

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLOOD DRIVE: TODAY, 8 am-1pm, Life Center, Rm 3. Give the gift of life. Walk-ins welcome.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: Wednesday, Feb. 14th, 7:00pm, Sanctuary. Start Lent together with one of the most moving services of the year.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS: Devotionals featuring the writings of C.S. Lewis and Henri Nouwen are available in the courtyard and in Fellowship Hall **TODAY**. There are daily readings for the season of Lent, from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday. Suggested donation of \$1.

MEXICO ORPHANAGE BUILDING MISSION TRIP: Feb. 17-19, come help build the foundation of the Casa de Los Angeles Orphanage in beautiful Rosarito, Mexico. Everyone is welcome! For more info., casadela.org or Jim Sedgwick jims@ljpres.org.

YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES: Friday, Feb. 23rd, 6:30pm. Please join us for our Winter YMC Dinner at the home of Troy & Jen Foss for great food and fun fellowship. Contact Erika Hill to get evite at erikah@ljpres.org. \$30/couple. Everyone welcome!

GIFTS OF THE HEART ART SHOW: Sat., Feb. 24th, 10:00am - 1:00pm, Fellowship Hall. Come see our one-day gallery art show featuring wonderful local La Jolla artists. The "Gifts of the HeArt" Show represents current work in a wide variety of styles and media. Jan Magot, jmagot2016@gmail.com.

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. We will reserve a few tables at a neighborhood Coronado eatery near the theater if you are interested in sharing fellowship during a pre-show brunch. Contact Grace Decker, graceldecker@gmail.com. Good Company is a fellowship group for 50's and over.

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.

YOUNG GUYS: Tues., March 13th, San Diego Gulls game. Tickets can be purchased **TODAY** in the back of 10am service for \$33. Contact Bobby Graham, bgraham@willisallen.com.

GRIEFSHARE CLASS: Thursdays thru 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.

LJPC MARRIAGE RETREAT: Friday, April 27-Sunday, April 29 at the Lakehouse Resort San Marcos. Guest speakers Casey and Meygan Caston from Marriage365 will be returning. More info coming soon!

NEED A STEPHEN MINISTER?: If you or someone you know would benefit from a Stephen Ministry relationship, please call Leslie Evans at (858) 414-4758 or Rebecca Bradbury at (858) 337-4765 for more information.

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

CHOPPED AT CHURCH: Sat. Mar. 17th at 5pm in Fellowship Hall. La Jolla Pres will be hosting this 2nd Annual PUM fundraiser. Cooking teams from Churches in our Presbytery will battle to see who can successfully transform ingredients found in bags provided by food pantries. There will also be a guest panel of Chef Judges, Raffle prizes & dinner. To donate a raffle prize (i.e. sailing, fishing, dinner in your home, artwork, ceramics) please contact Vicki Padula vaggie@aol.com. Vicki will also be in the courtyard **TODAY** to answer questions. For tickets (includes dinner & chance to win a raffle prize) www.pumsd.org/events.

BELIZE MISSION TRIP: 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 team, **\$150 deposit is due before the end of February.** Please contact Michelle Whitney michellew@ljpres.org for an informational packet.

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. All tour participants receive a free gift.

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.

GOT BAGS & BLANKETS?: We are collecting 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. Contact Melissa Guccini at melissag@ljpres.org with any questions.

ONGOING EVENTS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: We are continuing 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.

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

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.

GROWING IN PRAYER: Every second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm, in LC-4. 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 BIBLE 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.

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

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.

YOUNG WOMEN'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.

