

END OF YEAR GIVING

GIVING UPDATE:

Year end giving is extremely important to the financial health of the church. Today is the last day of December, or 6 months into our fiscal year. We have received \$1,064,000 toward our budgeted income of \$1,278,000, so we are currently behind \$214,000. If you are able to make an end of year gift, it would be greatly appreciated. As a reminder, spending is also below budget. The staff and Session thank you for your generosity in any amount.

Budgeted Income Dec. 1-31 - \$455,000

Approximate Income Received Through Dec. 27 - \$300,000

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LADLE FELLOWSHIP/FEEDING THE HOMELESS TODAY: Hunger doesn't take holidays. This year, New Year's Eve is the 5th Sunday of the month, so we're heading down to First Presbyterian Church, Downtown to serve a hot meal to the homeless guests. We'll be back by 4:00pm, in plenty of time to celebrate the New Year with a full heart, and end 2017 with a wonderful feeling.

Each time there are five Sundays in a month, we go down to First Presbyterian Church in downtown San Diego to serve a warm lunch to 250 homeless people. This is a wonderful short term mission trip, and a beautiful way to cap the year. Meet at the fountain in the Courtyard before 12:00pm to carpool, or at First Pres. Downtown at 1:00pm. Find details at reception. Please bring clothes for Ladle to distribute.

INTERFAITH SHELTER VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP: This morning before church, our Interfaith Shelter guests moved in. We will have several families living in the Life Center for the next two weeks as they work to escape homelessness. There are a bunch of kids ranging in age from 2 months to 12 years, and if you would like to play with kids or help with homework, that would be great! Sign ups and information in the courtyard. Jon Mangerich 858-483-9654, jonm360@gmail.com.

ALL CHURCH DINNER: Friday, Jan., 26, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall. LJPC is presenting a special evening with Deborah Haarsma, President of BioLogos, who will be speaking about the agreements and disagreements of Christians regarding the history of life and the universe. Dr. Haarsma previously served as professor and chair in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dr. Haarsma will speak on Thursday evening, Jan. 25, to college and post-grad students as part of the STEAM series, and then to the entire congregation on Friday, Jan. 26 at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Tickets will go on sale in the courtyard next week. Jennifer Gotenstein, Jennifer.Gotenstein@gmail.com

GRIEFSHARE CLASS: Thursdays, 3:30-5:00pm, Jan. 18-April 19, LC-5. Rev. Scott Mitchell will be leading a "GriefShare" class to help those struggling with the recent loss of a loved one. The cost is \$25 for materials. RSVP to Scott at 858-729-5595 or scottm@ljpres.org.

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. Jim Sedgwick jims@ljpres.org

STORIES OF THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS: Every Third Sunday of the month at 10:15am. Join us for a short tour of our Sanctuary's stained glass windows. Discover the secrets hidden in these incredible pieces of art. Meet at the front of the chancel. For tour information contact ronb@ljpres.org

GIFTS OF THE HEART is coming Feb. 24th. This is our annual Art Show showcasing the many artists of our congregation. If you are a member or regular attendee of La Jolla Pres and an artist (full-time, part-time or hobby) we would like to see your work! Participation deadline is Jan. 7th. Please contact Jan Magot at jmagot2016@gmail.com for more information

GOT BAGS & BLANKETS?: We are collecting reusable grocery bags, backpacks and new or gently used sleeping bags/blankets to distribute to the La Jolla homeless community. These items can be dropped off at the Reception Desk. Please contact: Melissa Guccini at melissag@ljpres.org with any questions.

FLOWERS: Dates are available to provide Chancel flowers for the Sanctuary. Carole Franks, 858-459-6520 or Wendy Browning, 858-459-6839.

SANCTUARY USHERS NEEDED: Join our amazing team of Sanctuary Ushers, greeting, seating, and passing the plate, only when you can, not every Sun. Be a part of "OUR La Jolla Pres. STORY". Ron Bolles, ronb@ljpres.org or 858-729-5511.

ONGOING EVENTS - MOST ARE ON BREAK THIS WEEK AND NEXT

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: On break for December and January. We are studying Acts 10. 10:00-11:00am in LC-4. Stan Beard, Stanb@ljpres.org

CHILDRENS CHOIR No choir practice today or next week.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MID-WEEK PROGRAMS: There are no Sunday morning, or mid-week programs this week.

MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: On break and will not meet Jan. 1st, but will meet for the NCAA Championship on Jan. 8th. Dinner at 6:00pm & evening program starts 6:45pm in LC-4. Men of all ages welcome. Brooke Phelps, brookep@ljpres.org

HEART AND SOUL: Resumes Monday, Jan. 8th 10:00-11:00am, and Wednesday 9:30-10:30am, Fellowship Hall. Exercise for seniors and almost-seniors. Brooke Phelps, 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

BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00am, LC-5. A Men's Bible study. Resumes Jan. 3. Rob Langsdorf, mctrob@yahoo.com

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY: On break until Jan. 10th Wednesdays 9:30-11am For women of all ages with Childcare Provided. Cynthia Blase, Cynthiab@ljpres.org

GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH: is on break until Wednesday January 10th.

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY (CBS): On break until Jan. 11th. Thursdays, 10:00am-Noon, Fellowship Hall. For more information, check online at lajolla.cbsclass.org or for registration information, Jennifer, CBSJenniferS@gmail.com

WORSHIP TEAM BAND: Instrumentalists and singers are welcome! Tim Wingert, wingetti@hotmail.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.

