



Bazzi Rahib, Ilyas Basim Khuri. Mary Anoints Christ's Feet.

5th Sunday of Lent

April 6, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship

“You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

John 12:8

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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 Thursday, April 17th.

Morning Worship†

Lector: Mary Bolaños

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Prelude in Db ("Raindrop")* F. Chopin (1810-1849)
Allow the music to usher you into sacred space and time.

INTROIT *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* ST. CHRISTOPHER
Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land; a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

*CALL to WORSHIP

In the mountains, on the plains

✘ **Christ speaks to us.**

In the light and in the darkness,

✘ **Christ finds us where we are.**

in this place, in every place, for this time, for all time,

✘ **Christ is coming to make all things new.**

***HYMN 645** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART

PRAYER of CONFESSION¹

With confidence in God's generosity,

we confess together and seek the new life offered in Jesus Christ.

✘ **Purifying God,**

**we grow comfortable with the way things are
in our lives, in the church, and in the world.**

**We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ,
for you overturn our notions of power and protocol.**

Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others.

Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us.

**Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of
others.**

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

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

¹ *Feasting on the Word Lectionary Liturgies*

Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice.

(Moment for silent reflection and confession)

- ✘ Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

(We remain seated for the kyrie, an ancient song of the church. We will sing it through in Greek first and then in English.)

KYRIE²

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

Note: Lower voices may hum.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

- ✘ In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and are being made whole. Amen.

(We stand and sing)

*TE DEUM

You Are God³

Marty Haugen

You are God: we praise you. You are Lord: we ac-claim you. You are
Fa - ther e - ter - nal: all cre - a - tion wor-ships you.

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TIME with the CHILDREN

[Children are always welcome in worship. After the Time with Children, our children are encouraged to remain with us in worship. There are children's activity bags available in the Narthex.

Infants through pre-Kindergarten may go to the Nursery at any time.]

ANTHEM *And Can It Be That I Should Gain*⁴ Jim Taylor

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued? *Amazing love! How can it be that Thou my God shouldst die for me?* He left His Father's throne above, So free, so infinite His grace; Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race; 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me. *Amazing love! ... 'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies! Who can explore His strange design? In vain the firstborn seraph tries To sound the depths of love divine! 'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, Let angel minds inquire no more. Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast-bound in sin and nature's night; Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray, I woke, the dungeon flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed Thee. Amazing love! ... No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine, Bold I approach th'eternal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ my own. Amazing love!*

SCRIPTURE John 12:1-8

New Testament, pg. 106

This is the word of faith that we proclaim

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Anointing the Anointed* Rev. Dr. Bill Roozeboom

MOMENT for MISSION

Brad Smith

THE OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

(We offer our tithes and gifts to be part of God's purposes in the world, and we invite you to take part. You may place your offering in the basket in front or give it to the usher. You may always send gifts by mail or online.)

OFFERTORY

SACRAMENT of the LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION to the LORD'S TABLE

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SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you.

✘ **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

✘ **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

✘ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

GREAT PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

James C. Huffstutler

✘ **Holy, holy, Lord Almighty,
God of power and might.**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Glory in the highest!

Blessed! Blessed!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna,

hosanna in the highest.

MORNING PRAYER 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.

PRAYER of CONSECRATION

THE WORDS of INSTITUTION

WE SHARE GOD'S GIFTS

(Communion will be served by intinction at two stations. As you feel ready, please come up the center aisle to a station, receive a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, eat it, and return to your seat by the side aisle. The cup is non-alcoholic. Gluten-free bread can be found at the station by the pulpit. There will be rovers to bring the elements to you if you do not wish to come forward. We sing as we commune.)

SUNG PRAYERS

As we go forward, as we wait and pray before & after, we sing our prayers together. The refrains are sung over & over as we make them our own.

SUNG REFRAIN 527 *Eat This Bread*⁵ *Jacques Berthier*

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst

SUNG REFRAIN 90 *Wait for the Lord*⁶ *Jacques Berthier*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near;
Wait for the Lord, be strong take heart

SUNG REFRAIN 204 *Stay with Me*⁷ *Jacques Berthier*

Stay with me; remain here with me;
watch and pray. Watch and pray.

PRAYER after COMMUNION

✠ In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment,
this meal, these people,
we give ourselves to you.
Take us out to live as your Beloved ones
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same. Amen.

***HYMN 828** *More Love to Thee, O Christ* MORE LOVE TO THEE

***MOMENT for REFLECTION**

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* ST. CHRISTOPHER

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

***POSTLUDE** *Hymn*

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Dr. William Roozeboom is a pastoral theologian, professor, pastor, and therapist. He is an ordained minister in the PC(USA) and has served in various pastoral roles. He works with clergy, congregations, and others on conflict management, staff relations, crisis intervention, restoration and renewal processes, and ongoing health and wellness. Dr. Roozeboom teaches at Fuller Theological Seminary, Loyola Marymount University, and Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. In addition to teaching, he serves as the director of neurotherapy and sees clients at the Avery Centre Counseling Services.