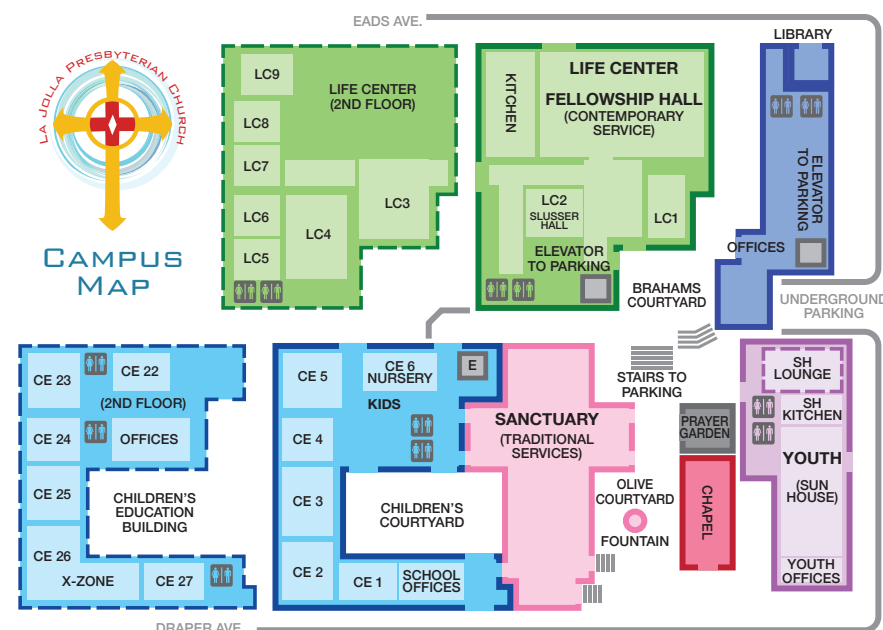
#MOMLIFE: Friday 9:15-10:45am, LC3 Fellowship and support for those in their "Mom" stage in life. RSVP to Cynthiab@ljpres.org Childcare Provided!

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



February 11, 2018

T H E S T O R Y

WEEK TWENTY:

THE STORY OF ESTHER

"PRIDE, PURPOSE AND PROVIDENCE"

SELECTIONS FROM ESTHER 4



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 *Sarabande* Bach
William Lullo, organist

WELCOME AND GREETING Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham

†**PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS** Local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
Please stand, face the flag, and salute by placing
your right hand over your heart.

MY SCOUTING EXPERIENCE Thomas Sottosanti
Boy Scout Senior Patrol Leader

INVOCATION Ted Padula, Troop Leader

†**OPENING HYMN #336** *O Worship the King* Lyons

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

CHURCH LIFE

CALL TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM *Still, My Soul, Be Still* Getty-Townend/McDonald
LJPC Chancel Choir
Ron Bolles, director

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

†**OFFERTORY PRAYER** Rev. Stan Beard

SCRIPTURE READING Selections from Esther 4 Page 780

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham
“Pride, Purpose and Providence”

†**CLOSING HYMN #2** *How Great Thou Art* Hine

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

†**POSTLUDE** *Dialogue* Martin
William Lullo, organist

PRAYERS AND PRAISE: Healing and Comfort: Geri C. & Joseph C., Stephen N., Aamaneh B., and Edith B-A. **Strength, Protection, and Encouragement:** Jaime A. **Praise and Gratitude:** Angela H. **We Also Pray For:** Rich, Elisabeth and Sharnice. *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.*

† 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 to Celebrate the Marriage of Austin Duncan and Lisa Perez on February 10th.

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!

HYMNS & ANTHEM

†**OPENING HYMN #336** *O Worship the King*
O worship the King all glorious above,
and gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
O tell of His might and sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
Frail children of the dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

ANTHEM *Still, My Soul, Be Still*
Still, my soul, be still; and do not fear
Though winds of change may rage tomorrow.
God is at your side, no longer dread
The fires of unexpected sorrow.
Refrain: God, You are my God,
And I will trust in You and not be shaken.
Lord of peace, renew a steadfast spirit within me
To rest in You alone.
Still, my soul, be still; do not be moved
By lesser lights and fleeting shadows.
Hold onto His ways with shield of faith
Against temptation’s flaming arrows. (Refrain)
Still, my soul, be still; do not forsake
The Truth you learned in the beginning.
Wait upon the Lord and hope will rise
As stars appear when day is dimming. (Refrain)

†**CLOSING HYMN #2** *How Great Thou Art*
O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:
Chorus: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
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How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: (Chorus)
And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin: (Chorus)
When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! (Chorus)

11:00AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

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William Lullo, organist

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OFFERTORY *God and God Alone* McHugh
Mary Boles-Allen,
Mezzo-soprano

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**TODAY at 4:00PM
From Sea to Shining Sea**

The Navy Band Southwest Brass and Woodwind Quintets present a free concert! Celebrate the story of our nation through a rousing concert of heart-stirring patriotic music, marches, and selections from the “Great American Songbook” performed in our Sanctuary. You won’t want to miss this one!