



COMMUNICATOR

News from Claremont Presbyterian Church

March 2019

WORSHIP PLANS

Sunday, March 3 10:00 a.m.

Jazz Sunday

Luke 6:39-49

Chet Jaeger & the Night Blooming Jazzmen

Rev. Karen Sapiro preaching

Wednesday, March 6 5:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday

Light Meal in Fellowship Hall

followed by Evening Prayer in the Chapel

Sunday, March 10

10:00 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

Luke 4:1-13

Rev. Karen Sapiro preaching

“Cultivating Authenticity”

7:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer for Healing and Wholeness in the Chapel

Sunday, March 17

10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent

Luke 13:31-35

Kristi Van Nostran preaching

“Cultivating a Resilient Spirit”

6:00 p.m.

Lent Vespers with
The St. Petersburg Men’s Ensemble

Sunday, March 24 10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday in Lent

Luke 13:1-9

Rev. Karen Sapiro preaching

“Cultivating Trust and Faith”

in the Sanctuary

Waffle Church Child-Centered Worship
in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 31 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Rev. Brian Gaeta-Symonds preaching

“Cultivating Rest and Play”

From the Pastor

Lent is a season of spiritual gardening, of inviting God to unearth in us what lies fallow, what needs to be tended, and what needs to die for new life to emerge. This Lent, we’re embracing the literal and spiritual practices of cultivating and letting go. During our Sunday worship gatherings, we will focus on the themes of cultivating and letting go in the lectionary texts for Lent. Wednesday evenings and Sundays after worship there will be a light meal and small groups to reflect on these themes in scripture and in the book, *The Gifts of Imperfection: Let Go of Who You Think You’re Supposed to Be and Embrace Who You Are* by Brene Brown. We will reflect on how this theme applies to our lives as individual Christians and as a congregation seeking to do God’s work in new ways.

Ash Wednesday worship on March 6, Evening Prayers for Healing and Wholeness on March 10, Lent Vespers on March 17, and Waffle Church on March 24 provide additional opportunities for prayer, reflection and engagement with our theme.

May God’s blessings be with us as we begin our Lenten journey together.

Karen Sapiro

Lent Begins with Ash Wednesday, March 6

The season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days — like the flood of Genesis, Moses’ sojourn at Mount Sinai, Elijah’s journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah’s call to Ninevah to repent and Jesus’ time of testing in the wilderness. (The Sundays in Lent are not counted in this reckoning of the time between Ash Wednesday and Easter, as every Lord’s Day is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.)

At CPC the observation of Ash Wednesday will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a light dinner in Fellowship Hall followed by Evening Prayer in the Chapel.

Special Lenten Study

Cultivating & Letting Go

Lent is a season of spiritual gardening, of inviting God to unearth in us what lies fallow, what needs to be tended, and what needs to die for new life to emerge. CPC will be offering a 5-week series on the theme of Cultivating & Letting Go (as this ties into the Lenten sermon series.) Join us for a conversational time of devotion and a light soup & salad meal. The produce for the salad is provided by Uncommon Good, and the soup is provided by a CPC group.

We will be using Brené Brown's book *The Gifts of Imperfection* to help us more deeply explore different ways to consider the theme of cultivating and letting go. You may purchase a copy of the book Sundays following worship or in the church office during the week. It is also available for download if you prefer to read an electronic version on your device.



Sundays at 11:15 a.m. in Room 1 with Light Lunch

- March 10:** #1 Cultivating Authenticity: Letting Go of What People Think
March 17: #3 Cultivating a Resilient Spirit: Letting Go of Numbing and Powerlessness
March 24: #5 Cultivating Intuition and Trusting Faith: Letting Go of the Need for Certainty
March 31: #7 Cultivating Play and Rest: Letting Go of Exhaustion as Status Symbol
April 7: #4 Cultivating Gratitude and Joy: Letting Go of Scarcity and Fear of the Dark

Wednesdays 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall with Light Soup & Salad Meal

- March 6:** Ash Wednesday - Dinner in Fellowship Hall followed by worship in the Chapel
March 13: #1 Cultivating Authenticity: Letting Go of What People Think
March 20: #3 Cultivating a Resilient Spirit: Letting Go of Numbing and Powerlessness
March 27: #5 Cultivating Intuition and Trusting Faith: Letting Go of the Need for Certainty
April 3: #7 Cultivating Play and Rest: Letting Go of Exhaustion as Status Symbol
April 10: #4 Cultivating Gratitude and Joy: Letting Go of Scarcity and Fear of the Dark



Evening Prayer for Healing and Wholeness

The second Sunday of each month, all are welcome to join in Evening Prayer for Healing and Wholeness in the CPC Chapel. Led by Pastor Karen Sapio and the Rev. Dr. Tina Blair, these services will combine time for quiet contemplation with singing and a time for prayers of healing for yourself, a loved one, or a world situation that is on your heart. Please join us on Sunday, **March 10 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Chapel.

Easter Lilies

On Easter morning the sanctuary will be alive with the excitement of the Easter service. Part of the excitement will be our annual Easter lilies decorating the Chancel and cross. When worship has ended, the lilies are delivered to home bound and bereaved members of our church and the wider community.

Please help support the lily display and our compassionate outreach to our home bound by donating a lily with a dedication to a loved one or two in Easter Sunday's bulletin. A minimum \$25 donation is suggested but any amount will be gratefully accepted. General donations without a dedication are also encouraged. Look for the donation form in this *Communicator* and in the church bulletin.

