touch after they graduate—plus, it's free!

If you know of children who would be interested, please invite them to join us on November 3 from 4-5 pm in the Fireside Room. For more information, contact Cindy Young at [williamrobison@msn.com](mailto:williamrobison@msn.com).



# SESSION

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

Beth Phipps  
Jane Sharp  
Sandra Tye  
Beverly Wong

## ADVENT MISSION PROJECTS

**Adopt-a-Family** is the annual holiday program of Compass Family Services in SF, which pairs individuals, families, and groups (Lakeside Presbyterian Church!) with Compass families who are homeless or at imminent risk and lack the resources to buy holiday gifts. For many families, these gifts will be the only gifts they will receive during the holidays.

**We will be informed of our matched family and receive their holiday wish list(s) between mid-October and late-November.**

Don't worry, you'll get your match ahead of Black Friday!

- Go shopping! Learn more about your adopted family or families through their wish list(s) and help fulfill their holiday wishes. Make it festive and invite family and friends to help you shop for and wrap gifts! Increase your impact when you shop by designating Compass Family Services as your charity of choice for [AmazonSmile](#).
- All gifts will need to be dropped off at Lakeside Presbyterian Church by **December 4!**
- If you can't shop you but want to help with this, please send a check to: Lakeside Presbyterian church and note: [Advent Project](#).
- We hope to be matched with a family who we can help during 2023 and not just at Christmas!

Contact Margaret Elam @ 415-225-2223 or [melamsf@gmail.com](mailto:melamsf@gmail.com) if you would like to participate this year!

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One of our **ongoing ministries** is providing grocery items to the **SF-Marin Food Bank**. You have been so generous in bringing bags of non-perishable items to LPC and placing them into the Food Barrel; Thank you!

This ministry continues until no one is hungry in San Francisco.



# LAKESIDE HAPPENINGS

## CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

### BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

### THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

On Sunday November 20 Lakeside family will once again gather in the social hall to celebrate and give thanks for all that God has done for the church over the last 3 years. Yes, it has been 3 years since we last broke bread together on this very special day and thanks to some very supportive parishioners, we will be celebrating again this year.

As in the past we will be asking attendees to provide either a vegetable or dessert, homemade is always best (YUMM) but we understand how busy everyone is so purchased is perfectly fine.

Watch the bulletin for your reservation and sign-up sheet. Reservations are requested to ensure that we have plenty of food on hand, but no one will be turned away.

Thank you !

**Beth Phipps**  
Celebration Chair

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**NOVEMBER 20, 12:15 PM**



# CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Hello Church Family,

We sent Kaila Nobriga-Allen to San Diego State University with service and cake. We have continued our Youth Group evenings at the Bruxvoorts', where we are able to enjoy a meal and have a lesson outside. Recently, we were able to share a Family breakfast and catch up.

We are looking forward to this Advent Season and Christmas festivities.

Grace and Peace,

**Ashley Budelli**  
Youth Director

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We're online for you when you can't be with us in person. Every service at Lakeside is streamed in its entirety. You may visit our website ten minutes before the start and watch our service live. You can find us on Facebook, too.

[LakesidePCSF.org](http://LakesidePCSF.org)

[Facebook.com/LakesideSF](https://Facebook.com/LakesideSF)

