

LAKESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SAN FRANCISCO

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From the Pastor's Desk



Join us for worship every
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Dear friends,

What a truly magnificent Easter we experienced! The day was graced with an influx of new visitors, and our Easter egg hunt, boasting a staggering 621 eggs, delighted well over a dozen children. Our coffee hour on the front lawn, featuring over 30 bundt cakes, was a delightful gathering. The church service, led by the choir, orchestra, and Don Scott Carpenter's musical talent, was undoubtedly one of the most remarkable I've ever had the privilege to witness.



The Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson
Interim Pastor

The spirit of enthusiasm and excitement at Lakeside continues to flourish! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to making this day so extraordinary.

As we journey through the season of Easter, our path leads us to Pentecost on Sunday, May 19th. This significant occasion marks the moment when the disciples gathered together, ultimately birthing the Christian church. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Acts 2:3 recounts, "They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that came down and rested on each of them." What better way to commemorate the birth of the Church than with a joyful BBQ!

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"I was hungry, and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothing. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison, and you visited me."

— Matthew 25:35-36



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

As Lakeside embraces this new chapter in its journey, we warmly invite each of you to actively participate in the life of our congregation. We extend a special invitation to join us for the Celebration BBQ meal following the service on May 19th, downstairs in the Social Hall. During this gathering, you'll receive an update from the Mission Study team, including the results of the surveys conducted earlier this year. As we collectively prepare for the arrival of your permanent pastor, let us draw inspiration from the community spirit and fellowship of the Acts 2 church—coming together in song and breaking bread as one.

Truly, it is a new day! I am deeply honored to serve as your interim pastor during this pivotal moment in this journey together.

Blessings,

Pamela

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

"I thank my God every time I think of you." Philippians 1:3

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/giving

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

The deadline for articles for the July/August 2024 **Lantern** is June 15.
Content may be sent to dscarpenter@LakesidePCSF.org.

ENSURING OUR SAFETY

As many of you may know, in addition to my role as a pastor, I also serve as a security guard during my off hours. Ensuring the safety and security of our community is paramount here at Lakeside Presbyterian Church. With over 100 children and staff on campus throughout the week for our Children's Center, various rentals utilizing our facilities, and our weekly Sunday services, our congregation is vibrant and active. It's imperative to us that everyone feels safe while on our premises.

In April, the session made the decision to invest in updating and expanding our security camera system to further enhance safety measures. These new cameras are equipped with advanced Artificial Intelligence (AI) that can detect potential threats, such as someone approaching the church with a weapon, and immediately notify emergency services.

Though it's unsettling to discuss, in the unlikely event of an active attacker, we want to ensure everyone is prepared. Therefore, we've adopted the mantra of my security company: RUN/HIDE/FIGHT.

RUN: Be vigilant of alternate exits wherever you are. Evacuate quickly and cautiously away from the attacker. Remember, every second counts. Utilize windows and emergency exits, leaving belongings behind. Keep your hands raised and visible while exiting, and follow instructions from law enforcement. Do not stop until you've reached safety.

HIDE: If escape isn't possible, find a secure hiding spot. Lock and barricade doors, silence cell phones, and prepare a defense plan.

FIGHT: Only resort to fighting as a last option. Use available objects as improvised weapons and employ teamwork to incapacitate the attacker. Remember, you're fighting for your life, so don't hesitate to use any means necessary for survival.

While it's unfortunate to acknowledge the realities of the world we live in today, we prioritize caution over regret. We are committed to doing everything in our power to ensure the safety and security of everyone in our community. Your well-being is our top priority, and we will continue to strive to do right by each and every one of you.

-Pamela





Music MINISTRY

Dear Members of our Worship & Arts Ministries,

As we pause to reflect on the incredible journey we've shared together in our music ministry, I find myself overwhelmed with gratitude and admiration for each and every one of you.

