



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 First Presbyterian Church of Pomona in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, March 11, 2018.

ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

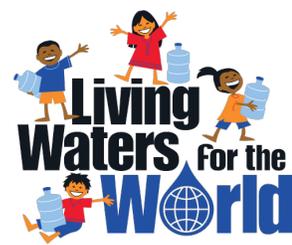
Tuesday, March 6 - Commission on Preparation for Ministry - 6:00 at Community, San Marino

Executive Presbyter, Wendy Tajima will be out of the office March 6 through March 16

Join our Living Waters team on a trip in May 2018

Have you wanted to go to Peru and help with a water system installation? This May our Living Waters for the World team will be installing a water system in Lima, Peru at a school. Lima is basically at sea level, so altitude will not be an issue on this trip. Trip

dates are being finalized now, but the installation will happen the last week of May. If you are interested, please contact Wendy Gist at gist.wendy@gmail.com as soon as possible.



A REFLECTION FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" *John 18:26*

Reflection

I heard the story about Peter's denial of Jesus in worship yesterday morning. I don't know why this was covered on the third Sunday in Lent, as this reading is part of the passion narrative usually featured on Good Friday. But the pastor believes that one of the things we should reflect on during Lent is, how have we shown-or failed to show-our commitment to serve Jesus Christ?

During the reading, I heard something I hadn't noticed before. In this account, John emphasizes relationships. Jesus had just been arrested and taken to be interrogated by the high priest. Peter and one other disciple were with Jesus, but only the other disciple was allowed to go with Jesus, because the other disciple knew the high priest. Peter was allowed to come into the courtyard because this disciple spoke up for him. So it's not surprising that Peter was asked about his relationship with Jesus, as he was allowed in based on the word of Jesus' companion.

Once in, Peter tried to blend in with others hanging out in the courtyard, but he was questioned again. Finally, Peter was identified a third time, now by a relative of the man whose ear was cut off by Peter when Jesus was arrested.

It's interesting that these relationships-Jesus' other disciple with the high priest, or the relative of the guard Peter hurt-are mentioned, because they seem pretty incidental and unimportant. But perhaps these relationships are mentioned as a contrast to the most consequential relationship of all, Peter's relationship with Jesus, which Peter betrayed.

So as we continue our Lenten journey, let us ask ourselves: how is your relationship with Jesus? Is it incidental? Is it central in your life? Is it important as long as you get benefit from it, but easily forgotten when the authorities put the heat on you? And how well do we relate with other disciples, including those we don't yet know?

Tomorrow I leave for the World Council of Churches Conference on World Mission and Evangelism in Tanzania. As delegates, our first priority is to relate with others, and learn from their experiences. Our delegation leader mentioned that we should avoid hanging out with each other, or with other North Americans, but to make an effort to connect with members of the body of Christ who are not familiar to us.

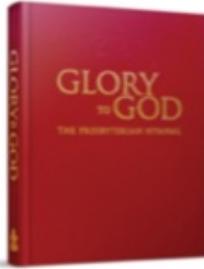
Relating with others can have its challenges, just as Peter was challenged when his beloved teacher was arrested and treated like a criminal. As we open our hearts to others, it's harder to turn away when they suffer pain or injustice-but we also experience

so much more of God's great kingdom. That's the amazing thing about being claimed by Jesus-we get to see who else Jesus is claiming, and as we claim them ourselves as our sisters and brothers, we get a better understanding of God's magnificent creativity.

I will be out for the next two weeks; though I may not be available by phone you can contact Twila, and she can either help you or find someone who can. I appreciate your prayers for all those who are traveling to Tanzania, and I give thanks to God for this wonderful opportunity. Just as I can bring with me knowledge of our little piece of God's kingdom, may I bring back stories and lessons gained from these new relationships.

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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