

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**END OF YEAR GIVING UPDATE:** We entered December running approximately \$64,000 behind in our giving and the month of December is always an important one for the church, as it accounts for 19% of our yearly giving or approximately \$455,000. We are hopeful that we can make up the difference, and we pray that you will give generously to the operating budget of the church. The good news is, through November our actual expenses were less than expected.

Budgeted Income July 1-Dec. 31: \$1,278,000

Actual Income July 1-Dec. 5: \$827,000

Received Dec. 1-6: \$66,900

**CREATED FOR COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN REMINDER:** As you may recall LJPC did a major renovation of our Sanctuary and Children's Wing in 2015-2016. Pledges were to be completed by the end of 2017. If you are not sure you have completed your pledge please contact the Business Office.

**CHARITABLE GIVING FROM YOUR IRA DISTRIBUTION:** If you are 70 1/2 or older, you may donate up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA without paying taxes on the distribution. Daryl Bryant, DarylB@ljpres.org, (858) 729-5552.

**FARMERS INSURANCE OPEN RAFFLE:** Enter SunHouse's Raffle today for a chance to win a 4 pack of tickets to the Farmers Insurance Open. All proceeds benefit the SunHouse High School Mission Trip 2018. Raffle tickets start at \$1 for 1 ticket, \$10 for 10 tickets, or \$40 for 50 tickets and can be purchased today in the courtyard. The Farmers Insurance Open is January 24th- 28th, tickets are valid for any one of these days. The Winner will be announced tomorrow, December 11th.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** TODAY, 8:30am-1:30pm in LC-3. Give the "Gift of Life" by donating blood. Walk-ins are welcome and encouraged!

**ADVENT DEVOTIONALS:** Advent devotionals written by Rev. Stan Beard are available TODAY for this holiday season. You may pick-up a printed version in the Courtyard or Fellowship Hall, read it on our website, or subscribe via email or text message. Go to <http://lajollapres.journeymaker.org> or text ljpc2017 to 72717 to follow by SMS.

**MISSION PARTNER CATALOGS:** Please review the MPC which may be found in your pew rack and discover unique Christmas gifts for your family and friends. You may drop off your donations at the table in the courtyard TODAY or at the front desk in the coming weeks. Thanks so much for supporting our Mission Partners.

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT:** Wed. Dec. 13 4:30-7:30PM, Fellowship Hall. Pizza dinner starts at 4:30 and the movie, *Polar Express*, follows at 5:30PM. Be sure to pre-purchase your tickets today in the Courtyard or online at [Ljpres.org/](http://Ljpres.org/) movie so we have a correct headcount. Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Please bring a new pair of PJ's to donate to a foster kid.

Contact Kay, [kayfoltz@gmail.com](mailto:kayfoltz@gmail.com)

**OPEN POSITION AT THE CHURCH:** LJPC is looking for a part-time assistant to join our creative team focusing on the bulletin and administrative work. This position is 15-21 hours a week, (5 to 7 hours Monday - Wednesday). Learn more at [ljpres.org/job-openings](http://ljpres.org/job-openings). Jim Sedgwick [jims@ljpres.org](mailto:jims@ljpres.org)

**CLIPPERS CLUB DINNER & PROGRAM:** Fri., Dec. 15th, 6:30pm. The San Diego Street Choir, directed by Ron Bolles, will present an uplifting program of Christmas and Christian music. If you plan to come for dinner, please purchase a ticket in the courtyard, or RSVP and reserve a ticket for purchase at the door. A Christmas feast of Filet Mignon with all the fixings will be prepared and served by the Clippers Board Members. The concert will start at 7:30 and is open to the entire congregation for free. Tom or Marilyn Wickstrom, 858-569-4861.

**THANKS TO RINGERS:** THANK YOU, Red Kettle Bell Ringers and La Jolla Brass! The Salvation Army red kettle at VONS brought in \$1,404.44 on December 1st, in honor of Bill Gibbs. Christmas blessings to you all! -Karin Donaldson

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE TIMES:** On Sunday, December 24th, we will have one morning service at 9:30am in the Sanctuary and three evening services: a 5:00pm family worship experience and 7:00 and 9:00pm traditional candlelight services with carols and hymns. The morning and evening services will feature different messages.

**ADOPT A REFUGEE FAMILY:** When refugees come to the United States, they may have nothing more than the clothes they are wearing but you can give the gift of Christmas celebration. Stop by the adopt-a-family table, and find a refugee family that you, your family, or your group can adopt for Christmas.

**PUM/FOOD FOR THE NEEDY:** PUM/ Presbyterian Urban Ministries puts together food baskets for the needy. La Jolla Pres. has been assigned canned tuna and canned vegetables. We have bins around campus to collect your food donations. This Holiday season please help feed those in our community that need a helping hand.

**INTERFAITH SHELTER VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP:** We are hosting individuals and families on a path to escape homelessness Dec. 31 - Jan. 13. We need set-up, tear down, dinner providers, overnight hosts and children's homework helpers. Sign ups and information in the courtyard. Jon Mangerich 858-483-9654, [jonm360@gmail.com](mailto:jonm360@gmail.com).

