

LAKESIDE
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LANTERN

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From the Pastor's Desk



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

Dear Friends,

We are now in the season of Lent. It began with Ash Wednesday when we remember that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Don Scott and I decided to do some creative outreach so we did "Ashes to Go." We stood on the intersection of 19th & Eucalyptus and marked ashes of the cross on anyone's forehead who requested it.



The Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson
Interim Pastor



You would not believe the response! In less than an hour we easily had over 20 people request ashes and a blessing. People were stopping along the path, pulling over in cars and I was even darting out amongst the stopped traffic marking ashes before the lights changed. People were even honking their horns pointing to their own foreheads showing their ash smudges they received from a different church. One man who touched my heart intentionally pulled over

and asked for ashes and asked about Lakeside Church. He loved it. He said that he wished that he had had this growing up as a kid. When I marked the sign of the cross on his forehead saying, "Child of God, remember you are dust and to dust you shall return" his eyes brimmed with tears.

What strikes me so powerfully about the entire experience is how much people want to express and experience their faith. Lent is the time when we recall Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. It is the time that he intentionally set aside to do a spiritual journey of reflection and preparation as he began his ministry. We, too, are invited into an intentional season of reflection as we lean into our spiritual journeys for the next 40 days leading up to Easter.

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May we intentionally pull over, slow down, stop at the intersections of our lives, and reflect upon our finiteness. May we reflect upon the fact that we only have so many sunrises and so many sunsets. May we reflect upon what it is that we are doing with our days and ask ourselves if we are living our best lives. And if not, what can we adjust to make it better and more fulfilling. Jesus said in John 10:10 "I have come so that you may have life and have it abundantly." Are we living abundant lives? More importantly...do *you* feel like you're living an abundant life? Child of God, remember you are dust and to dust you shall return. It's pretty powerful to wonder what Jesus thought about as he wandered in the desert for those 40 days. As he wandered and wandered, did he know that it was going to culminate with the cross?

Did he know it was going to end with pain and torture? Did he know it was going to end with humiliating taunts? Did he know it was going to break his mother's heart? We don't know what Jesus thought about as he wandered and wandered for those 40 days, but what we do know is that it prepared him for his ministry. It prepared him to preach love, forgiveness, hope and that *everyone is welcome to the table*. It prepared him when he said in Matthew 11:4-6 "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor." And ultimately it prepared him to still preach love and forgiveness while dying upon the cross. What a powerful message! So much so that we are still talking about it 2000 years later. But as we know, the story does not end with the cross. Friends, it might be Friday...but just remember...Sunday's a comin'! It's easy to jump to the resurrection, the joy and empty tomb. But in order to get to the good stuff, we have to go through the desert. So let's be intentional during this season of Lent. May we slow down and let our daily lives intersect with the Good News of Jesus.

Peace & Shalom,

Pastor Pamela

The Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

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"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/donate

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

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

WORSHIPPING THROUGH MUSIC, ART, AND DRAMA



As we journey towards the cross, there are numerous opportunities for reflection and engagement that lie ahead.

Lent commenced on Ash Wednesday, marked by the solemnity of the imposition of ashes and the collective acknowledgment of our shortcomings. Throughout this sacred season, we center ourselves on themes of confession, forgiveness, and love, recognizing them as the transformative forces behind redemption—gifts bestowed upon us by Christ's sacrifice.

With Holy Week drawing near, we are presented once more with the chance to immerse ourselves in the poignant events leading to the Cross: from the triumphant entry into Jerusalem, to the somber moments in the garden, and ultimately, to the solemn hill of Golgotha. Our array of services provides avenues for active participation in each stage of this profound journey. (Details of our Holy Week services can be found on the following page.)

This year, we are introducing midday prayer services from Monday to Thursday at Noon in the Chapel, providing additional moments for contemplation and spiritual renewal. Additionally, on Good Friday, we invite you to join us for a special reading and meditation service between Noon and 3 pm.

Our Maundy Thursday communion service and Good Friday service will take place at 7 pm in the sanctuary, offering opportunities for communal worship and reflection on the significance of these sacred days.

Finally, on March 31, we joyfully gather to celebrate the Resurrection with a triumphant service featuring music performed by our orchestra, choir, trumpet, and timpani, accompanied by the majestic tones of the organ. Dr. Anderson will deliver an inspiring sermon, followed by communion. Post-service, we continue the festivities with our annual Bundt Cake celebration—a cherished tradition symbolizing the sweetness of new life found in Christ's resurrection.

We eagerly anticipate sharing these meaningful moments of worship, reflection, and fellowship with you as we journey together towards the glorious culmination of Easter.

