

Fanwood Presbyterian Church

Soup and Devotions Lenten Series



Join us for a Tuesday Lenten Series on 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1 and 4/8! We will meet in the dining room at 6:00 PM for soup, salad, and bread. A time of devotions will follow at 6:30 PM. All are welcome!



Office Hours

WEEK OF MARCH 17
MONDAY: 9 AM - 1 PM
TUESDAY: 9 AM - 1 PM
WEDNESDAY: 9 AM - 2 PM
FRIDAY: 9 AM - 11 AM

FANWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent



Gathering Around God's Word

PRELUDE "Andante, from Shostakovich 2nd Piano Concerto"

Luyang Liu

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?
All: The Lord is our stronghold; of whom shall we be afraid?
 One: We seek your face, O Lord. Do not hide your face from us!
All: Do not forsake us, O God of our salvation!
 One: Make us strong, and let our hearts take courage.
All: We wait for the Lord. Let us worship God!

* HYMN #76 "My Song is Love Unknown" (verses 1,2,5)

CALL TO CONFESSION & SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you have formed a covenant with us, committing yourself to us and inviting us to walk with you. Yet we have resisted, seeking other companions, going in different ways, thinking that we know best. Now we find ourselves far from life, further still from you. Have mercy on our waywardness. Help us find our way back. Give us faith so that we can hold the hand you have extended to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.





FPC'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL RETURN
 JULY 14 - 18, 2025. FROM 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM!
 REGISTRATION INFO CAN BE FOUND ON
 OUR WEBSITE, WWW.FANWOODPC.ORG.

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE RELIEF DONATION DRIVE

FPC is partnering with the Presbytery of San Gabriel to help those affected by the devastating fires in California

MONETARY DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN 3 WAYS:

1. Send a check payable to the Presbytery of San Gabriel at the address 125 S Louise St, Glendale CA 91205 (with a memo saying it's for Emergency Recovery)
2. Visit The PC USA Website:
3. Visit The Presbytery of San Fernando's Website (click on "Who We Are", "Donations and Payments", and use the "Growing Together in Mission" option):

KYRIE ELEISON

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI #579

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Hearing God's Word

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children ages preschool through fifth grade may leave for church school after the message.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *from Psalm 67*

One: May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of their countenance and come to us.

All: **Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

All: **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.**

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

All: **The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us their blessing.**

One: May God give us their blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *from Mark 7: 31-37*

MESSAGE "Be Opened!"

Rev. Dr. Stacy Smith

Responding to God's Word

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from a Brief Statement of Faith*

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples, to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

OFFERTORY "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

* DOXOLOGY #592

*Praise God throughout these forty days;
praise Christ our Lord whom God did raise;
and praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sent Out By God's Word

* HYMN #306 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Fast Polka dance by Edward Strauss"

Luyang Liu

Your ushers today are Mike Camfield, Steve Falloon and Kris Adams.

Welcome to Pastor Stacy!

We warmly welcome our new Interim Pastor, Rev. Dr. Stacy Smith. She can be reached at 908-889-8891 or fanwoodpcpastor@gmail.com. You're also invited to drop by the office for coffee, prayer, chats, whatever! This week Stacy will hold open office on Monday from 1-3 PM; Tuesday from 10 AM - 12 PM; and Wednesday from 4-6 PM.