**STORIES OF THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS:** 3rd Sunday each month at 10:15am. Join us next week for a short tour of our church's stained glass windows. Learn more about the history and meaning behind these pieces of art. Meet at the front of the chancel. For tour information contact [ronb@ljpres.org](mailto:ronb@ljpres.org)

**ONGOING EVENTS**

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** No class this Sunday, resumes on the 17th. 10:00-11:00am in LC-4. Stan Beard, [Stanb@ljpres.org](mailto:Stanb@ljpres.org)

**CHILDRENS CHOIR:** Choir rehearsals every Sunday, *Joyful Sound, Grades 1-4: 9:15-10:00 am, CE23. Gloria Deo, Grades 5-12: 11:15-12:00 pm, CE23. Ages 4-grade K 10:00-10:15am, CE4.* New members are always welcome! Register online at [www.ljpres.org/childrenschoir](http://www.ljpres.org/childrenschoir)

**YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MID-WEEK PROGRAMS:** High school Sundays, 7:00-8:30pm; Middle school, Wednesdays, 5:00-7:00pm. X-Change (2nd/3rd grades) and X-Zone (4th/5th grades)- Wednesdays, 5:00-7:00pm Mike Sedgwick, [mikes@ljpres.org](mailto:mikes@ljpres.org) or Susie Dhus, [susied@ljpres.org](mailto:susied@ljpres.org)

**HEART AND SOUL:** Each Monday 10:00-11:00am, and Wednesday 9:30-10:30am, Fellowship Hall. Exercise for seniors and almost-seniors. Brooke Phelps, [brookep@ljpres.org](mailto:brookep@ljpres.org)

**MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** Dinner at 6:00pm & evening program starts 6:45pm in LC-4. Men of all ages welcome. Brooke Phelps, [brookep@ljpres.org](mailto:brookep@ljpres.org)

**GOLF AND GROW:** Mondays, 8:30am, Mission Bay Golf Course. Lee Browning, 858-459-6839.

**GROWING IN PRAYER:** Every second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm, in the Chapel. Pastor Scott facilitates this class on prayer for anyone who wants to grow in prayer & pray more effectively. Scott Mitchell, [scottm@ljpres.org](mailto:scottm@ljpres.org)

**BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00am, LC-5. A Men's Bible study. Rob Langsdorf, [mctrob@yahoo.com](mailto:mctrob@yahoo.com)

**WOMENS BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesdays 9:30-11am For women of all ages with Childcare Provided. Cynthia Blase, [Cynthiab@ljpres.org](mailto:Cynthiab@ljpres.org)

**GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH:** is hosting The Rest of the Story on Wednesdays, 11:00am, Fellowship Hall. Everyone Welcome!

**WOMEN'S COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY (CBS):** Thursdays, 10:00am-Noon, Fellowship Hall. For more information, check online at [lajolla.cbsclass.org](http://lajolla.cbsclass.org) or for registration information, Jennifer, [CBSJennifer5@gmail.com](mailto:CBSJennifer5@gmail.com)

**CIRCLE 8:** Thursdays, 10:00am-2:00pm, LC-3. Sewing, needlework, quilting and knitting. New members are needed, and we are willing to teach. Bring a sack lunch. Ruth Preskitt, 858-453-0342.

**LA JOLLA BRASS:** Thursdays, 7:00-9:00pm, Chancel. For more info, Colin Wied, [cwied@gmail.com](mailto:cwied@gmail.com), for schedule and information.

**CHANCEL CHOIR:** Come sing with us! Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm. Keith Pedersen, [KeithPedersen@pointloma.edu](mailto:KeithPedersen@pointloma.edu)

**HANDBELL CHOIR:** Thursdays 6:00pm-7:00pm, LC-3. All are welcome! Jennifer Sedgwick, [jennifer.sedgwick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jennifer.sedgwick@sbcglobal.net)

**MONTHLY MOM'S PRAYER NIGHT:** 1st Thursday each month, rotating homes, 7:30-9:30pm An evening prayer group, designed for moms who can't attend the morning groups, will focus on praying together and supporting each other. Cynthia Blase, [Cynthiab@ljpres.org](mailto:Cynthiab@ljpres.org)