I look forward to seeing you in church!

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

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY • 11 am • Sanctuary
Palm Procession, Children's Choir, Handbells

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024

MIDDAY PRAYER • 12 noon • Chapel
Spoken Midday Prayer Service

TUESDAY MARCH 26, 2024

MIDDAY PRAYER • 12 noon • Chapel
Spoken Midday Prayer Service

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024

MIDDAY PRAYER • 12 noon • Chapel
Spoken Midday Prayer Service

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024

MIDDAY PRAYER • 12 noon • Chapel
Spoken Midday Prayer Service
MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE • 7 pm • Sanctuary
Communion and Stripping of the Church

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024

STATIONS OF THE CROSS • Chapel open from 12 noon - 3 pm
Music and Meditation

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY • 7 pm • Sanctuary
St. John Passion - Viadana

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD/EASTER • 11 am • Sanctuary
Liturgy • Communion • Music for Choir, Organ, & Orchestra

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

I have heard your requests for coffee being available before worship, for all of you “early birds”. There are some logistical problems with this right now, as our committee members are very busy Sunday mornings doing greeting/ushering, setting-up for Sunday School, attending choir rehearsal, setting-up the chancel, and preparing for coffee hour at noon. I think we can make this happen, though, with a little help from the congregation.

First, the early coffee time would need to happen in the hallway by the office. The kitchen is already very crowded and busy with the committee making coffee and goodies for “regular” coffee hour.

Second, the upstairs coffee pot in the kitchen is constantly busy just for noon coffee hour preparation. So we will need a donation of 2 “Mr. Coffee”-type coffee makers, new or used, to use in the hallway. Many people already know how to use these drip machines, so, theoretically, we would have a pair, or a pool, of helpers who could make a pot as needed. I would propose using one of the pots for coffee and the other for hot water only, with tea and instant decaf available.

We also would need someone to volunteer to check that the pots are off at 10:45 and move the coffee cart back into the kitchen, as little children are in the hallway while we are in worship. This person needs to be an additional person to those currently on the committee, as there is no committee member free at that time.

If you like this idea, please volunteer to help make it happen! And if you don't like this idea, please let me know, too. As soon as we have the pots and the people we can start having Early Bird Coffee.

Cindy Young and Judi Murio

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.

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. 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, March 31, 2024.



LAKESIDE HAPPENINGS

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

COME JOIN US FOR EASTER

March 31, 2024

THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES DOWNSTAIRS AFTER THE SERVICE WITH OUR ANNUAL BUNDT CAKE EXTRAVAGANZA 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.



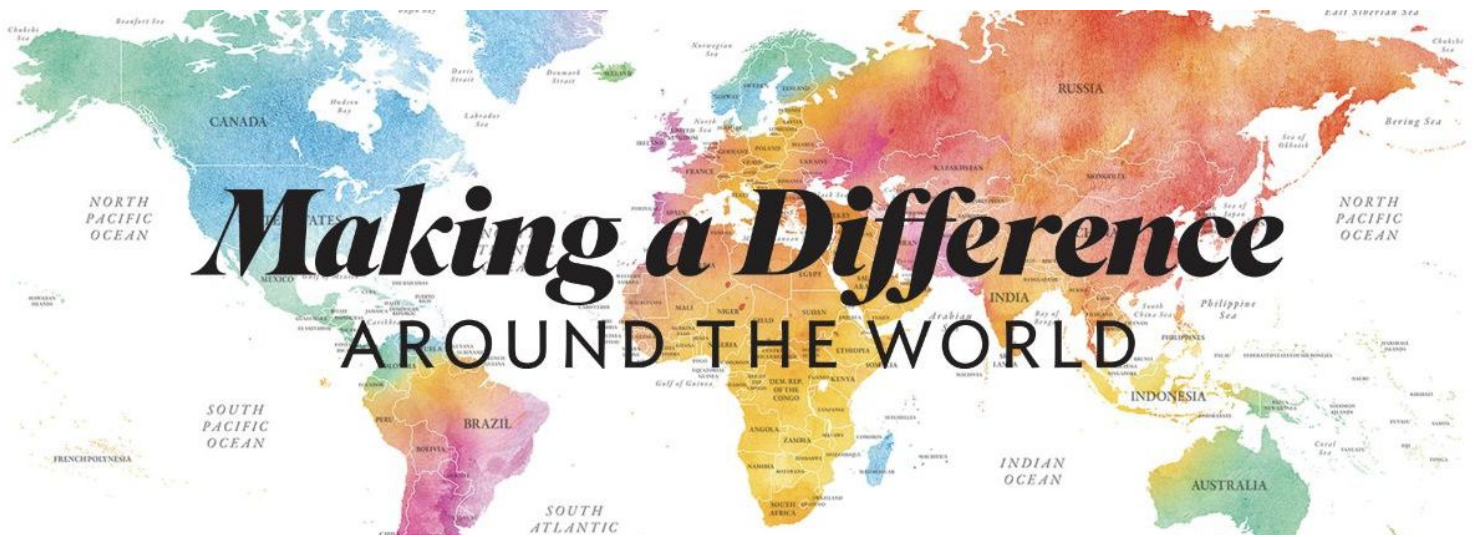
Thank you !