GREETERS: Mindy Rueda, Amy Rueda

USHERS: Al Rueda, *Lead Usher*

Marilyn Kraft, John-Paul Fletcher, *Security Ushers*

SOUND ENGINEERS: Dan Direen, Brent Nord

LIVESTREAM ENGINEER: James Welte

CAMERA OPERATOR: James Welte

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Ron & Ruby Kraft, Charlene Peterson

Elders: Kathy Showman, Norm Wallis, Pat Morris

Deacons: Kyle Smith, Christian Usher, Steve Smith

Pastor Nominating Committee:

Susan Addington, Mary Bolaños, John-Paul Fletcher

This Weeks' Celebrations

Apr 8 **Mary Bolaños**

Don & Earleen Dudley

Apr 12 **Frederick Star**

The Music Box

A young woman tried to write a letter to her dying father.

She meant to say everything.

How much she loved him.

How sorry she was for the years she'd been distant.

How scared she was to lose him.

How she didn't know how to go on without his quiet steadiness in the world.

She wrote. She revised. She started over.

Each night, the words sounded right when she began—but by morning they felt too small, too fragile. Like trying to catch the wind in a basket.

Then one afternoon, she gave up.

She walked into his room, sat beside him in silence, and placed a blank sheet of parchment in his hand.

He was barely conscious. His eyes fluttered open.

He looked at the page, then at her.

And smiled.

He squeezed the parchment gently and whispered,

“I heard everything.”

He died two days later.

She never found the page again.

Years passed.

One winter evening, her own daughter came to her—tears held back, voice trembling.

She sat down, then stood up. Then sat down again.

Something was clearly on her heart, but she couldn't find the words.

The mother said nothing.

Instead, she opened a drawer, pulled out a fresh sheet of parchment, and placed it in her daughter's hand.

Then said, quietly,

“This helped me once.”

And waited.

--William Zeitler

Final Lenten Quiet Night We want to intentionally walk toward Jerusalem with Jesus. By giving that journey our prayerful attention, our hope is that we can experience the glory of Easter more fully.

All are invited Thursday evening, April 10 to gather in the Fireside Room at 6:00 PM for a half hour of quiet time interspersed with readings.

A simple soup and bread supper, fellowship and conversation will follow. Please mark your calendar and join us!

The 10th Annual National Crime Victims' Rights Week Memorial will be held on **Monday, April 7th at 5:30 p.m.** at The Lewis Family Playhouse at Victoria Gardens Cultural Center, 12505 Cultural Center Drive in Rancho Cucamonga. There are 50 seats reserved right behind Joanne and Sherman for church members and friends. Come and support the families of Wanda and Mary Beth.

One Great Hour of Sharing supports three programs in the Presbyterian Church that serve in different ways to serve people and communities in need. Your offering will support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People, which will enable access to safety, sustenance, and hope for people around the world. We will receive the Offering on Palm Sunday, April 13th.

Palm Saturday! On **Saturday, April 12th**, we will gather in Fireside Lounge at **9:00 a.m.** for a morning of fellowship and creation. Everyone invited! No experience required! (Please bring your own scissors!) While some of us make palm crosses, others will prepare the sanctuary for Palm Sunday. We look forward to creating with you!

Maundy Thursday Service, April 17th, 5:30 p.m. Before the joy of Easter, we must accompany Christ through Maundy Thursday. We invite you to come with us as we celebrate the Lord's Supper and welcome the mystery of the cross.

Butterfly Cookies Needed to celebrate resurrection and new life during Coffee Hour on Easter Sunday. ***Please call the office to let us know if you will bring cookies (and how many)***, then bring yours to the kitchen before Worship on April 20th. Thank you for your help!

Saturday Morning, April 19th, you're invited to help the Worship Committee prepare our sanctuary for Easter morning. Bring your garden's most beautiful flowers, blooming branches, and greenery. (If you bring them in buckets of water, they will stay fresh until arranged!) Bring pruning shears and garden gloves if you would like to help make arrangements. We will gather at **11:00 a.m.** Come join us, whether you

have flowers to bring or not, in our tradition of beauty and creativity, as we prepare for Easter!

If you would like to know more about being Presbyterian and joining in the mission of this congregation, please let us know. We will make that opportunity available. If you are interested, you might say something to a staff member after worship, send an email to office@fpcsb.net, or call the office.

Per Capita Apportionment. The Per Capita Apportionment for 2025 is \$44 per member. The church will be paying this amount to support the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. It would greatly help our budget if you are able to pay this amount in addition to your regular offering.

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.



The seal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a symbolic statement of the church's heritage, identity, and mission in contemporary form. Its power depends on both its simplicity and complexity, as well as its traditional and enduring qualities.

The basic symbols in the seal are the cross, Scripture, the dove, and flames.

As a church of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), our congregational life is governed by the Ruling Elders of our current Session:

Lily Bolaños, Margaret Doane, Jon Horstmann, Phyllis Hough,
Sue Alexander, Jeanne Clark, Kathy Showman, Norm Wallis,
Pat Morris, Susan Skoglund, Katie Smith, Neal Williams,
and Clerk of Session Amy Smith

and supported by our Board of Deacons:

Rebecca Allen, Brad Smith, Dave Thomas, Chris Wright-Thomas,
Kristine French, Joyce Lyons, Joanna Nord, Mindy Rueda, Rick
Rodriguez, Jim Siegmund, Kyle Smith, and Christian Usher.

In this time of change for our congregation, a Pastor Nominating Committee has been elected by the congregation:

Susan Addington, Mary Bolaños, John-Paul Fletcher,
Brian Gano, Kendra Lamb, Jim Morris,
Shelby Obershaw, Christa Wallis, Neal Williams