



Presbytery of San Gabriel

MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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WEBSITE

We have been having an issue with our website not loading properly and are addressing the issue. If you are having a problem, please click on the refresh icon and the website should load.

PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Westminster Presbyterian Church of Pasadena in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, March 4, 2018.

ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Tuesday, February 27 - Presbytery Executive Committee - 6:00 at Pasadena Presbyterian Church

A REFLECTION FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us."
March 9:39-40

Reflection

When I was growing up, I always understood ecumenism, even interfaith cooperation and dialogue, to be an integral part of the Presbyterian tradition. I think there have been certain times and places where this was challenged, but this commitment does live on. At the very least, many of our members work with other people of faith for the sake of compassion, justice, and peace.

It's a little more challenging to study and dialogue about each other's beliefs. As I prepare for the World Council of Churches conference next week, I found the list of workshops fascinating, reflecting membership that includes the charismatic tradition as well as other, more staid belief systems such as ours. Interestingly, the WCC does not include the Roman Catholic Church, though they do include Reformed, Methodist, Baptist, Pentecostal, Orthodox, Coptic, and Mennonite among their 348 member churches. (San Gabriel Presbytery trivia: the WCC's second General Secretary was Eugene Carson Blake, former pastor of Pasadena Presbyterian Church.)

The PC(USA) has our own formal dialogue with the Roman Catholic Church; you may not know that one outcome of this dialogue is a mutual recognition of baptism between the two churches. There has not been the same level of mutuality on communion, but the dialogue continues. Locally, a priest in La Puente is leading a Lenten series on other church traditions, and he contacted me because he wanted to speak of the Presbyterian view of communion-inspired by Buzz Aldrin's story of the communion he had on the moon. I didn't know and had to look it up. Elder Aldrin wrote about it in *Guideposts*; I had to chuckle at the mention that they got approval from the Stated Clerk to make sure it was okay.

The corollary to these efforts to unite or connect across traditions is the continuing question about whether to leave the Presbyterian Church. It is difficult for me to know when it is necessary to break a relationship that some consider to be God's will. But, like any other covenant, attributing something to God's will does not mean we take each other for granted. Yet, also like any other covenant, one hopes that the roots of the relationship are deeper than simple agreement on various topics. And regardless of relationship, our witness is how we treat others even in disagreement.

I was reminded of this when I happened upon the moment in the 2008 presidential election when a woman told presidential candidate John McCain that Barack Obama could not be trusted because he was "an Arab." McCain immediately shook his head and said, "No ma'am. He's a decent family man, a citizen that I just happen to have disagreements with on fundamental issues, and that's what this campaign is all about."

It reminds me of the former pastor of Bel Air Presbyterian Church. This evangelical church was known to be opposed to ordination or marriage for gays and lesbians, yet they probably had more gays and lesbians in their membership than any other church in their presbytery. The pastor, Mark Brewer, even had been asked to officiate at a gay marriage, which he declined. He said, "the gay members of the church know that I love them, but we happen to disagree about this."

Too often, disagreements in the church are expressed as a win-lose, right vs. wrong, heaven or hell contest. What I appreciated about Rev. Brewer's approach was that he led with love. He did not insist that the gay members needed to change in order for their relationship to continue, and he did not claim God to be on his side of the disagreement.

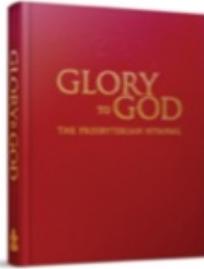
This does not mean that we can never change relationships. One might consider that the ability to voluntarily form new churches and denominations has contributed to the

continued vitality of the Christian faith in the United States. But whether we remain in relationship and disagreement, or we end old relationships, my hope is that the dialogue be guided by mutual respect, even love, and the unshakable knowledge that all who look to Christ with faith and gratitude are united beyond our differences.

As we continue in the season of Lent, and consider our own need for God's mercy, may we approach each other with an appreciation that we are all sinners, yet also beloved children of God.

In faith,
Wendy

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Come, SING TOGETHER

Explore our New Hymnal

Hymn Studies! A Saturday St. David's Day Celebration! Convocations!