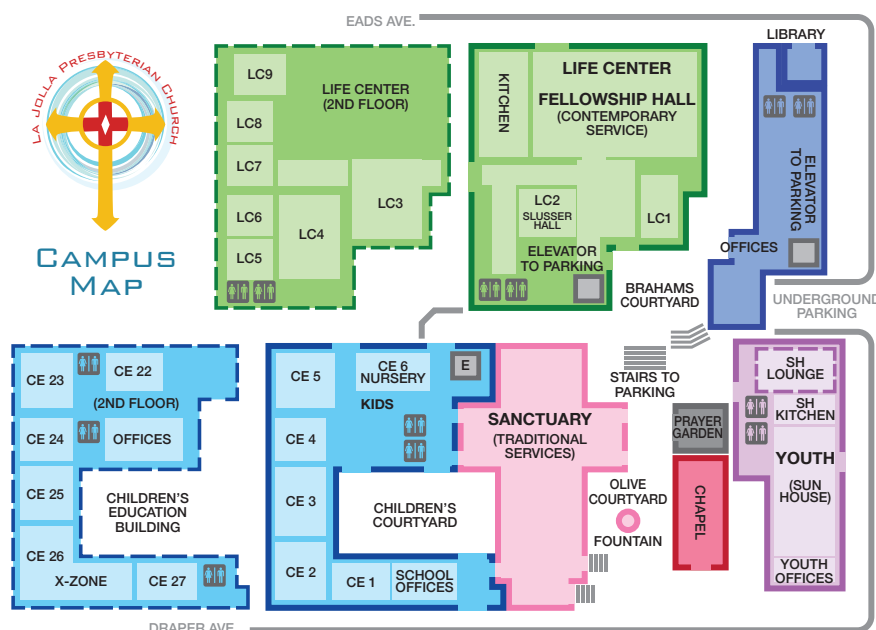
LA JOLLA BRASS: Thursdays, 7:00-9:00pm, Chancel. For more info, Colin Wied, cwwied@gmail.com, for schedule and information.

CHANCEL CHOIR: January is the perfect time to come sing with us! Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm. Keith Pedersen, KeithPedersen@pointloma.edu

HANDBELL CHOIR: Thursdays 6:00pm-7:00pm, LC-3. All are welcome! Jennifer Sedgwick, 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

#MOMLIFE: On break resuming January 12 LC3 Fellowship and support for those in their "Mom" stage in life. RSVP to Cynthiab@ljpres.org Childcare Provided!



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

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NEW YEAR'S EVE 9:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Air in F* Handel
William Lullo, organist

WELCOME AND GREETING Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Elder Laura Mitchell
Psalm 148:1-4, 7-13

Leader: Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the heights above. Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His heavenly hosts.

People: Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you shining stars. Praise Him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do His bidding,

People: you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

Leader: kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and women, old men and children.

People: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

INVOCATION Elder Laura Mitchell

†**OPENING HYMN** *10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)* Worship Band

(Chorus) Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up, It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing, When the evening comes (Chorus)

You're rich in love, And You're slow to anger
Your name is great, And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons, For my heart to find (Chorus)

And on that day, When my strength is failing
The end draws near, And my time has come
Still my soul will, Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years, And then forevermore
Forevermore (Chorus x2)

Yes I'll worship Your Holy name
I'll worship Your Holy name

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS: Elder, Laura Mitchell - La Jolla Presbyterian Church; Elder Linda Therien - Stated Clerk, San Diego Presbytery; Rev. Michael Mudgett - Executive Presbyter, San Diego Presbytery; Rev. Elizabeth Wilson-Manahan - Moderator, San Diego Presbytery; Elder Leslie Evans - La Jolla Presbyterian Church; Elder Michael Williams - Village Community Presbyterian Church

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Michael Mudgett

CHURCH LIFE Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham

CALL TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY William Lullo, organist

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

†**OFFERTORY PRAYER** Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:22-40 Elder Linda Therien

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED Rev. Scott Mitchell

“To Israel, and Beyond!”

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE Elder Leslie Evans

THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE
Rev. Elizabeth Wilson-Manahan

THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION
Elder Leslie Evans

1. Do we, the members of the church, accept Rev. Scott Mitchell as our associate pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Please reply “We do.”

2. Do we agree to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

Please reply “We do.”

3. Do we promise to pay him fairly and provide for his welfare as he works among us; to stand by him in trouble and share his joys? Will we listen to the word he preaches, welcome his pastoral care, and honor his authority as he seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?

Please reply “We do.”

PRAYER AND DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION
Rev. Elizabeth Wilson-Manahan

CHARGE TO REV. SCOTT MITCHELL Elder Michael Williams

MILESTONE: 40 year beloved member Catherine “Cay” Wuertz went to be with the Lord on December 23rd. Rollie and the family invite you to her Celebration of Life Service on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 1:30pm in the Sanctuary, with a Reception immediately following in Fellowship Hall.

FLOWERS: The flowers for today are given to the Glory of God by Bill and Barbara McColl in celebration of their 64th Wedding Anniversary on December 27.

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

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!

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham

†**CLOSING HYMN** *In Christ Alone* Worship Band

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand
In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save

‘Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live
There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny

No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
‘Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

†**BENEDICTION** Rev. Scott Mitchell

†**POSTLUDE** *Rigaudon* Camera
William Lullo, organist

After the service, please join us at a special reception for the Mitchells in Room LC1

WORSHIP BAND: Guitar/Vocals: Tim Wingert; Keys: Nelson Beltran; Vocals: Sarah Johanson, and Lauren Falconer.

PRAYERS AND PRAISE: Healing and Comfort: Geri C. & Joseph C., Edith B-A., Theresa S., George B., and Vlado A. **Strength, Protection, and Encouragement:** Jaime A., and Frank S. **We Also Pray For:** Neo and Ankit S. *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.*