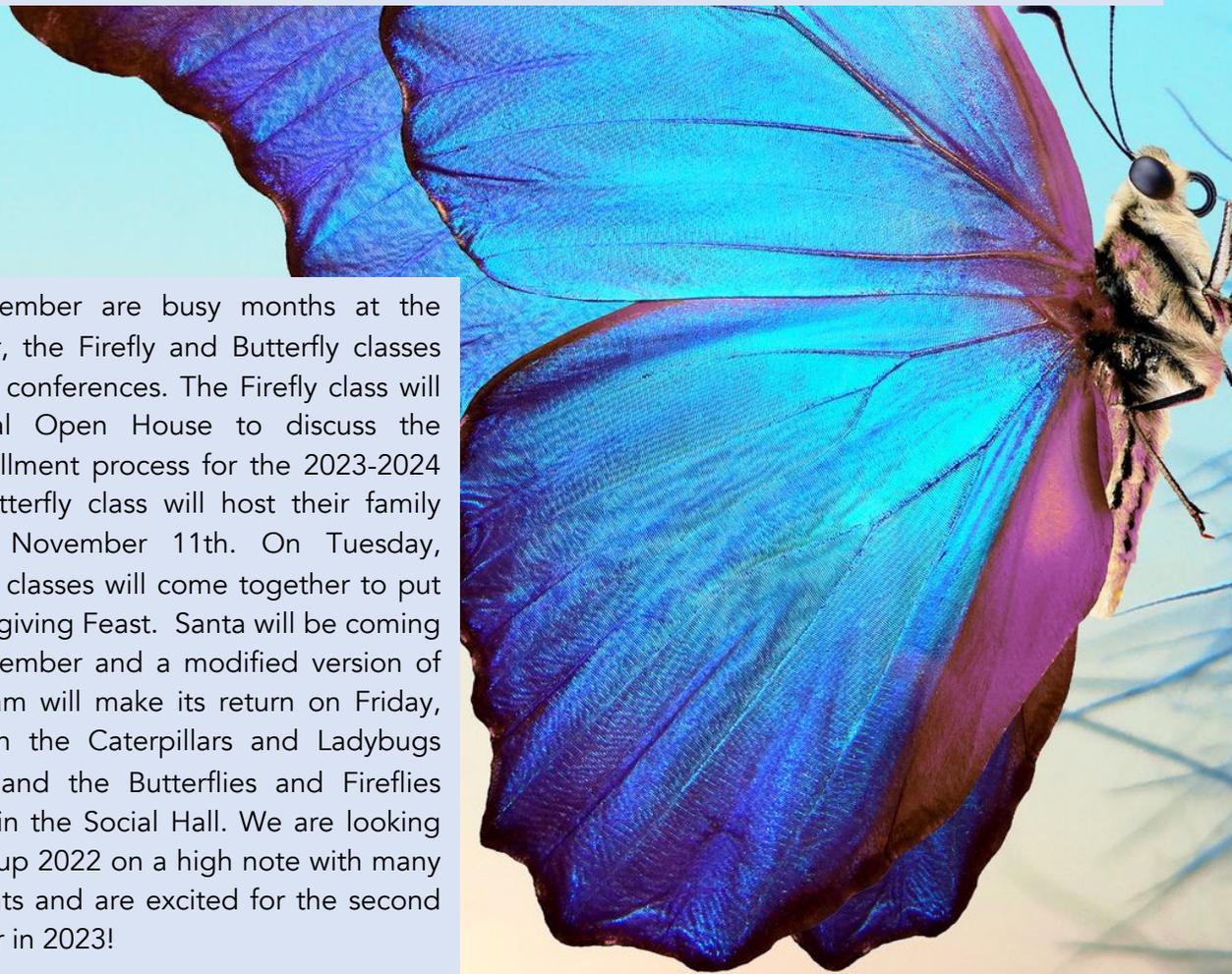
We look forward to seeing you each week.

## LAKESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CENTER FOR CHILDREN

The Children's Center has settled into the school year. October marks the first month of in-person parent volunteering. Parents have been in the classrooms, supporting the teachers and staff with activities and projects. On October 7th, the school went on its first field trip since 2019 to Lemos Farm Pumpkin Patch. 90 students, their parents and many of their siblings (Lakeside alum included) boarded yellow school buses to Half Moon Bay. Thank you to the PVO board and the volunteers for putting together a wonderful event!