Your dedication, talent, and passion have been the driving force behind the beautiful melodies and harmonies that have filled our hearts and lifted our spirits. Whether through the powerful chords of the organ, the soul-stirring notes of the violin, or the uplifting voices that blend in perfect unison, your contributions have enriched our worship experience in ways words cannot fully express.

Beyond your musical abilities, it's your commitment to serving with love and humility that truly sets you apart. Week after week, you pour your hearts and souls into rehearsals and performances, always striving for excellence and unity. Your willingness to share your gifts and talents selflessly is a testament to your deep love for God and your desire to minister to others.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to each of you for your tireless efforts, your unwavering dedication, and your steadfast faithfulness. Your presence in our music ministry is a blessing beyond measure, and I am continually inspired by your passion and devotion.

As we continue this journey together, may we always remember the power of music to uplift, inspire, and unite us in worship. Thank you for being an integral part of our music ministry family, and may God continue to bless and guide each of you in all your endeavors.

Don Scott Carpenter
Organist/Director of Music

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PRESENTS...

Hymn Festival • Ice Cream Social
July 21, 2024, 4 pm

Zydeco & Cajun
Tom Rigney and Flambeau
August 17, 2024, 4 pm

Lakeside Gala
September 14, 2024, 4 pm

Speaker Series
September 2024

Lakeside Handbell Festival
October 19, 2024, 5:30 pm

Choral Evensong for All Saints'
November 3, 2024, 4 pm
Service Music: Dyson in D
And I Saw a New Heaven (Bainton)

EVENSONG CONCERT
Requiem (Rutter)

VBS • Advent
December 7, 2024, 9am - 12 noon

A Lakeside Christmas
December 15, 2024, 4 pm
Magnificat (Johann Christian Bach)
My Guardian Angel (Weir)
The Word of God (Powell)
Ceremony of Carols excerpts (Britten)
Winter Four Seasons (Vivaldi)
Gail Hernández Rosa, violin

Speaker Series
January 2025

Beethoven • Schubert
February 9, 2025, 4 pm
Mass in E-flat Missa solemnis (Schubert)
Symphony No. 5 (Beethoven)

VBS • Lent
March 15, 2025, 9am - 12 noon

Speaker Series
March 2025

Choral Evensong for Easter
May 18, 2025, 4 pm
Service Music: Stanford in B-flat
God is Gone Up (Finzi)

EVENSONG RECITAL
Sonata No. V in C minor (Guilmant)
Don Scott Carpenter, organ

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CONGREGATIONAL CARE

What a wonderful Easter season we had together! I hope you had an opportunity to worship in-person with your Lakeside family. It was so exciting to serve 86 people for Communion on Easter Sunday, and if you were one of those people, we hope to see you again soon.

As I'm writing this, I'm remembering two of our church family who left us just a few weeks ago: Sharon Mayo and Lee Weis. Both were big parts of our church while they were here, active choir members, active in church activities, helpers and do-ers. Sharon also sang hymns in American Sign Language, and Lee wrote beautiful music for us to sing. Lee is now reunited with his wife and son in Heaven, and Sharon and her sister, Diane, are embarking on a new life in North Carolina. We are all better for having known them.

The before-church Coffee Cart is planning to open very soon. Look for it in the lobby by the upstairs kitchen. Thank you to Beth Phipps for donating the cart, and to Lisa Golden and Alan Au for finding us a coffee pot.

The Coffee Cart is a good example of an idea several people have had and someone finally mentioned it to me. If you have an idea for making Lakeside more welcoming, inclusive, or fun, please say something and maybe we can make it happen!

We have several shut-ins on our prayer list, and there are others whom we haven't seen in a while. Please check the Prayer List each week in your Bulletin and reach out to them if you can. I am happy to say that Bible Study is now once-again on Zoom for our at-home friends, as is the Book Club and often meetings and events.

Speaking of which, if you can't make it to church for awhile, let us know! We miss you! Ask your family to contact us on your behalf if you need to connect and can't do it for yourself. We recently learned that longtime member and good friend to all Chuck Neighbor had already moved, and we didn't get a chance to say goodbye. Let's not let this happen again.

