

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!

HOLY WEEK

Schedule

APRIL 13 AT 10:30 AM	PALM SUNDAY IN THE SANCTUARY
APRIL 17 AT 6:30 PM	MAUNDY THURSDAY AT THE MANSE TO NICHOLS COURT, FANWOOD
APRIL 17 AT 7:30 PM	GOOD FRIDAY IN THE SANCTUARY



FANWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
74 SOUTH MARTINE AVENUE, FANWOOD

March 23, 2025

Third Sunday in Lent



Gathering Around God's Word

PRELUDE

Luyang Liu

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN #2274 "Come, All You People / Uyai Mose"

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O God, you are our God;

All: **our souls thirst for you, as in a dry and weary land.**

One: We have looked upon you in the sanctuary;

All: **we have seen your power and glory.**

One: Our lips will praise you as long as we live;

All: **we lift up our hearts and call on your name. Let us worship God!**

* HYMN #81 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" (verses 1, 3 & 4)

CALL TO CONFESSION & SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, though you lovingly tend us, we have not put forth the good fruits of your Spirit. Our consumption poisons the earth. Our violence threatens our neighbors. Our greed exploits the poor. We must seem a waste of time, but don't give up on us yet, O God. In your power to abundantly pardon, forgive us for the sake of Christ, and imbue us with love, peace, goodness, and faithfulness. In the hope of Jesus we pray, 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 63: 1-8*

One: O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

All: **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory. For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.**

One: So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your Name.

All: **My soul is content and my mouth praises you with joyful lips. When I remember you in the evening, and meditate on you in the night.**

One: For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

All: **My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *from Mark 2: 1-12*

MESSAGE "A Big Hole"

Rev. Dr. Stacy Smith

Responding to God's Word

OFFERTORY "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

* 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.*

* 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!"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sent Out By God's Word

* HYMN "Thy Word"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Luyang Liu

Your ushers today are Barry Gustafson and Todd Moyle.

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 and Tuesday from 10 AM - 12 PM.