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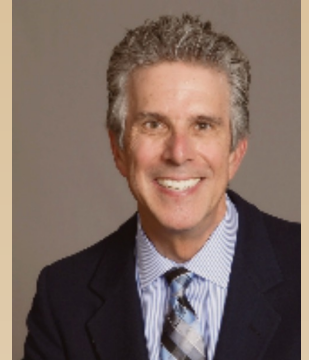
March/April 2023

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*From the Pastor's Desk*



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



The Rev. F. Christopher Geline  
Pastor

We are in one of the most exciting seasons in the life of the church. The Lenten seasons through Holy Week, including Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday is the culmination of Jesus Christ's work on earth. I know that Don Scott and the Worship & Arts Committee are planning unique services with appropriate sermons from me to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection. I love what the Apostle Paul writes about Jesus' death and resurrection.

1 Corinthians 15 is a chapter in the Bible that all Christians should read in preparation for Holy Week. 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 reminds us of the Good News of Jesus Christ:

*"Let me now remind you, dear brothers and sisters, of the Good News I preached to you before. You welcomed it then, and you still stand firm in it. It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you—unless, of course, you believed something that was never true in the first place.*

*I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. After that, he was seen by more than 500 followers at one time, most who are still alive, through some have died. Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him."*

*Paul reminds us in this passage of what Holy Week is all about. What encourages me is when Paul says, "The Good News about Jesus Christ will save us if we continue to believe it and faithfully follow it."*

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

How does the Jesus' resurrection become the Good News of Jesus Christ that saves us?

1. Because Christ rose from the dead, as he promised, we know that what he said is true and that he is God.
2. Because he rose, we have certainty that our sins are forgiven.
3. Because he rose, he lives and represents us before God.
4. Because he rose and defeated death, we know we also will be raised and have eternal life.

Easter Sunday is the pinnacle of our faith in the resurrection of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. The following story reminds us of this great event. "I am Zordak, Jesus' guardian angel. I want to tell you the story of Jesus. Jesus had died and laid in the grave. I was very sad. There were one hundred Roman soldiers and whole army of evil angels guarding the grave. But Sunday morning is coming...It was still dark. The dew was still on the ground. It was now close to sunrise, and everyone was waiting for something to happen. Suddenly, there was a great flash of lightening straight from the throne of God. One of God's mighty angels appeared. The angel's glory shown brighter than the sun. The Roman soldiers laid on the ground like dead men. Even the evil angels scattered. The angel pointed his sword at the stone. With a flash of force, the rock rolled away as though it was a small pebble. The mighty angel called out in a loud voice: "Son of God, Ruler of the Universe, Jesus of Nazareth, come out." We all held our breath. The universe held their breath. All of heaven was watching the mouth of the cave. The ground was shaking as a great energy and light emulated from the tomb. The light was so intense that even the mighty angel that stands at the throne of God himself had to step back. Jesus was reclaiming his power as the creator of this world. Jesus walked out of the tomb. We lowered our swords, kneeled, and bow to our King. And all of heaven worshipped Jesus for He had conquered death. We all sang: "Praise God, the King of kings, the Lord of lords. The Creator of the universe. The Savior of the world. The Conqueror of death." Jesus has gone back to heaven. He is waiting for you. When the time comes, he will come back and take us all to heaven to live with him. Jesus says: "I love you very much... I want you to be in heaven with me forever and ever." We have prepared a great party for you. God has even written a very special song just for you. I'm going to be there, and I want every one of you to be there too.

May we all rejoice with the angels that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. Christ has risen indeed, and as a result we will one day be at the party to worship and celebrate our King.

Celebrating King Jesus!

Pastor Chris

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

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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 May/June 2023 **LANTERN** is April 15.  
Content may be sent to [dscarpenter@outlook.com](mailto:dscarpenter@outlook.com).

# WORSHIPPING THROUGH MUSIC, ART, AND DRAMA



**Palm Sunday: April 2 (11 am)**

Hosanna † Palm Procession † The Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of Mark

**Maundy Thursday: April 6 (7 pm)**

Charity † Love † Communion † The Garden of Gethsemane

**Good Friday: April 7 (7 pm)**

Cross Procession † Stations of the Cross † Ritual of the Cross

**The Resurrection of the Lord/Easter: April 9 (11 am)**

Celebration † Forgiveness † Communion † Hallelujah

Are you ready? As we continue our journey to the cross, there are so many things to do!

Our Lenten journey began on Ash Wednesday as we gathered for the imposition of ashes and confessed our sins. Throughout the Lenten season, we focus on confession, forgiveness, and love as the catalyst for redemption; that gift that Christ gives to each of us on the cross.