The church provides bag lunches for homeless and needy visitors. Recently this need has grown. We could use donations of non-perishable items for the bags—juice, water, healthy snacks, pre-packaged/shelf stable meats, cheese, crackers, dried/package fruit—whatever you can find that doesn't need a can opener, doesn't need to be heated-up, comes in single servings, and doesn't need refrigeration. If you like the idea of working at the Food Bank, we're the closest opportunity to share food with those who need it! Donations may be left in the front office, marked "for bag lunches", and Penny and Jerry Blumenthal or I will be sure they get put to good use. Thanks for your help.

Are you living alone and in need of occasional help, transportation, or someone to go out to lunch with? Reach out and ask! We are a great resource for each other. I can help link-you-up with someone who may be just who you need. And, if you are asked to help, realize that you are not only helping a friend in need, but being God's hands. If you have extra time, talk to me about ways you can help your church family and also about volunteer opportunities here, ongoing as well as special projects and one-time needs.

Please continue to let me know when you are available to provide coffee hour snacks and help. We are in a new cycle and there are many openings. Without you, it won't happen!

Happy Spring!
Cindy Young

LAKESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EMBRACES INCLUSIVITY: JOINS SAN FRANCISCO PRIDE MARCH

Lakeside Presbyterian Church is set to make history this June 30th by participating in the city's renowned Pride March. This decision marks a significant step forward in the church's ongoing commitment to embrace diversity and promote inclusivity within its congregation and the wider community.

The decision to join the San Francisco Pride March reflects Lakeside Presbyterian Church's dedication to embodying the principles of love, acceptance, and equality espoused by its faith. For many years, the church has been a supportive space for individuals of all backgrounds, orientations, and identities, fostering an environment where everyone is welcomed and valued.

The Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson expressed enthusiasm about the church's participation in the Pride March, stating, "As a church, we believe in celebrating the inherent dignity and worth of every individual. Participating in events like the Pride March is an opportunity for us to demonstrate our solidarity with the LGBTQIA+ community and to affirm our commitment to love and inclusion."

The decision to march in the San Francisco Pride event comes after thoughtful reflection and dialogue within the congregation. Members of Lakeside Presbyterian Church recognize the importance of standing in solidarity with marginalized communities and advocating for the rights and dignity of all individuals.

By participating in the Pride March, Lakeside Presbyterian Church aims to send a powerful message of love, acceptance, and support to LGBTQIA+ individuals, both within the congregation and beyond. The church hopes to be a visible symbol of inclusivity and allyship, fostering a community where everyone can feel safe, affirmed, and celebrated for who they are.

This historic moment underscores the evolving landscape of faith communities, where more and more churches are embracing LGBTQIA+ inclusion and actively working to create affirming spaces for all individuals. Lakeside Presbyterian Church's decision to join the San Francisco Pride March serves as a testament to the transformative power of love, acceptance, and solidarity within the realm of faith.

As June 30th approaches, members of Lakeside Presbyterian Church are eagerly preparing to march alongside thousands of others in celebration of diversity, equality, and the vibrant tapestry of humanity. Their participation serves as a reminder that when faith and love intersect, barriers are broken down, and communities are strengthened.

In joining the San Francisco Pride March, Lakeside Presbyterian Church is not only making history but also reaffirming its commitment to being a place where all are truly welcome, accepted, and loved.

Don Scott Carpenter
Director of Outreach

PENTECOST OFFERING



A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Investing in our Greatest Resource

Help youth begin life with a solid foundation of faith.

