



# MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

## Presbytery of San Gabriel

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Monday, December 2, 2019

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## ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

### Monday, December 2:

Commission on Ministry - 12:00 in the Elder's Lounge at the Presbytery Center  
Personnel - 1:30 at Westminster Temple City

### Tuesday, December 3:

Justice, Peacemaking and Mission - 11:30 at Knox, Pasadena  
Commission on Preparation for Ministry - 5:30 at Community, San Marino

### Thursday, December 5:

Administration and Finance - 2:30 in the Elder's Lounge at the Presbytery Center

## PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Capstone Chinese Presbyterian Church of Arcadia in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, December 8, 2019

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

As we work together with God, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For God says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! *2 Corinthians 6:1-2*

## Reflection: Advent

I hope you had a warm and wonderful Thanksgiving, and that you have entered the season of Advent with eyes open to the wonders that God has in store for us.

I had the opportunity to mark the beginning of Advent by preaching twice yesterday, including for the 4 pm vespers service at Monte Vista Grove Homes' Health Center. This is an opportunity to reach out to folks who cannot go to church, and because the Health Center (the skilled nursing arm of Monte Vista Grove) usually has people from the outside community as well as Grove residents, it helps to offer hope to folks from within and outside our Presbyterian family. Bill Van Loan, who coordinates the vespers service along with the Chaplaincy Committee, told me that they would appreciate volunteers who would like to offer God's Word to this community, so please let him or me know if you are interested. It's a 30-minute service with music and support offered by resident volunteers like Roberta Woodberry and Mark Duntley, and I was encouraged to see several family members who attended along with their loved ones.

My morning sermon was at a church where I was asked to focus on some of the "back story" that is the Old Testament narrative. We Presbyterians honor the Old Testament not only as the story of God's care for God's chosen people, and so now God's care for us, but also it is the Bible that Jesus grew up with.

Focusing on the Old Testament, or Hebrew Bible, is especially relevant during Advent, because the prophecies of the Old Testament informed the Jews as they yearned for God's salvation, especially through the years from the heydays of King David to the centuries of destruction, occupation, exile, oppression, and political betrayal leading up to the birth of Jesus Christ. The prophecies of Isaiah, Jeremiah, and others promised that God would bring forth a new king from the house of David who would restore Israel in a state of justice and righteousness. How the people imagined this new king would look, and how he would accomplish this restoration, guided those centuries of hope and expectation. For us, this hope culminates in the birth of the humble, displaced baby Jesus. For others, they couldn't believe this rebel carpenter's son was the Messiah, the Anointed One.

If we really try to enter into the yearnings of the people of Judah, we gain a sense of the hunger, the faithfulness, the frustration, the persistent hope, and the ease with which people will follow the wrong path in order to survive—all that and more I cannot even imagine must have been mixed into the spiritual psyche of the Jewish people during that time so many years ago, when the emperor Augustus called for the census that caused the young pregnant woman Mary to go with her fiancé Joseph to Bethlehem.

As we enter into this season of Advent, let us not rush ahead to the happy ending, but dwell a little on the feelings we have in common with those Judeans of 2,000 years ago—feelings of need for God's care, a yearning for justice, and a determined hope for a better life of righteousness and peace for all. We live in the faith that God does hear us when we cry out to God, just as God has heard God's people over the millenia. As we open our hearts to our need for salvation, let us appreciate anew the gift of God coming to us in Jesus the Christ.

Poet-scholar David Rosenberg restated portions of the Hebrew Bible in his book *A Poet's Bible*. His version of Psalm 90, captures for me the hope that is Advent:

and for every day lost  
we find a new day  
revealing where we are

in the future and in the past  
together again  
this moment with you

made human for us  
to see your work  
in the open-eyed grace of children

the whole vision unlocked  
from darkness  
to the thrill of light

where our hands reach for another's  
opening to life  
in our heart's flow

the work of this hand  
flowing open  
to you and from you.

As we confess our need for God's love, may we appreciate all the more God's willingness to come and be with us, to be one of us, to reach out his grace-filled hands to love and heal us and even partner with us—and then we will see that thrill of light, and

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## *Legacy of Caring... Fall 2019*

### Support Presbyterian Chaplaincy at LAC+USC Medical Center

*Pray* Lift up this ministry in prayer

- Your prayers for patients, families, staff and chaplains support and sustain this important work of caring
- Add Presbyterian Chaplaincy to your prayer list

*Give* Continue the legacy

- Your donations and financial partnership make this ministry possible
- Contact Amy at the Presbytery of the Pacific (310) 670-5076 to find out more about one time and sustaining contributions

*Remember* Interfaith Memorial Service for Unclaimed Dead

- Wednesday, December 4, 2019 10:00 a.m.
- Los Angeles County Cemetery (3301 East First Street, Los Angeles, 90033)

*Acts of Kindness* Share handmade blankets with patients

- December 17, 2018 volunteers from many faith communities share handmade blankets with hospital patients.
- You can create blankets - Blankets can be knit, crochet, sewn or quilted, 36" x 36"/48"
- You can help distribute the blankets on Tuesday, December 17 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Contact Elizabeth at the Dept. of Spiritual Care at (323) 409-4715 or [egibbszehnder@dhs.lacounty.gov](mailto:egibbszehnder@dhs.lacounty.gov)

