

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WEEKEND OF, "THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD!"

FRI. JAN. 26TH, ALL CHURCH DINNER AND SPEAKER: Dinner tickets on sale TODAY in the Courtyard. Fri. Jan., 26th, 6:00pm dinner, 7pm program, Fellowship Hall, come for a special evening with Deborah Haarsma, President of BioLogos, who will be speaking about what modern astronomy is revealing about God, from the stars and planets to the entire universe. As psalms tells us: "The heavens declare the Glory of God." Dr. Haarsma has a PhD in physics from MIT and works as a professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Calvin College in Grand Rapids. Tickets for dinner are on sale in the courtyard, or just come for the talk at 7:00pm.

THUR. JAN. 25TH STEAM DISCUSSION: Dr. Haarsma will also speak on Thursday evening, Jan. 25th at 7:45pm, to college and post-grad students as part of the STEAM series and will share some of her personal story. Each evening's topics will be different, so you may want to attend both. Jennifer Gotenstein, Jennifer.Gotenstein@gmail.com

SUNDAY, JAN. 28TH, PRAISE AND WORSHIP EVENT: Sunday, January 28th at 4:00pm, come back to church for an evening of Worship and Music. This reflective and meditative service will feature a variety of music, featuring our Choirs and Praise Team, plus scripture readings, and time in prayer and community. Come be blessed and start the year lifting our voices together to God. This service will reflect the same themes as Dr. Haarsma's talks, but through the Worship and Arts lens.

BIBLE TIME LINE BROCHURES: Cynthia Blase, our director of Women's Ministries, has produced a beautiful professionally printed Bible time line reference brochure, featuring the key points and characters of Scripture. You can pick one up at Reception for \$5.

GRIEFSHARE CLASS: Thursdays, Jan. 18-April 19 at 3:30-5:00pm, 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.

BONUS LADLE FELLOWSHIP: Sunday Jan. 28th, meet at the fountain in the Courtyard before 12:00pm to carpool, or at First Pres. Downtown at 1:00pm. Join us as we serve a meal to our homeless community with Ladle Fellowship at First Presbyterian Church Downtown. It is a wonderful and easy local mission trip. Find details at Reception. Please bring clothes for Ladle to distribute. Typically, we serve at Ladle on the fifth Sunday of the month, but due to popular demand and a need from First Pres, we're adding an additional opportunity this month.

FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE: Calling all dads and daughters! Come enjoy and create memories on Saturday, February 3rd in Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$20 per person. Register and pay in the upper courtyard/FH. Cost includes: Corsage/bout, DJ, Photo booth, craft and light refreshments. Questions, contact Brooke. brookep@ljpres.org.

LJPC CONCERT SERIES: We are honored to present two ensembles from the U.S. Navy Band at our February 11th concert at 4:00pm. Don't miss this spectacular, inspiring concert!

CHOIR ITALY TOUR: LJPC Family & Friends: Imagine yourself in Tuscany, via Venice! Come hear "your choir" as we're transported together in time to magnificent settings in Venice, Florence, and surrounds. Tour with us on a 10-day/8-night trip, Tuesday, June 19, 2018 - Thursday, June 28, 2018. If you like us HERE (La Jolla), you'll LOVE sharing LJPC music ministry with us THERE! A very limited number of spaces are available. Sign up with deposit by February 28. Candace Magee, cmageesd@gmail.com sign up by 2/28/18.

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.

BELIZE MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING: This summer's Belize Mission Trip is July 18 - July 25, led by Kent Grooms and Pastor Paul Cunningham. If you are interested in joining the Mission Team, please plan to attend the informational meeting on Tues. Jan. 30 at 7pm in Room 1 of the Life Center. If you are unable to attend, but would like to join the team, please contact Michelle Whitney, michellew@ljpres.org.

STORIES OF THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS: Join us TODAY at 10:15am 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. Tour participants will receive a free gift.

GOOD COMPANY THEATER EVENT: Sunday Feb 25th at 2pm. We will be attending the San Diego Premiere of Lamb's Players *Camping with Henry & Tom*. Tickets are \$25 and will be available for pick up and purchase in the courtyard on Sunday, January 28 after the 8:45 and 10 am services. Good Company is a fellowship group for 50's and over. Grace Decker, graceldecker@gmail.com

ONGOING EVENTS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Winter schedule begins TODAY. We will continue our study in the book of Acts. 10:00-11:00am in LC-4. Stan Beard, 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

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 or Susie Dhus, 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

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

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. Rob Langsdorf, mctrob@yahoo.com

WOMENS BIBILE STUDY: Wednesdays 9:30-11am For women of all ages with Childcare Provided. Cynthia Blase, 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 or for registration information, Jennifer, CBSJenniferS@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, for schedule and information.