Also in October, the Firefly class hosted its class family potluck. The family potlucks were a hit last year, as part of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee. Families gather to share a special recipe and dish with the class during the children's lunch time. At the end of the month, the school hosted its annual Halloween parade in the yard. The children made costumes in the classrooms, paraded around the yard and sang a couple Halloween songs for their family, friends and loved ones. The children were dressed up as pumpkins (Caterpillars), characters from the film *Coco* (Ladybugs), hippies (Butterflies) and trees (Fireflies). Thank you to the PVO board for generously donating the materials and supplies for the children's Halloween costumes.

November and December are busy months at the school. In November, the Firefly and Butterfly classes will host their annual conferences. The Firefly class will also host its annual Open House to discuss the registration and enrollment process for the 2023-2024 school year. The Butterfly class will host their family potluck on Friday, November 11th. On Tuesday, November 22nd, the classes will come together to put on the annual Thanksgiving Feast. Santa will be coming to town in early December and a modified version of the Christmas program will make its return on Friday, December 16th, with the Caterpillars and Ladybugs performing at 9am and the Butterflies and Fireflies performing at 10am in the Social Hall. We are looking forward to wrapping up 2022 on a high note with many in-person family events and are excited for the second half of the school year in 2023!



# LAKESIDE HAPPENINGS

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Khalil St. Clair – November 4  
Jane Sharp – November 10  
Beverly Wong – November 15

Eugene Thomas – December 1  
Jinlu Lei – December 2  
Julie Tuiasosopo – December 6  
Rebekah Gelini – December 10  
Sam Fielding – December 11  
Cindi Delodovici – December 13  
Eleanor Yim – December 13  
Carol Parks – December 18  
Samina Inayat – December 19  
Sharon Eaton – December 23  
Wan-Lee Cheng – December 28

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Wan-Lee & Vicki Cheng – December 1

## 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. In honor of your special event, we encourage you to donate to fund by "feeding" the heifer which stands ready in the Narthex on the third Sunday of every month. Have you noticed that his spots are "global"? 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](http://heifer.org).



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## BOOK CLUB NEWS

The book club continues to meet on Zoom, but we are in discussion about meeting in person. Everyone misses the fellowship of being together. There are advantages to meeting on Zoom, especially appreciated on a dark, cold rainy evening where everyone can stay home and still meet. At the November 1st meeting, we are discussing *The Nine of Us, Growing Up Kennedy* by Jean Kennedy Smith. A short book but worthwhile reading. Faith is what sustains a large family faced with constant tragedy. The December 6th book is a Christmas classic, *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. Both books are available in the San Francisco and San Mateo Public Libraries.

January's book is Lucy Foley's latest best seller, *The Paris Apartment*. This is a mystery and should be a fun read.

We welcome all to join us for book discussion and fellowship. Please contact Sandra Tye ([sgydt2960@yahoo.com](mailto:sgydt2960@yahoo.com)) for more information.

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## FINANCE REPORT

	September		YTD		Annual Budget
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	
Total Income	\$30,514	\$35,428	\$304,078	\$316,206	\$428,098
Total Expense	\$44,633	\$42,656	\$375,050	\$364,840	\$497,896
Net Ordinary Income	-\$14,119	-\$7,228	-\$70,972	-\$48,634	-\$69,798

# POINSETTIAS

## DONATE A POINSETTIA FOR OUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Lakeside Presbyterian Church is soliciting donations of poinsettias for our Christmas celebrations. We will purchase both red and white. Poinsettias are \$30 each and will be available to take home after our Christmas Day service, December 25.

You may visit [LakesidePCSF.org/christmas-flowers](https://LakesidePCSF.org/christmas-flowers) to purchase your poinsettias or complete the form below and either place in the offering plate or deliver to the church office no later than December 11.

Flowers will be in worship on Sunday, December 18, Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, and Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, 2022.



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### POINSETTIA DONATIONS 2022

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30 each \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication (in honor/in memory) \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check out to Lakeside Presbyterian Church and denote "Poinsettias 2022" in the memo line.

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Address Service Requested

Please deliver by November 30, 2022

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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