1. *Two Tuesday Hymn Studies*

"Glory to God: Reflections on the New Presbyterian Hymnal"

- topical reflections on *Glory to God* hymnal
- guided singing and your choices of hymns

Tuesday, March 6 and 13 Rebecca Thompson 4:00 pm

2. *St. David's Day Celebration, Special Music by Côr Cymraeg*

- Includes singing from our *Glory to God* hymnal, following the Welsh tradition of Gymnanfa Ganu

Saturday, February 24 Huw Christopher 2:00 pm

3. *Two Thursday Convocations*

"Hymns in Glory to God: Favorites, Surprises, and Everything in Between"

Thursday, March 15 Eric Wall, Austin Seminary 4:00 pm
Includes our Hymnal Dedication

Thursday, June 7 Rebecca Thompson 4:00 pm

All Sessions are at Marwick Place
Monte Vista Grove Homes
2889 San Pasqual Street, Pasadena, California

Coming to MVGH
Eric Wall, Sacred Music Professor
To Present and Dedicate
The New GLORY TO GOD Hymnal:
Favorites, Surprises, & Everything in Between
Thursday, March 15 at 4:00 PM
In Marwick Place

Eric Wall, Assistant Professor of Sacred Music and Dean of the Chapel at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, will be here at Monte Vista Grove Homes on March 15 as Convocation speaker. At Austin Seminary, Eric is the seminary musician who oversees the seminary worship life. He also teaches courses related to church music and worship. Eric serves as Conference Center Musician for Montreat Conference Center in

North Carolina, where he spends the summer season overseeing the music for Summer Worship, directing the summer staff choir, and offering concerts and lectures. From 1998 to 2015, he was Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, North Carolina.

Eric has contributed to Call to Worship, the journal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of Theology and Worship, to The Christian Century, and to the Hymn Society's journal The Hymn. He regularly serves the larger church by providing music and planning leadership for a variety of conferences and gatherings and by serving as a music and worship consultant for other Presbyterian churches. He has taught as an adjunct professor at Columbia Theological Seminary. He holds memberships in the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada, and the American Guild of Organists (Dean of Western North Carolina Chapter, 2009 - 2011). He received a Bachelor of Music in Organ Performance in 1991 and a Master of Music in Choral Conducting in 1993, both from Florida State University.

His knowledge of and appreciation/passion for congregational song helped energize and fortify every worship service. Through his respect for the old and his enthusiastic embracing of the new, congregants came to experience Glory to God, not only as a "new hymnal" but also as a beloved book. Glory to God connects us with and affirms our past, while giving sound to new vision and challenges facing the church in the 21st century.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

[Click HERE to download a copy of the flyer](#)



Transforming Loss: Finding Potential for Growth

Transforming Loss: Finding Potential for Growth is designed to assist counselors and others working with bereaved persons, the tools to support and encourage transformative growth and will supply self-help advice for the bereaved themselves. The presentation will highlight factors associated with resilience and post-traumatic growth factors.

After the program, a local panel of grief professionals will provide further information and local resources and be available to answer any questions.

You're invited to attend our local program and panel discussion. There is no cost to attend.

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Registration/Continental breakfast: 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Teleconference: 8:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Local panel discussion: 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Huntington Hospital

Braun Auditorium
100 W. California Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91105

Call 626.397.5000 for directions, or visit <http://www.huntingtonhospital.org/Find-Us/Maps-Parking.aspx>

Parking is \$6

Information at hospicefoundation.org/professionals

VITAS
Healthcare
800.93.VITAS
VITAS.com



Local panel:

- **Rev. Alice Parsons Zulli**, FT, BCPC, Chaplain, Adventist Health Glendale Director, Beyond Loss Bereavement Support & Services
- **Jennifer R. Levin**, MFT PhD Grief therapist, Therapy Heals
- **Suzie Kline**, PhD, NP, LAc Manager of Integrative Oncology at Huntington Hospital Cancer Center
- **Pierre-Etienne Vannier**, MSC, CHT Mind-Body Practitioner & Program Development Specialist

RSVP to Hanan Salim at Huntington Hospital Senior Network by March 16, Hanan.Salim@huntingtonhospital.com or 626.397.5951

Free of charge; open to the public.

Free continuing education credits area available through the Hospice Foundation of America. Instructions will be provided to healthcare professionals at the conclusion of the program.

Attendance required for CEs.