CHANCEL CHOIR: Now is the perfect time to join 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

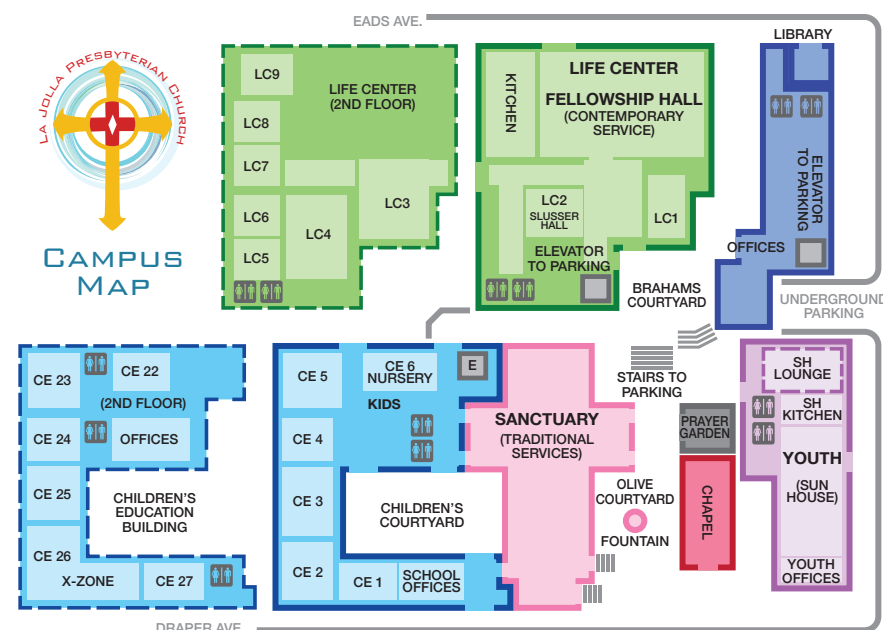
#MOMLIFE: Friday 9:15-10:45am, LC3 Fellowship and support for those in their "Mom" stage in life. RSVP to Cynthiab@ljpres.org Childcare Provided!

WORSHIP TEAM BAND: Instrumentalists and singers are welcome! Tim Wingert, 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



CONVERSATIONS



January 21, 2018

THE STORY

WEEK SEVENTEEN:
THE STORY OF EZEKIEL
"IN THE MIDDLE OF A VALLEY"

Ezekiel 37:1-14



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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8:45AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Oh God, Thou Holiest* Brahms

LJPC Orchestra
Dr. Keith Pedersen, director

WELCOME AND GREETING Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP
Psalm 63:1-8 Elder Bernie Porter

Leader: You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek You; I thirst for You, my whole being longs for You, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

People: **I have seen You in the sanctuary and beheld Your power and Your glory.**

Leader: Because Your love is better than life, my lips will glorify You. I will praise You as long as I live, and in Your name I will lift up my hands.

People: **I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise You.**

Leader: On my bed I remember You; I think of You through the watches of the night.

People: **Because You are my help, I sing in the shadow of Your wings. I cling to You; Your right hand upholds me.**

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†**OPENING HYMN #377** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Stan Beard

CHURCH LIFE

CALL TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *God of Life* Haydn
LJPC Orchestra and Chancel Choir

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

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“In The Middle Of A Valley”

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

†**CLOSING HYMN #370** *O God Our Help In Ages Past*

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

†**POSTLUDE** *All Creatures of Our God and King* Grant
LJPC Orchestra

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

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. and Edith B-A. **Strength, Protection, and Encouragement:** Jaime A., the Picciolo Family, the Wuertz family, the Schwab family and the Gravi family **We Also Pray For:** Curtis L. and Ishwarbhai. *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.*

HYMNS & ANTHEM

†**OPENING HYMN #377** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness fills us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee; earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother- all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

ANTHEM *God of Life*

God of life! God of might! Merciful God!
Honor, laud and praise to You, infinite, merciful God!

†**CLOSING HYMN #370** *O God Our Help In Ages Past*

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home!

ELDERS AND DEACONS BEING ORDAINED AND INSTALLED: Elders: Rick Evans, Frank Gordon, Mack Vickrey, Christy Zatkun, and Jen Marchesini **Deacons:** Jaime Aguilar, Edith Bryant-Aguilar, Claudia Allen, Jeanne Beckman, Ana Bukich, James"Jim" Poirier, Linda Saveland, and Barbara "Burry" Vincent

LJPC ORCHESTRA: DIRECTOR: Dr. Keith Pedersen **MANAGER:** Donna Baker **LIBRARIANS:** Karen Rowe, Lissa Srnka **ASSISTANTS:** Pat Nelson, Beverly Haines, Tom Timmins **OFFICE ASSISTANT:** Michelle Whitney **VIOLIN:** Cecile-Rose Vibat, Andrew Eskeland, Fred Bonkovsky, Vince Consoli, Steven Eskeland, Pat Nelson **VIOLA:** Ina Page **CELLO:** Melanie Morrissey Julia Leclerc **BASS:** Daniel Steinman **FLUTE:** Andrea Mays, Debbie Olson **OBOE:** Beverly Haines **CLARINET:** April Leslie, Susie Aaberg **BASSOON:** Ronnie Serquinia, Jr. **HORN:** Roger Haines, Monica Palmer **TRUMPET:** Tom Timmins, Jason Ford, Nik Hansen **TROMBONE:** Ed Hekman, Jack Close, Nathan Scheffler **TUBA:** Paul Keck **PERCUSSION:** Harold Skinner, Ray Skinner **TIMPANI:** Daryl Redwine **KEYBOARD:** Bill Lullo

† *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 Colin and Betty Wied in Celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary and in Gratitude for God's Blessings on their family.*

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INTROIT *Praise to the Lord (Rejoicings)* Wagner

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MILESTONES: Our former Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Harry G. “Hap” Brahams went to be with the Lord January 11. Please be in prayer for the Brahams family.

Reland Brumfield went to be with the Lord December 29, 2017. A private family Service is planned. Paul Schwab went to be with the Lord, his Celebration of Life will be Saturday, February 24 at 2:30pm.