Sundays for Children and Young Adults

Each Sunday morning child care will be available for infants and toddlers up to 5 years of age during both the 9:00 and 10:00 hours.

- ◆ During the 10:00 worship hour children grades K - 6 will be excused from worship following the "Time with the Children" to go to Godly Play and Creative Expression.
- ◆ College and Graduate School Age Drop-In Fellowship Group meets Sunday evenings from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.



Waffle Church

Sunday, March 24, 2019

10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Join us for an exciting
child-centered worship experience
that encourages participation from all ages.

Worship – Crafts – Waffles

NEXT Church

Woven Together: Stories of Dissonance, Sacrifice, and Liberation

Pastors Karen and Brian will be joined by Shelley Randles for the NEXT Church Conference in Seattle this year, March 11-13. This conference brings together the collective mind of Presbyterians from across the country. It is an exciting way to create networks of resources to better equip

churches as they move into the future of God's evolving church.

You are invited and encouraged to take a moment during those three days (March 11-13) to pray for Karen, Shelley, and Brian as they learn of new ways to experience and share Christ's church to our community.



Vespers

and the

St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble



*A service and concert of Russian sacred
music and traditional folk songs*

Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Claremont Presbyterian Church

1111 N. Mountain Ave, Claremont, CA 91711

www.claremontpres.org

The St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble is a Russian choral group and they are returning to Claremont Presbyterian Church to lend their sacred music to the Lenten Vesper service followed by a concert of traditional Russian folk music. Plan to attend this beautiful service in CPC's sanctuary on Sunday March 17 at 6:00 p.m. and stay afterwards for a fun presentation of folk music and refreshments.



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Adult Education
9:00 a.m.

Church School
10:15 a.m.

Worship
10:00 a.m.

Nursery Care
available both hours

START YOUR DAY A
LITTLE CLOSER TO
GOD



**25 MINUTES
THURSDAYS AT 7:00 A.M.
PRAYER AND MEDITATION
IN THE CPC CHAPEL**

Led by Rev. Duane Bidwell
and Elder Charles Kerchner

We invite you to join together in centering prayer and meditation at the beginning of the day. Keeping silence together allows us to support one another as we push aside the annoyances of the day and practice creating a more intimate relationship with God.

Financial Highlights

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 01/31/19	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	26,079	39,167
Other Income	13,944	9,225
Expenses	(45,096)	(50,087)
VARIANCE	(5,073)	(1,695)
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 01/31/19	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	66,818	67,158
Expenses	(73,687)	(67,174)
VARIANCE	(6,871)	(16)

Presbyterian Women Bible Study

Date: Tuesday, March 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Place: CPC Library

Leader: Kristi Van Nostran

Study Book: *God's Promise – I Am with You.*

All are welcome – men and women alike.

2019 NEXTCHURCH Gathering
Woven Together
Stories of Dissonance, Sacrifice,
and Liberation
Seattle First Presbyterian Church & Seattle
Presbytery, Seattle, WA
March 11-13, 2019
For more information go to the website at
www.nextchurch.net.

If you are interested in attending,
please speak to one of the pastors.

Parents' Night Out

We are happy to offer our annual Parents' Night Out at CPCC. Bring your little ones to CPCC on Friday, March 1st between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. for an evening of crafts, movies, dinner, and fun with friends, teachers and volunteers while you enjoy a well-deserved evening out. The cost is \$12 an hour for one child, \$15 an hour for two children, and \$18 an hour for three children. Please be sure to sign up by Thursday, February 28.

CPCC Fundraiser

On the second Monday of each month you have an opportunity to support the Claremont Presbyterian Children's Center. El Rancharo restaurant at 984 Foothill Boulevard in Claremont has graciously agreed to donate a portion of the receipts one night each month to the Children's Center. **All you have to do is go to El Rancharo on Monday, March 11 between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. and tell them you are with CPCC** (Claremont Presbyterian Children's Center.)

You may eat at the restaurant or take your food to go.

Jazz Sunday—March 3, 2019
10:00 a.m. Worship
Chet Jaeger and the Night Blooming Jazzmen



You won't want to miss worship on Sunday, March 3 when Chet Jaeger and the Night Blooming Jazzmen lead us in worship. Jazz Sunday is a long standing tradition at CPC and our own form of Mardi Gras.

The Night Blooming Jazzmen are an internationally known Dixieland Jazz Band which has been in existence since 1975. We are fortunate to have their leader, Chet Jaeger, as a member of our church and thank him and his band for all the years they have graced us with their presence in worship.

This is always a lively and spirit-filled service. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us and come ready to clap your hands!

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Deadline for next *Communicator*. March 15

The Latest

Claremont Presbyterian Church sends out a weekly email update for last minute news and announcements. The email is called "The Latest." You can sign up to receive "The Latest" several different ways.

One way is to go to the church website at www.claremontpres.org and look in the bottom left corner of the home page. Forms to sign up appear on other pages of the website but usually on the bottom right.

The church Facebook page has an Email Signup App. You may also contact Jo Colclough at jcolclough@claremontpres.org and tell her you would like to subscribe.

"Like" Us on Facebook

CPC has a Facebook page. Look for the Claremont Presbyterian Church page on Facebook and click on "like" to begin receiving news feeds about what is happening at CPC.

Prayer Chain

If you (or a loved one) are in need of prayer, the Prayer Chain of the Presbyterian Women is there for you. You may call the church office at (909) 624-9693 with your prayer request. Please be sure you have the permission of the person for whom you are requesting prayer.

**Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 10 at 2:00 a.m.
Be sure to set your clocks ahead
one hour before going to bed
on Saturday.**