As we approach Holy Week, we have the opportunity once again to relive that journey into Jerusalem, to the garden, and to Golgotha. We have services that enable us to engage in each of these.

Then on April 9, we once again celebrate the Resurrection with music for choir, trumpet, timpani, and organ; sermon by Pastor Chris, and communion. Following the service, we have our annual Bundt Cake celebration.

I look forward to seeing you in church!

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

As the new chair of Worship & Arts, I want to extend many thanks to Dan Anderson for his previous years served as the Chair.

Easter is coming soon! You may purchase Easter Flowers in preparation for Easter Sunday by going to the LPC website, [lakesidepcsf.org](http://lakesidepcsf.org) and clicking on Easter Flowers in the upper left. You may also call the Church Office, 415.564.8833 to purchase flowers. This Easter we are offering two options to better serve your needs.

We have also reinstated the Flower calendar. Write your name and phone # on the calendar board in the Narthex if you will be bringing flowers for the Chancel. Let the church office know if this is in memory or dedicated to someone or for a special event.

Respectfully,

Margaret Elam, chair

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

## MARCH/APRIL

### EVENTS AT LAKESIDE

#### LENT

- March 5      **Second Sunday in Lent**  
Word – Music – Communion
- 12      **Third Sunday in Lent**  
Word – Music/Handbells – Communion
- 19      **Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
Word – Music/Handbells – Communion
- 26      **Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
Word – Music – Communion

#### HOLY WEEK

- April 2      **Palm Sunday**  
Processional – Palms – Passion
- 6      **Maundy Thursday**  
The Garden – Communion
- 7      **Good Friday**  
Stations of the Cross – Prayer

#### EASTER

- April 9      **Resurrection of the Lord/Easter**  
Communion – Trumpet, Timpani, and Organ – Chancel Choir
- 16      **Second Sunday of Easter**  
Sermon – Chancel Choir
- 23      **Third Sunday of Easter**  
Sermon – Handbells – Chancel Choir
- 30      **Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
Sermon – Chancel Choir

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

We have a new committee of Session at Lakeside—the Congregational Care Committee. Congregational Care includes some of the functions of the board of Deacons, such as sending greeting cards, supervising coffee hour, and helping with receptions, and also some new jobs, such as promoting fun and inclusive activities that help us all get to know each other better. You don't need to be a Lakeside member to join our committee, so if you like to bring a smile to another person's day, come join us! There are many things to do, and many projects from which to choose. Current members are Cindy Young (chair), Judi Murio (co-chair), Gail Hemenway, Benia Meyer, Helen Ong, Patty Quach, Joel Bruxvoort, and Jane Sharp.

In an effort to share the work and financial responsibility for coffee hour among all regular attendees, this year I am asking for individuals to sign-up, alone or in pairs, to bring snacks and help with set up/clean up on their "Snack Sunday". All of the members of Congregational Care have other responsibilities as well on Sunday mornings, such as choir, ushering, and Sunday School, so your help is very much appreciated. Joel Bruxvoort and Patty Quach share the duty of making the coffee each week, so when you volunteer to bring snacks, you just need to bring and manage the food. Thank you for any help you can give. If you or someone you know is in need of some cheering-up, help with food or finances, visitors, or assistance in any way, please let me know so that the Congregational Care Committee can respond. Our goal is to be God's hands at Lakeside.

Watch the Bulletin for upcoming fun events presented by Congregational Care. We are planning activities designed for you to bring your non-Lakeside friends to meet us informally, and to come and get better acquainted with your fellow Lakesiders. I'm looking forward to seeing you!

--Cindy Young

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Children's Sunday School for ages 3 - 7 years old meet on Sundays at 11:00 am. Lessons are filled with fun and engaging activities from memory verses, bible stories, singing, crafting, play-acting, games to take-home materials. Parents are welcome to attend worship service while children are in class. If you are interested, please contact Beverly Wong [bevme2@yahoo.com](mailto:bevme2@yahoo.com).

# DRAMA TROUPE



Have you ever felt the acting bug or wanted to channel your creative side?

Here is your opportunity to try your hand at these in a fun and safe environment.

Lakeside is currently looking for people of all ages who are up for the challenge of tapping into their creativity. Our next production will be on Palm Sunday April 2 where we will again be performing the Passion of Christ readers theatre style. We will need 5 volunteers willing to commit to this project which will entail light individual coaching for line delivery, one dress rehearsal on Saturday April 1, (no fooling) and one performance on Sunday April 2. There will be more opportunities coming up soon.

