



Presbytery of San Gabriel

MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Calvary Presbyterian Church of South Pasadena in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, April 1, 2018.

ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

The Presbytery Office will be closed on Good Friday, March 30, 2018

A REFLECTION FROM OUR CHAPLAIN FOR RETIRED CHURCH WORKERS, LAUREN EVANS

John 12: 12-16

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him. They shouted,

"Hosanna!

Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the king of Israel!"

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

***Don't be afraid, Daughter Zion.
Look! Your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt.***

His disciples didn't understand these things at first. After he was glorified, they remembered that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him.

We have just begun Holy Week, that long walk from the shouts of praise and adoration at the entrance of Jerusalem that will land us, in just a few short days, squarely at the foot of the cross. Yesterday we celebrated - we raised our palm branches high and shouted our hosannas. We often think of the word "hosanna" as fairly generic, religious acclamation of praise. A holy form of "hooray!" But in reality, the word "hosanna" is transliterated from the Hebrew words that mean "We beg you, save us!"

What a powerful image it is to think of those words - "We beg you, save us!" - shouted as the cries of joy and acclamation as they were heard on Palm Sunday. It is not normally with tones of joy that one would beg for help. But that joy came from the hope and expectation that the people had already chosen to entrust Jesus with that their salvation was assured, that the powers of Rome would be defeated and all would be set to right. Of course, we know that the people's expectation for what would happen with Jesus's arrival in Jerusalem was not what came to pass. Instead, something far more reaching, world-upsetting, and expectation flipping happened.

Holy Week is about God defying our expectations and bringing us to something so much bigger and world-changing than we could have ever hoped for. My favorite part of this passage is the end of it - "His disciples didn't understand these things at first. After he was glorified, they remembered that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him." How often do we look at what is happening in the world and in our own lives and have a set of expectations for God's actions in the midst of them that do not come to pass? How often do we ourselves cry "We beg you, save us!" and then wonder why God has not swooped in with all of God's might to strong-arm a victory in the world, or in our lives? How often do we wonder if we have put our hopes behind a God who does not deliver?

But what would it mean if we, like the disciples, were able to look back on the events of our lives and the events of the world and look for the ways that God met us where we were in the ways we would never have expected? It is a well-known adage that hindsight is 20/20. When the world around us seems lost and unstable, can we look to our own histories to see where God has been, and perhaps trust that if God was with us then doing things we could not have anticipated, is it not possible that God is doing the same today, saving us all in ways that subvert ours and the world's expectations?

There is power in looking backwards. When we see where God has been with us along the way of our lives, we are better able to see where God is with us as our lives move forward, even if we move forward with uncertainty. Starting in May, as the Chaplain to Retired Church Workers of our presbytery, I am beginning a monthly newsletter specifically for our retired church workers, aimed at helping us to trust the road forward by looking back on where God has been and what God has done to bring us to this point in our lives. Expect it to arrive in your inboxes on May 1st, and if you don't receive it at would like to, please reach out to me at RevLaurenEvans@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list.

As we walk into this Holy Week together, as our cries of "Hosanna!" fade into the tears of Maundy Thursday and Holy Friday, may we wait in joyful expectation of Easter morning. When the light grows dark this week, may we trust that the bright light of the resurrection promise, the light of the God who subverts our every expectation to truly change the world and change our hearts, is on its way.

Don't be afraid, Daughter Zion.
Look! Your King is coming.

Blessings,

Rev. Lauren Evans
Chaplain to Retired Church Workers

Board of Pensions Benefits Connections

Thursday, April 19th at the Sheraton Gateway on Century near LAX
10:30 to 2:30

Helping Church Employers Align Benefits and Values

Who Should Attend?

People who drive benefits decisions and manage benefits for churches of all sizes - large and small - including but not limited to:

Congregational leaders, including

- business administrators;
- office managers;
- clerks of session;
- personnel committee chairs; and
- pastors; and

Presbytery leaders, including

- Committee on Ministry (COM) members; and
- Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) members.

Registration is open to anyone who would like to attend.

Why Attend?

During this one-day event, you'll have the opportunity to learn about the theological values that shape the Benefits Plan, learn about new benefits and programs for 2019, ask questions of Board of Pensions leadership and staff, meet other decision-makers in your area, and participate in a panel of your peers.

You'll leave with a better understanding of the plan, newly established peer relationships, and new strategies for being the best employer you can be.

What's Included?

Morning refreshments, networking, learning, and lunch! Complimentary parking is available at each location.

To Register

<http://www.cvent.com/d/vtqbjq>

**Antiracism Training, led by Rev. Eric Law of Kaleidoscope Institute
(Open to all)**

April 14 (Sat) 9 AM to 12 PM

Monte Vista Grove Homes, Marwick Place
2889 San Pasqual St., Pasadena

Lunch is provided with RSVP. Please RSVP with Fried Wilson at
friedwilson@synod.org

**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
Business .545 cents per mile

Charitable 14 cents per mile

Quick Links

www.sangabpres.org

www.synod.org

www.pcusa.org

www.pensions.org

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Church Administrator

Pasadena Presbyterian Church, 585 East Colorado Boulevard, Pasadena is seeking an individual to be responsible for efficiently administering the office operations in order to provide a welcoming and well run church, for the church members, staff and visitors. The current office operations staff includes a full-time facilities director, a full-time bookkeeper, a full-time administrative assistant and a part-time administrative assistant. This position will assist the Personnel Committee as the primary resource person for human resources matters. He/she will also work closely with the bookkeeper to ensure that financial statements are accurate and timely.

Qualifications include:

- 5+ years of supervisory experience including experience in the area of Accounting and Human Resources
- Experience working in a non-profit organization, preferably a church
- Strong working knowledge of office computer systems: Outlook, Excel, Word, PowerPoint, church accounting software, database software and willingness to learn new systems.

Compensation: \$65,000 - \$75,000 based on experience and ability with medical coverage included.

To apply: Submit resume, and cover letter pdf format to the attention of the Personnel Committee at ppchr@ppc.net. Please go to our website: ppc.net for a detailed job description. Applications will be received until the position is filled.

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

DON'T BLOW YOUR BUDGET

Practical Advice That Works

Linda Neuenburg

April 14th @ 5:30

Babysitting is available

9723 Garibaldi Ave, Temple City, CA 91780

Click on the following video link for more information:

<https://youtu.be/ZoID-aaEC28>

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

Click [HERE](#) to download the conference flyer

Save the Date - La Casa's Annual Fundraising Dinner

Thursday, October 11, 2018 6 P.M.

LA/San Gabriel Hilton

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