



Celebrating LifeSkillz Graduates!



*Recipients of Presbyterian Women Scholarships
presented by Brooke Dvorak and Pat Morris are:*

Claribel Ordaz Sosa

Kimberly Morales Garcia

Jasmine Toolan

Receiving the Sally Morris Memorial Scholarship

Jamie Eileen Lusung

(Not pictured)

Recipients of Cummings Auto Group scholarships are:

Vivian Sendrey

Janice Romero Reyes

Jazmin Moreira

Alfonso Messina

Ileana Hernandez

Brianna Guzman

Trinity Sunday
Celebrating LifeSkillz Graduates

June 04, 2023

10:30 a.m. Worship

“The LifeSkillz program is one of the most joyful and surprising things I have ever done in ministry. Every single year we see things that are unexpected and beautiful: generosity, trust, support, courage, and laughter. In all these things it is clear that the Spirit of God is with us. Our hearts are made wider, and the hope we have is stronger. What a gift!”

-Sandy Tice

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Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

This service is being livestreamed and can be viewed on our YouTube channel in real time or as a recording. **Large-print copies of this order of service**, as well as **audio enhancement devices** are available **from the ushers**.

We gather on Sunday for 3 reasons:

- **To seek God**- whom we find in sacred text and sacrament, in music and in song, in prayer, in the beauty of this space, in the stillness where we can hear our hearts. We offer God our thanks and praise, our lament and longing, and our resources. We let go of burdens and receive grace and forgiveness. We see the One our hearts love.
- **To practice Community** – rejoice w/those who rejoice, weep w/those who weep. To break bread with those whom we love and those whom we need to love more fully. We practice things our culture does not emphasize: resting, forgiving, sharing. Jesus asked us to love one another as he loved us, and we cannot do so without practice.
- **To listen for our Call**- often an invitation to go out and be or do or remember. God is speaking all the time: through conscience, nature, friends, and certainly scripture. We gather to listen for that Call and to recommit ourselves to discipleship.

Information on our common life can be found on our website www.fpcsb.net, along with sermons and newsletters. You can participate in our work by supporting us financially with a one-time or sustaining donation.

Children are welcome in worship. Younger children may go to the Nursery at any time.

OUR NEXT COMMUNION will be Sunday, June 25th.
Our deacons will set the table so all may be made welcome.

Morning Worship†

Lector: Bobbi Cummings

REFLECTION before the SERVICE

“Father, Son, and Holy Spirit mean that the mystery beyond us, the mystery among us, and the mystery within us are all the same mystery. Thus the Trinity is a way of saying something about us and the way we experience God.

-Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Concerto in Am A. Vivaldi (1678-1741)
arr. J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Allow the music to usher you into sacred space and time.

INTROIT

*This Is The Day*¹ James Christensen

This is the day the Lord has made, Rejoice and sing to God's name.

*CALL to WORSHIP

O give thanks to our God with your whole heart.

✠ **On the day I called, you answered me.**

Your steadfast love endures forever.

✠ **Thanks be to God!**

*HYMN 637

*O Sing to the Lord*²

CANTAI OA SENHOR

Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo.

Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo.

Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo.

¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!

For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.

For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.

For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.

O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

† The symbols you will see in this order of worship mean:

*** Stand if you are able** **✠ The congregation will read.**

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TIME with the CHILDREN

[Children are always welcome in worship. There are activity bags & books in the Narthex. Infants-Pre-K may go to the Nursery at any time.]

ANTHEM

Holy, Holy, Holy³

Heber/Dykes

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shall be. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power in love and purity. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

New International Version

Paul is ending his letter to his friends in Corinth:

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All God's people here send their greetings. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

John 13:34-35

New International Version

Jesus knows he will die soon, he is saying farewell to his friends.

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

This is the word of faith that we proclaim

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

How We Know

Sandy Tice

RECOGNIZING OUR CARDINALS

Today we recognize graduating seniors from San Bernardino High whom we consider "our own". Many have been interns.

They participate in our weekly "Life Skillz" breakfast group.