If being on stage or in front of the camera isn't for you, we will have plenty of opportunities for behind-the-scenes people for costumes, make-up, sets, publicity (the list of opportunities goes on). Come join our team and share your talents.

We are also looking for people interested in learning the technical streaming side of Lakeside. Ellis Bruxvoort has done a great job of taking over the reins from Briana Phipps, but Ellis will be going off to college this fall, and we need more people trained to stream worship services and concerts on a weekly basis.

If you or someone you know are interested in either of these opportunities, please contact Beth Phipps at [arobicmadness@aol.com](mailto:arobicmadness@aol.com).

-Beth Phipps

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## Easter Flowers

Lakeside has a long history of donating flowers for our Easter celebration. If you would like to donate in honor or in memory of someone, or just make a donation, please visit [lakesidepcsf.org/easter-flowers](http://lakesidepcsf.org/easter-flowers). This year we are offering both a small and a large choice to better suit your needs. The flowers will be in worship on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023.



# LAKESIDE HAPPENINGS

## CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

### COME JOIN US FOR EASTER

April 9, 2023

THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES DOWNSTAIRS AFTER THE SERVICE WITH OUR ANNUAL BUNDT CAKE EXTRAVEGANZA FOR YOU TO ENJOY

Do you have a favorite Bundt cake that you would like to share? If so, just fill out the form that will be provided in upcoming bulletins or call the church office (415) 564-8833 and let us know your name and the flavor you will be providing. Don't like to bake? Just come and savor all the samplings and decide which is your favorite.

See you on April 9<sup>th</sup>!!

Thank you !

**Beth Phipps**  
Celebration Chair

[arobicmadness@aol.com](mailto:arobicmadness@aol.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](http://lakesidepcsf.org/prayer)

# SESSION

Ed Andre  
Joel Bruxvoort  
Margaret Colfer  
Margaret Elam  
Gail Hemenway  
Jesse Medlen  
Karl Morthole

Jesse Medlen  
Judith J. Murio  
Beth Phipps  
Jane Sharp  
Beverly Wong  
Cindy Young

## MISSION PROJECTS

I am grateful to Session to be able to continue as Chair of the Missions Ministry. I've noted informational items concerning works we've accomplished or are planning to accomplish.

- Sent \$1,000 to Presbyterian Disaster Relief towards helping Turkey and Syria recover from devastating earthquakes.
- We've received several thank you notes from agencies we've supported; they are posted on the bulletin board outside the office; please stop and take a look.
- **Lent** began on Ash Wednesday, February 22. There are 2 ministries we are asking you to support during this time:



- **One-Great-Hour of Sharing** – during Lent we ask you to keep aside change or dollars and place in the “Fish” box. Please call the office if you wish to receive a “Fish” box for your donations. Remember to bring the box or your donations to Church on Palm Sunday. These donations are used to support: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.
- **Stuffed animals** – we are also collecting new stuffed animals; please bring to church and leave in a pew – we are collecting through Palm Sunday. These will be given to Compass Family Services for children in its programs.

-Margaret Elam

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 CHILDREN'S CENTER

March marks the beginning of spring. Last spring, we welcomed the season with our first Holi celebration. Holi, also known as the Festival of Colors, is an Indian holiday that honors goodness, love, friendships, and the arrival of spring. During the celebration, people throw colorful powder at each other, sing and dance. This year, we will build on this new Lakeside tradition and have each class take turns playing with colored powder and dancing outside in the play yard. We can't think of a better way to welcome spring!

March is also Women's History Month. The Children's Center, supported by the DEI Committee, will incorporate important women in history in their curriculum. Such historical figures have included Madam Vice President Kamala Harris, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Frida Kahlo, Jane Goodall, and Mae Jamison. March marks Irish Heritage Month and St. Patrick's Day. This year, Ms. Pilar's son and Ms. Katie's daughter will Irish dance for the children. What a special treat!

In April, the Children's Center will be preparing for Easter, as well as talking about Passover and Ramadan. The children learn about Jesus' death and resurrection in age-appropriate books and activities, such as the Resurrection Eggs.

April is an especially busy time at the school as our pre-K and TK children are finding out which schools they will be attending in the fall and rehearsing for graduation. Graduation will be held on Friday, June 2nd at 9am for the Butterfly and Firefly students.