*Gather* Hygiene Kits for homeless patients

- These are shared with homeless patients from the chaplain's office, Angel Interfaith and the LAC+USC Emergency Department
- A gallon zip lock bag filled with a washcloth, bar of soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, comb, tissue, body lotion, hand sanitizer & socks.
- Contact Raquel at Angel Interfaith Network at (323) 409-6923 or [office@angelinterfaith.net](mailto:office@angelinterfaith.net)

To find out more about how you can be a part of this important ministry, please contact Rev. Elizabeth Gibbs Zehnder, Chaplain at [Elizabeth.GibbsZehnder@gmail.com](mailto:Elizabeth.GibbsZehnder@gmail.com)

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NORTH HILLS, CA 91343  
TEL: (747) 529 – 4783

E-MAIL: [SFVRCC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SFVRCC@GMAIL.COM)

## Looking for Donations!

At the moment, the SFVRCC currently assists about 200 minors and their families (80 families) who have immigration active cases. These families would really appreciate the following donations:

- Donate electronic gift cards that will buy groceries, i.e., Ralphs, Superior, any amount is welcome.
- Donate electronic gift cards that will buy clothing i.e., Target, Walmart, any amount is welcome.
- Donate school and art supplies from our SFVRCC Amazon Wish List at <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3HDK9KDWB8NYG>
- Donate Tap Cards, purchase them at <https://www.taptogo.net/TAPPurchase>
- Donate hygiene/toiletry kits
- Financially donate to our organization where you can also find a breakdown of your dollar work <https://www.noestassolonorthhills.org/donate-now.html>

For further questions you may contact:

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Thank you!

# VIVALDI'S *Gloria!*

CHOIR & ORCHESTRA CONCERT  
Sunday, December 8  
4:00pm - 5:15pm, Sanctuary

Stay for TREELIGHTING following the concert!



## Choir Concert

*Sunday, December 8, 4:00 - 5:15 pm, San Marino Community Church, 1750 Virginia Road, San Marino, Sanctuary*

**Plan to attend a Christmas concert featuring a 70-member choir and orchestra, performing the exciting Vivaldi *Gloria*, as well as some beautiful carols with orchestra. The concert ends with a carol singalong. Admission is free. A freewill offering will be received. All are welcome. Plan to stay afterward for the annual courtyard tree lighting. Contact [PGreen@smccpby.com](mailto:PGreen@smccpby.com).**





# RISE

## WINTER CAMP

**BIG BEAR LAKE CHRISTIAN CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER**

Junior High and High School Students

March 20 - 22

*Register at [bblccc.com/march-madness](http://bblccc.com/march-madness)*

*Email [bigbearlakechristianconference@gmail.com](mailto:bigbearlakechristianconference@gmail.com)*

### **Presbytery Meeting dates for 2020**

Tuesday, January 14 - 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 28 - 9:00 am

Saturday, May 30 - 9:00 am - GA Co-Moderator Rev. Cindy Kohlmann

Saturday, September 26 - 9:00 am

Tuesday, November 17 - 7:00 pm

## 2020 Presbytery Minimums

Pastor's Minimum Salary: \$57,685

Travel/Professional Expense Reimbursement: \$2,735

Study Leave: \$1,020

## 2019 Presbytery Minimums

Pastor's Minimum Salary: \$55,840

Travel/Professional Expense Reimbursement: \$2,645

Study Leave: \$985

## 2019 Mileage Reimbursement Rates:

Business .58 cents per mile

Charitable 14 cents per mile

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (Undergraduate) | POMONA HOPE

Pomona Hope's 10-week summer internship is an opportunity for undergraduate students to participate in urban ministry and gain professional experience while working with K-12 youth in the city of Pomona. Summer Interns live together on-site to develop relationships with each other and their immediate neighborhood. Interns facilitate Summer Enrichment with Pomona Hope, a 5-week program for K-12 students, by teaching daily workshops, planning field trips and mentoring High School volunteers. Interns also partner closely with First Presbyterian Church of Pomona's weekly youth ministry and annual Vacation Bible School.

Learn more about Pomona Hope and find a full internship description and application [HERE](#). Applications due April 13, 2020, with preference given to applications arriving by January 31, 2020!

La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church as an opening for a position titled Communications and Office Administrative Associate. This is a Full-Time position - 36 hours per week. Benefits according to the Personnel Policy. Resumes should be sent to Shelly Ulrich at [shellyulrich55@gmail.com](mailto:shellyulrich55@gmail.com). Click [HERE](#) to download a complete job description.

La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church has an opening for a Bookkeeper. This is a part-time position. Click [HERE](#) to download a complete job description. Materials requested in the job description should be mailed to:

La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church  
1040 Baseline Road  
La Verne, CA 91750

Calvary Presbyterian Church of South Pasadena is seeking a thoughtful, energetic, and creative candidate for our Children & Youth Ministries position. This is a full time, salaried position. Hours negotiable. Click [HERE](#) to download detail/job description.

For more information about our church please visit [www.cpcsouthpas.org](http://www.cpcsouthpas.org).

Please send a cover letter and resume to The Rev. Millason Dailey, [millason@cpcsouthpas.org](mailto:millason@cpcsouthpas.org).



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### **Save the Date**

The Board of Directors of Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Inc. just cast a unanimous vote for the 2021 Church-wide Gathering of Presbyterian Women!  
August 5-8, 2021 - St Louis, MO