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Hurricane Relief and Rebuilding in Puerto Rico - Summer 2018

Would you like to help with the relief effort in Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria? International Mission Partnerships and Cross-cultural Training (IMPACT) is taking applications for a trip this summer. IMPACT is a local faith-based organization that trains and sends out mission groups each year to places where they have local contacts. IMPACT will be partnering with All Hands and Hearts or World Renew this summer to put together a clean-up and recovery



trip to Puerto Rico. The cross-cultural training dates are June 25-28 and it takes place in Southern CA. Directly after training the group will travel to Puerto Rico and is scheduled to return on July 10. Applications are being accepted now and are due March 9th, so don't delay. For more information about IMPACT and to apply go to: <https://www.impact-theglobe.org/>

2018 Presbytery Meetings

April 21, 2018 @ Claremont Presbyterian Church
June 2, 2018 - Including Day of Service @ Westminster Gardens, Duarte
September 15, 2018 @ Calvary Presbyterian Church, South Pasadena
November 10, 2018 @ First Thai Presbyterian Church, Covina

2018 Presbytery Minimums

Pastor's Minimum Salary: \$53,745
Travel/Professional Expense Reimbursement: \$2,550
Study Leave: \$950

2018 Mileage Reimbursement Rates:

Ministry .545 cents per mile Charitable 14 cents per mile
Business .545 cents per mile

Quick Links

www.sangabpres.org

www.synod.org

www.pcusa.org

www.pensions.org

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY CARE SUPERVISOR

Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3740 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena, is seeking a caring, compassionate individual who has experience caring for children newborn to four years to supervise and coordinate our Sunday morning nursery care. We are committed to providing exceptional care for our little ones. If you have a background in childcare and you are patient, kind and enjoy caring for children, we hope you will contact us about this position.

The Nursery Care Supervisor is responsible for providing age-appropriate care which includes: feeding, changing diapers, escorting to the bathroom, maintaining a safe environment, putting children down for naps, holding, or sitting with and cheerfully interacting with children through

games, stories and play. The NCS is also responsible for maintaining a tidy environment in our nursery.

Hours are 9:30 - 11:30 every Sunday morning with worship being held from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. with occasional opportunities to work for additional special events.

Compensation is \$25/hour.

Qualifications:

- experience caring for children ages 0 - 4
- must be dependable
- ability to supervise teenage nursery care assistants
- satisfactory completion of a background check
- CPR training for infants and children is highly desirable (church is willing to pay for certification course)
- Must be current with immunizations and tb testing

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Rev. Cyndie Crowell in the church office at 626-351-8823 or call 626-676-6767.

PRAISE BAND WORSHIP LEADER - SUNDAY MORNING

Calvary Presbyterian Church in Riverside, CA, is looking for a talented singer/musician and worship leader for our Sunday 8:45 a.m. Contemporary worship service, *The Gathering*. Coordinating with the pastors, Worship Leader selects all songs for this service to compliment the scripture texts.

Also directs Praise Band including two vocalists and one pianist/vocalist; leads monthly 2-hr. practice; and 30-minute warm-up on Sunday morning before worship. Ideally, Worship Leader would have 3+ years of experience leading praise worship and band, play guitar or other instrument, and have experience working with and encouraging other musicians to create spirit-led, inspired praise worship. We are a vibrant downtown church with 30-40 people in this service.

Paid position. Send details to Debbie Neal at church@calvarypresch.com

Open Position - Director of Outreach

Claremont Presbyterian Church is seeking a Director of Outreach. This is a full time position.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree and three years' experience working in a church, nonprofit, or similar organization. Some post-graduate work preferred. Salary will be commensurate with experience.

To apply: Submit resume, cover letter, and three current references in pdf format to claremontpresapnc@gmail.com. Applications will be received until the position is filled.

Click [HERE](#) for a complete job description.



ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Many Faces of Dementia: It's Not All Alzheimer's Disease

A one day conference designed to bring together health care professionals, clinical researchers, residential care facility and community agency administrators, and providers in the greater Los Angeles area, who provide care for persons with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

Friday, March 16, 2018 - USC Radisson Hotel

Click [HERE](#) to download a copy of the registration flyer

2018 Mosaic of Peace - A Presbyterian Peacemaking Conference in Israel/Palestine.

April 29 - May 12, 2018

Apply online at presbyterianmission.org/mosaic through November 15, 2017

For more information visit presbyterianmission.org/mosaic or call 800-728-7228 x5805

PRESBYTERIAN OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES SAVORING THE JOURNEY CONFERENCE

"So that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3:20a

JUNE 5-8, 2018

ZEPHYR POINT PRESBYTERIAN CONFERENCE CENTER

660 HWY 50, ZEPHYR COVE, NV 89448

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