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Our Graduates

*Janice Romero Reyes, Brianna Guzman, Ileana Hernandez,
Alfonso Messina, Jazmin Moreira, Vivian Sendrey*

Our Leaders

*Bobbi Cummings, Pat Morris, Brooke Dvorak, Rick Rodriguez,
Lisa Durham, Stephani Congdon, Jim Morris, Dawn Morris*

WE HEAR from STUDENTS and ALUMNI

*Janice Romero Reyes and Brianna Guzman, Class of 2023
Ariana Aceves, Class of 2022,
Carmen Avila, Class of 2016*

THE OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

(We offer our gifts as a response to God's Word, to be part of God's purposes in the world. You may place gifts in the plate during the offertory, or on your way out – or by mail or online.)

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDRETH

- ✠ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost, Amen.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and OUR LORD'S PRAYER

- ✠ Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.

*HYMN 765 *May the God of Hope Go with Us*

ARGENTINA

- ✠ May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

***MOMENT for REFLECTION**

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE** *I Believe in God the Father⁴* *David Gambrell*

I believe in God the Father, merciful and mighty Lord, maker of the earth and heavens, whom we worship and adore; and in Jesus Christ the Son, only Savior, sovereign one, by the Holy Spirit given, born of Mary, blessed virgin. Under Pilate, Jesus suffered, faithful to his final breath. He was crucified and buried, and descended into death. From the grave he did arise; he ascended through the skies; now enthroned with God in heaven, he will judge the dead and living. I believe in God the spirit, and the church in every place; saints in glorious communion, all forgiven, full of grace; flesh and blood will live again; life in Christ will never end. Holy Spirit, Son and Father; I will praise your name forever.

POSTLUDE *Improvisation* *W. Zeitler*

(For health reasons we are not greeting at the door)

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Jim Huffstutler, Ramon Ramirez, Robert Saenz

Elders: Lily Bolaños, Margaret Doane, Jon Horstmann

Deacons: Steve Smith, Rebecca Allen, Sharon Landeros

GREETERS: Tom & Donna Garza

USHERS: Margaret Doane, *Lead Usher*

Mark Adelson, Dave Thomas, *Security Ushers*

SOUND ENGINEERS: Dan Direen, Brent Nord

LIVESTREAM ENGINEER: James Welte

CAMERA OPERATORS: Kevin Lamb, Lynn Usher

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This Weeks' Celebrations

- Jun 4* Erynn Arellano
Jun 5 Raymond Direen
Jun 7 Deb Burgan-Price
Bob & Maria Saenz
Jun 8 David Grindahl

If you would like to have your birthday or anniversary included in our list of celebrations, or if you would like to make a correction to something that is already listed, please contact Mimi in the church office (909-882-3308), or email pres.first@gmail.com with the name and date.

You are invited to join with Presbyterian Women as we dedicate and celebrate the gifts of the annual Birthday offering. We are pleased to announce that Naomi Kuhlman, the Salvation Army Director of the Hospitality House, will be our speaker. We will meet on **tomorrow at 6:00 P.M. in Fireside Lounge**. If able, please bring a new twin sheet set as a donation to the Hospitality House. Please come to learn more about the Birthday grants, the Hospitality House in San Bernardino and to enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

The PENTECOST OFFERING was received last Sunday. Envelopes are still available this Sunday. The Pentecost Offering supports young people throughout the world. 40% of your gift will be used in our local community. The remaining 60% will support Youth Ministries, Young Adult Volunteers, and support the "Educate a Child, Transform the World" initiative.

More news and announcements are available in your Friday *Keeping in Touch* emails. If you are not receiving these, and you would like to, contact Mimi in the church office.

Music Box

When Alexander the Great (356-323 BCE) conquered the greater Mediterranean world in the 4th century BCE (from Greece to Egypt to India) he did two things in particular that changed the Western world: he established a common currency to be used throughout his Empire – so trade exploded, and he established Greek as a universal second language – so the exchange of ideas and knowledge exploded.