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/pentecost/>

MISSION COMMITTEE OF LPC
WE ARE THE CHURCH, TOGETHER

LPC is an active Matthew 25 congregation –



As a part of the larger Church, we can individually support bigger programs that we may not be able to do as a single congregation. These are some of the ways we will help:

Four Special Offerings will be taken:

- Ø **One Great Hour of Sharing** supporting Presbyterian Hunger, Disaster, and Support programs – during Lent
- Ø **Pentecost** supporting children at risk, youth, and young adult programs – at Pentecost
- Ø **Peace & Global Witness** supporting peacemaking and reconciliation programs- in September
- Ø **Christmas Joy** – supporting leadership past, present, and future. November/December

- Ø Missions is supporting LPCC in May at the Teacher Appreciation lunch by giving each teacher a Peet's gift card.
- Ø Missions sent a \$200 donation to United in Spirit in April
- Ø Missions will purchase signage promoting LPC as a welcoming and open congregation
- Ø Missions purchased the sign used on the walkway showing current and upcoming services and programs

We look forward to more opportunities to be Christ's hands and feet and will share with you in future articles.

Margaret Elam

LAKESIDE CHILDREN'S CENTER



During the months of March and April, the Children's Center was busy with different activities. Community Helpers Week, Women's History Month, Holi, Irish Heritage Month, and St. Patrick's Day were celebrated in the month of March. In April, Autism Awareness Month and Easter were celebrated. The families have responded well to the DEI initiatives of the school and are impressed with and deeply appreciate the inclusiveness of Lakeside.

On March 15th, InHo Kim, the Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of San Francisco made a special visit to the Children's Center. He was impressed with the great work the teachers and staff have been doing with the children.

At the end of April, the Children's Center held their annual Dance-a-thon to raise funds for on-going improvements of the school. During the Easter break, the kitchen, Alcove, Social Hall, and window trim in the Caterpillar, Ladybug and Butterfly classrooms were freshly painted.

LAKESIDE CHILDREN'S CENTER



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 6th through May 10th marks Teacher Appreciation Week. We are especially grateful for all of our Children's Center teachers and staff this year. Thank you to Michelle Adelsheim, Herlyn Cresino, Denice Hickey, Vivian Ta, Karen Andre, Michele Riedel, Maritza Bustamante, Vikki Chu, Laura West, Angelica Wolf, Gabriela Gallo, Katie McCarthy, Ashley Kwan, Sweelina He, Jenny Lei, Alyssa Rodriguez, Chrys Yee, Sandra Puccinelli, LaPriel Rossi, Pilar Manning, Jocelyn Gella, Breanne Banahan, Jocelin Anguiano and Hanna Legisniana for their service, commitment and dedication to the children and families of the school.



The school year wraps up on May 30th. The Children's Center is planning a graduation ceremony in the Social Hall for the Butterfly and Firefly students.

June 3rd marks the first day of summer mini camp. The Children's Center is looking forward to a fun-filled summer!

LAKESIDE CHILDREN'S CENTER

Celebrating Teacher Appreciation Day on May 9th

Thursday, May 9th, marks a special occasion dedicated to honoring the invaluable contributions of teachers around the world, and especially our Children's Center. This day serves as an opportunity for students, parents, and communities to express gratitude for the dedication, passion, and hard work of educators who play a vital role in shaping the future.

Teacher Appreciation Day is a time to recognize the tireless efforts of teachers who go above and beyond to inspire, educate, and empower their students. From early childhood educators to university professors, teachers touch the lives of countless individuals, instilling knowledge, fostering creativity, and nurturing a love for learning.

In classrooms, virtual settings, and beyond, teachers serve as mentors, guides, and champions for their students, helping them navigate challenges, discover their strengths, and reach their full potential. Their impact extends far beyond academic instruction, shaping the character, values, and aspirations of future generations.

As Teacher Appreciation Day approaches, let us take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to the teachers who make a difference in our lives and communities every day. Whether through a simple thank-you note, a kind gesture, or a heartfelt message of appreciation, let us show our teachers that their hard work, dedication, and passion are truly valued and appreciated.

On May 9th and every day, let us celebrate and honor the extraordinary contributions of teachers who shape the minds and hearts of the next generation. Thank you to all teachers for your unwavering commitment to making the world a better place through education.



COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

JOIN THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE!