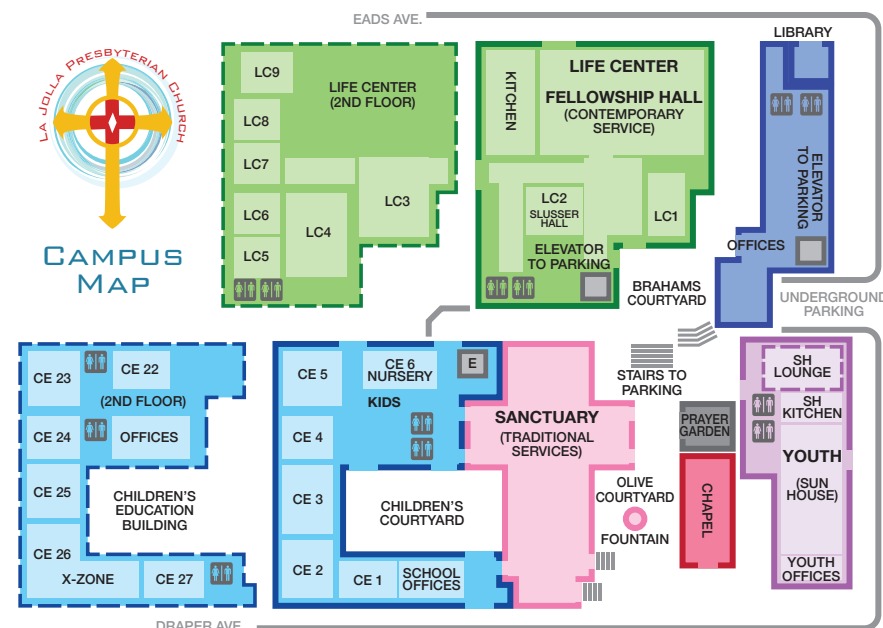
**#MOMLIFE:** Friday 9:15-10:45 am, LC3 Fellowship and support for those in their "Mom" stage in life. RSVP to [Cynthiab@ljpres.org](mailto:Cynthiab@ljpres.org) Childcare Provided!

**WORSHIP TEAM BAND:** Instrumentalists and singers are welcome! Tim Wingert, [wingetti@hotmail.com](mailto:wingetti@hotmail.com)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

8:45 and 10:00 AM, in the Children's Ed Building

Nursery	Elementary	SunHouse
Age 0-2: CE-6	K-5th Check-in: CE 2nd Floor	Middle & High School
Age 2-3.5 CE-2	K/1st - Room 24	Meet in SunHouse at 8:45 AM
Age 4-5: CE-4	2nd/3rd - Room 27	Sit together at 10am Worship
	4th - 5th Room 26 (X-Zone)	11:00 AM Check In and Pick Up
	Pick Up: Room 22	0-2 years only: CE-6



**Kings and Kingdoms**



December 10, 2017

**T H E S T O R Y**

WEEK THIRTEEN: LIVING WISELY  
1<sup>st</sup> Kings 3:1-15 and 4:29-34



WE SEE JESUS TRANSFORMING LIVES IN THREE STORIES:  
AS WE SHARE **GOD'S** STORY  
AND HEAR **YOUR** STORY  
WE DISCOVER **OUR** STORY

**8:45AM ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE** *Pastoral Symphony* G. F. Handel  
William Lullo, organist

**WELCOME AND GREETING** Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING** Jennifer Gotenstein  
& Will Adams

†**OPENING HYMN #193** *O Come All Ye Faithful*

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER** Rev. Scott Mitchell

**CHURCH LIFE**

**CALL TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** *Finale from Concerto No. 5* G. F. Handel  
William Lullo, organist

†**OUR THANKS TO GOD #382** *Doxology*

†**OFFERTORY PRAYER** Rev. Scott Mitchell

**SCRIPTURE READING** 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 3:1-15 and 4:29-34 Page 523-527

**THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED** Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham

**“Living Wisely”**

†**CLOSING HYMN #166** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

†**BENEDICTION** Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham

†**POSTLUDE** *Joyous Toccata* Martin  
William Lullo, organist

*After the service, please join our LJPC Community and enjoy coffee and scones in the upper courtyard.*

† *Please stand if you are able. Our thanks for leaving your discarded bulletins at either end of your pew.*

**FLOWERS:** The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Bob and Tanya Chen to celebrate the birth of their twin Grandsons, Evan Anderson and Jeremy Sutton Chen. from proud parents, Cameron and Jessica Chen and also by Ted and Vicki Padula to celebrate the 90th Birthday of Vicki’s mother, Helen Moe

**HYMNS**

†**OPENING HYMN #193** *O Come All Ye Faithful*  
O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;

Refrain:  
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.  
Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; (Refrain)  
Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born his happy morning,  
O Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; (Refrain)

†**CLOSING HYMN #166** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things, far and nigh;  
To us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be Thyself our King of peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Today at 4:00 and 7:00 PM  
Reception following 7:00pm concert



Join the LJPC family for a joyful celebration of Christmas! LJPC’s choral ensembles and a professional orchestra create a moving retelling of the Christmas story through song and scripture. The concert will feature many carols including longtime LJPC favorite “The Many Moods of Christmas” as well as Vivaldi’s setting of Mary’s song. Free concert with no tickets required!

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**ARE YOU VISITING TODAY?** Be sure to visit our Welcome Table at the west end of the Lower Courtyard to pick up your gift and complete a Visitor Information Card. If you need help navigating the campus, please ask us to help! And plan to join us again in worship soon. We’re very glad you’re here!

**PRAYERS AND PRAISE: Healing and Comfort:** Geri C. & Joseph C., Edith B-A., Theresa S., George B., Vlado A., Carmello, Cathy J., Michael P. **Strength, Protection, and Encouragement:** Jaime A., Frank S. **We Also Pray For:** Coleen, Nigel, Matthew G., Aerielle. *For prayers, praise, or to be included on the prayer list, email: prayerdeacon@ljpres.org by Sunday night to be included in the next week’s bulletin. Requests are held in confidence.*