He also founded the city of Alexandria in Egypt. Economically it was one of the greatest seaports on the Mediterranean, and was also at the crossroads between Europe/Asia Minor, Egypt, and India.

Furthermore, Alexander's "home-school" tutor was none other than Aristotle (!! 384 - 322 BCE) so he had a profound respect for learning. In Alexandria, freedom of thought and civil debate was encouraged and protected. There were more Jews in Alexandria than in Jerusalem. Philo of Alexandria (20 BCE - 50 CE), a Jew, wrote extensively about how to integrate Plato and Moses. The Christian writer Clement of Alexandria (150 - 215) mentions the Buddha. It was also home to the great mathematician Hypatia (360? - 415) – a woman. Alexandria also featured the greatest library in the ancient world. Indeed, a requirement for ships to dock was that they had to contribute a book to the Library – when books were very expensive.

"Classical" Greek culture had its heyday from roughly the 8th century BCE (Homer) until Alexander, who inaugurated what is known as the "Hellenistic Greek" era. This had its heyday from about the 3rd century BCE to about 30 BCE when Rome conquered Egypt (bye bye Cleopatra). However, as the Roman Empire waned, so did the Mediterranean economy generally, including Alexandria's. Then, in the 4th century CE when Christianity became the official religion of the Empire and dissent was officially suppressed, that included Alexandria. The conquest of Egypt by the Islamic Empire in 641 put Alexander's glorious vision out of its misery.

Although the 'Classical' Greeks (like Plato) thought that getting your hands dirty with the real world was beneath the 'life of the pure mind', apparently Hellenistic Alexandria did not share this view. In Alexandria we see an explosion of engineering and hands-on scientific treatises. One of my favorites has to be Eratosthenes (276 - 194 BCE), chief librarian at the Alexandrian Library, who correctly estimated the diameter of the SPHERICAL Earth to within a few percent apparatus at hand. And 'automata' (simple robots) were invented and built there.

Another of their inventions was the pipe organ! By Ktesibios (285 - 222 BCE).

Ktesibios was particularly interested in pneumatics and hydraulics. A key to a workable pipe organ is regulating the air pressure — otherwise the pitch goes wildly up and down. He solved the problem by capturing a bubble of air in a water-filled urn, an air pump fed air into the bubble, and a tube led from the air bubble to the pipes. The weight of the water supplied the necessary 'springiness' to regulate the air pressure. Ktesibios didn't stop there: he also invented a keyboard played with your fingers (a dozen or so notes?) — so in one fell swoop we have a complete pipe organ. He fitted it with aulos-like pipes — the 'aulos' was a loud double reed (think Scottish bagpipes). He called it the 'hydraulis' — from 'hydro' (water) + 'aulos' — whence we get the word 'hydraulics'. Ktesibios didn't just invent it on paper — he built one, and his wife played it.

The hydraulis became quite popular in the Roman Empire — including accompanying gladiator games. (Like the organ at our baseball games?) Even Emperor Nero played it.

It didn't take long for later inventors to add more than one set of pipes, so now you have all the essential features of the modern pipe organ. Later inventors replaced the water-based pressure regulator with a pneumatic one.

The hydraulis died out with the fall of the Western Roman Empire (like so much else). But it was preserved in the Eastern Byzantine Empire. The Eastern Church forbade all instruments in worship, but one was installed at the Emperor's palace to musically announce his comings and goings.

In the 10th century the Byzantine Emperor gave one to the King of France, thus re-introducing it to the West. The Western Church took an immediate liking to it (while still forbidding all other musical instruments in worship). This means that the pipe organ was a secular instrument for some 13 centuries, and a "Christian" one for only 10 so far.

We've seen how Joseph and Jesus lived near Sepphoris — a major urban renewal project of Herod's — and likely worked there. Sepphoris sported a coliseum in which games were held. The hydraulis was a common feature of coliseum games. And the hydraulis was so loud you could easily hear it outside the coliseum. Thus, it's plausible that Jesus heard pipe organ music.

-- *William Zeitler*