# LAKESIDE HAPPENINGS

## BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT



We have been busy with work at the church. In January a GFI plug was replaced in the Social Hall. This supplied power to the audio system and the womens' bathroom. Two new furnaces that supply heat to the Social Hall and a classroom were installed. The fire protection for the church was recertified in January. Still to be addressed is a leak in the Tower. We know where it is on the inside but need to determine whether it is a patch or complete repair by inspection on the outside. Some additional electrical needs to be done at the breaker box in the downstairs hallway by the furnace room. In addition, bids are being reviewed for painting and window replacement.

Ed André

## BOOK CLUB NEWS

The Book Club has been in existence for almost 15 years. We have read a variety of books, from current best sellers to the old classics. The majority were fiction, but we also read non-fiction. I've lost count of the number of members who participated. In the early days, Bob Taussig and Karl Morthole were active members. Today there is a stable group of 8 to 9 woman at each meeting.

During the COVID lockdown, we tried meeting in the afternoons in a member's backyard, but his was less than satisfactory due to weather and social distancing. We discovered many advantages to meeting on Zoom. Members who move away can still stay in touch, those who are homebound are able to participate, and no one must go out on a dark rainy night. Of course, we miss the social contact, and our future plans include scheduling some afternoon get-togethers.

At the March 7 meeting, we will discuss *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig and for the April 4 meeting, *Ask Again, Yes* by Mary Beth Keane. All are welcome to join us. Please contact Sandra Tye for the Zoom link.

## FINANCE REPORT

We spent about \$4,700 more than we expected during 2022; our deficit was \$74,488. The budget for 2023 is nearing completion, regrettably not in place at the start of the year. -Jesse Medlen

	FY2022		January 2023		** Annual Budget
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	
Total Income	\$466,388	\$428,098	\$37,680	\$NA	\$NA
*Total Expense	\$540,876	\$497,896	\$49,496	\$NA	\$NA
Net Ordinary Income	<b>-\$74,488</b>	<b>-\$69,798</b>	<b>-\$11,816</b>	<b>-\$NA</b>	<b>-\$NA</b>

\* Excludes depreciation

\*\* Budget not yet approved

# LAKESIDE HAPPENINGS

## MARCH

### BIRTHDAYS

Susan Brissenden-Smith	March 1
Joel Bruxvoort	March 9
Ed Andre	March 15
Patty Quach	March 21
Ruth Hill	March 23
Jaevon St. Clair	March 24
Penny Blumenthal	March 26
Penina Tuiasosopo	March 29

### ANNIVERSARIES

Chris & Pam Rupright	March 12
Erica Brode & Adrian Hayes	March 15
Roger & Carol Parks	March 18

## APRIL

### BIRTHDAYS

Georgenia Latter	March 1
Andrea Thurston	April 4
Sharon Mayo	April 5
Don Scott Carpenter	April 6
Rev. Margaret Geline	April 9
Taimane Tuiasosopo	April 16
Inayat Munawar	April 20
Beth Phipps	April 24
John Johnson	April 28

### ANNIVERSARIES

Ed & Nancy Andre	April 29
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## HEIFER PROJECT

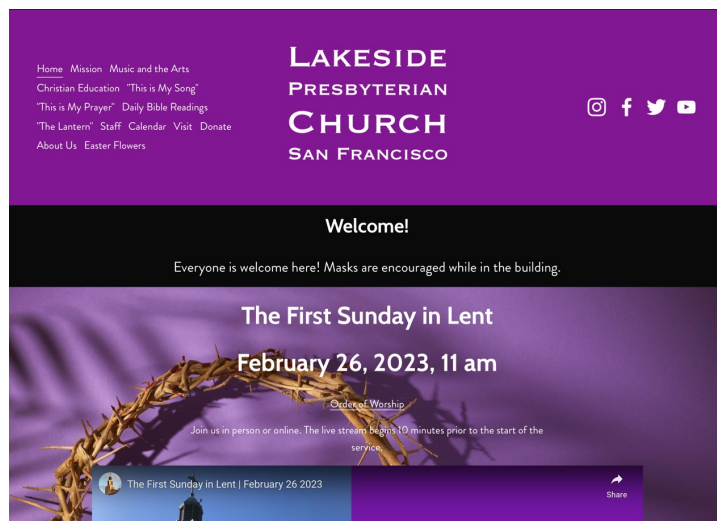
At LPC, we celebrate our birthdays and anniversaries by supporting the Heifer Project. We encourage you to donate to this project in celebration of your special day. In honor of your special event, we encourage you to donate to fund by "feeding" the heifer which stands ready in the Narthex on the third 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](https://heifer.org).



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Have you visit our website lately?  
There is plenty of content to share and  
lots to stay involved with. Also, don't  
forget to sign-up for –mails.



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OR CURRENT RESIDENT

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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 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.