Beth Phipps
Celebration Chair
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After Bundt Cake, join us for an Easter Egg Hunt on the playground. Kids (and adults) of all ages are encouraged to participate.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



One-Great-Hour of Sharing – during Lent, we ask you to keep aside change or dollars and place in the “Fish” box. Fish boxes are available in the Narthex and the Main Office.

Remember to bring the box or your donations to Church on Palm Sunday where they will be presented and blessed.

by Emily Enders Odom

LOUISVILLE – In all her 66 years, Magda Cruz had never witnessed anything like Hurricane María’s power to destroy.

But greater still was the power she saw in the human spirit to prevail — even in the face of the 2017 hurricane’s widespread devastation.

And it was her people’s total commitment to improving their communities’ living and working conditions that inspired Cruz to harness her own power to persist in the fight for social and environmental justice, a cause to which she has long been dedicated.

Because Cruz had seen how Puerto Rico’s public education system had often overlooked or outright failed low-income communities such as hers, she vowed to do something about it. As a lifelong resident of Barrio Obrero San Ciprián in San Juan, Puerto Rico — one of several communities that surround the Martín Peña Canal — Cruz had already spent decades advocating for justice for children with learning differences well before the Category 4 hurricane ravaged the island.

To read the rest of this article, click [here](#).

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 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, Tanner, and Ms. Katie's daughter, Harper, 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.



CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY



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

Georgina Latter	March 1
Andrea Thurston	April 4
Sharon Mayo	April 5
Don Scott Carpenter	April 6
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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BOOK CLUB

The Lakeside book club was formed in November 2008 with a small group of Lakeside members. Elaine Padian and Sandra Tye were part of the original group and are still members. Over the years, the membership has changed with over 50 different people who have participated in this organization. We have read more than 150 books, many of them current bestsellers, both fiction and non-fiction.

We continue to welcome new members. Since COVID, we meet on Zoom rather than in each other's homes.

At our next meeting on March 5th, Sandra will lead the discussion on Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow: A Novel by Gabrielle Zevin.

The April book is The Greatest Generation by the newscaster, Tom Brokaw.

Both books are available at the San Francisco Public Library, the San Mateo Public Library and on the library website Links+.

We welcome all to our fellowship. For the Zoom link, please contact Sandra Tye

ENGAGEMENT

Throughout the spring, Lakeside will be undergoing a transformation as we delve into our desires to become a more active Matthew 25 church.

Welcome to Lakeside Presbyterian Church's journey with the Matthew 25 movement, where today we celebrate our commitment alongside 1,189 other congregations. Additionally, 96 mid councils and 67 groups stand with us, collectively striving to make our denomination a more impactful presence worldwide.

At Lakeside, we are deeply inspired by Matthew 25:31-46, where Jesus reminds us of the significance of our actions and how we treat others in the eyes of God.

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Here, in our community, we understand that welcoming others is akin to welcoming Christ Himself. As we work to bridge divides and unite people, we actively participate in God's reconciling mission. Our calling is clear: to serve Jesus by uplifting the most vulnerable among us, regardless of background or circumstance. From supporting affordable housing initiatives to cultivating community gardens, from advocating for equitable educational opportunities to providing support for those struggling with addiction or mental illness, we recognize that there are myriad ways to embody the Matthew 25 ethos.

Indeed, Jesus beckons us to engage in acts of compassion in our everyday lives. By doing so, we perpetuate Christ's message of liberation and hope for all people. At Lakeside Presbyterian, we embrace this call wholeheartedly, striving to embody God's righteousness, justice, and peace in our local context and beyond.

-Don Scott Carpenter

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PRESENTS...



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ELGAR: SERENADE FOR STRINGS

Lakeside Camerata • Lakeside Chancel Choir • Community Members • Don Scott Carpenter, conductor



MARCH 3, 2024, 4 PM



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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.