If you have a passion for writing, coming up with creative quips, or posting on social media or ever think of yourself as a camera person or want to learn the fun and interesting profession of streaming and editing it is not too late. Briana Phipps has created a training video that will enable us to train people on an ongoing basis.

We hope that you will join this exciting team as we spread the word that God welcomes all and is alive and well on the corner of 19th and Eucalyptus in San Francisco.

To find out more about either of these opportunities, contact Beth Phipps at arobicmadness@aol.com or call 650-678-4123.

BOOK CLUB

At the April meeting, we discussed Tom Brokaw's book, *The Greatest Generation*. The author brings to life the stories of a generation of war heroes who fought in World War II. He profiles the lives of those who served their country and communities with courage and sacrifice and how they transformed America. It was such an interesting book that we spent two hours discussing it.

For our May 7th meeting, Pastor Pamela Anderson will lead the discussion on *The Four Agreements, A Practical Guide to Personal Freedom* by Miguel Ruiz.

Please note that we moved *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver from the May meeting to the June 7th meeting. Jane Sharp is the discussion leader.

We welcome all to our fellowship. For the Zoom link, please contact Sandra Tye (sgydt2960@yahoo.com).



MATTHEW 25

It's wonderful to see Lakeside Presbyterian Church embracing the Matthew 25 movement with such dedication and enthusiasm. This passage reminds us of the fundamental importance of compassion and service in our faith.

Your commitment to welcoming others as if welcoming Christ Himself resonates deeply. It's heartening to hear about the diverse ways Lakeside is answering this call to action, from supporting the vulnerable and forgotten to advocating for equality and inclusion, all while providing support for those in need.

By engaging in acts of compassion and service, Lakeside is truly embodying the spirit of Matthew 25. It's inspiring to see a community coming together to uplift the most vulnerable among us, regardless of background or circumstance.

Keep up the incredible work, and may Lakeside continue to be a beacon of God's righteousness, justice, and peace in your local community and beyond.

-Don Scott

LAKESIDE'S INNOVATIVE KEY SYSTEM REVOLUTIONIZES CHURCH ACCESS

Lakeside has introduced a groundbreaking new key system set to revolutionize access control within its facilities. This innovative system promises to enhance security, streamline operations, and provide greater convenience for members and staff alike.

The new key system, implemented in response to evolving security needs and technological advancements, leverages state-of-the-art keyless entry technology to replace traditional keys with electronic access credentials. This transition not only eliminates the risk of lost or stolen keys but also offers enhanced flexibility and control over access permissions.

With the implementation of the new key system, authorized individuals, including staff members, volunteers, and regular attendees, will be issued personalized electronic credentials, such as key fobs or access cards, granting them secure entry to designated areas within the church premises. These credentials can be easily programmed and managed through a centralized system, allowing administrators to efficiently assign access levels, track usage, and revoke privileges as needed.

One of the key benefits of Lakeside's new key system is its ability to adapt to the dynamic needs of the church community. Whether it's granting temporary access to visitors or adjusting access permissions for specific events or activities, the system offers unparalleled flexibility and customization, ensuring that access control remains seamless and efficient.

In addition to enhancing security and access control, Lakeside's new key system also offers practical benefits in terms of convenience and efficiency. Gone are the days of fumbling for keys or waiting for someone to unlock doors; with a simple swipe or tap, authorized individuals can gain instant access to the church facilities, allowing for smoother operations and improved workflow.

Furthermore, the implementation of the new key system aligns with Lakeside's commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship. By eliminating the need for physical keys and reducing reliance on traditional lock-and-key mechanisms, the church is taking proactive steps to minimize waste and promote eco-friendly practices.

As Lakeside Presbyterian Church continues to embrace innovation and adapt to the changing needs of its community, the introduction of the new key system stands as a testament to its commitment to safety, security, and efficiency. With this cutting-edge technology in place, Lakeside is poised to enhance the overall experience for members, staff, and visitors, ensuring that everyone feels welcome, secure, and valued within its walls.

Don Scott Carpenter
Director of Administration

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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.

