

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ If you have not paid your **Per Capita Apportionment (PCA)** for 2018, you may still do so. The amount per member is \$35.
- ◆ **Food Donations**—are brought on the last Sunday of each month.

Pastor Henry’s “Normal Hours” at the church

Tues. & Thurs. mornings. Afternoons by appointment
To reach Henry at any time call/text 626-808-7472 or email jlandhjdg@msn.com

Marilyn’s “Normal Office Hours”

Tues. 9am—1pm

	DATE	TIME	
Sun.	Dec. 16	9:30 AM	Adult Sunday School
		10:30 AM	Worship (Lock-up: Becky Bane)
Tues.	Dec. 18	6:30 PM	Loving Needles
Wed.	Dec. 19	9:00 AM	Sacred Space Prayer group, meet at the church

Welcome! We're so glad you're with us for worship today. Our prayer is that you will experience God's presence and power in your life. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we hope First Presbyterian Corona becomes a place you can call home.

Making disciples of Jesus Christ through Worship, Discipleship, Fellowship, Ministry, and Mission.

We Enter to Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements *(Please sign and pass the Welcome Book)*

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: **God's love endures forever.**

Gathering Song Lift Up your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 8

***Call to Worship**

One: The day foretold is coming,

All: **When our bitter mouths will drink new wine, God's cup raised high at the kingdom's table!**

One: The one foretold is coming—

All: **Whose bread will be broken in deepest gloom: a last supper shared on a silent night!**

One: The day is at hand!

All: **World, feast!**

One: The savior draws near!

All: **Praise the Lord!**

One: Come then, with joy, and let us worship God.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Processional Hymn Light One Candle (vs. 1, 2 & 3)
Lighting Candle and Placing of the Artwork
Special Music by Jean Marsh

***Hymn** Once in Royal David's City 49

Prayer of Confession

It is getting more and more difficult, Lord, for us to keep our attention on the holy things. Our lives are caught up in the planning, parties, gifts, and other such things. We get side-tracked too easily and exhausted, we fall into restless sleep. The cries of those in need abound and we are overwhelmed by the need. Too often we turn a deaf ear because we feel we just can't meet all the needs that are presented to us. Heal our hearts and spirits, Lord. Help us understand that you do not ask us to heal everything but rather to find a simple way in which we might lighten someone else's burden, as you have lightened our lives. You have brought hope and peace to us. Now cause us to rejoice in the wondrous things that you have done. Teach us to use our gifts for the common good, and that in helping, we find great and abundant joy. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

The messenger has been sent to you, proclaiming that there is One who is Coming who will heal and lead you. Know that this is a great gift from God, who has always and will always love you. Amen

***Gloria Patri.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

We Hear a Word from the Lord

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Zephaniah 3:14-20

***Hymn** O Little Town of Bethlehem 43

Children's Message

Sermon Where Hopes and Fears Meet Rev. Henry DeGraaff

We Respond in Joyful Service

Affirmation of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

Joys and Concerns/Prayer of Intercession/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 for ever. Amen

Offertory Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Delia E. Martinez-Samojluk, Piano
Pete Mittelstadt, Clarinet

***Doxology** Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow 592

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We Go forth to Serve

***Hymn** What Child is This 53

***Charge**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CORONA

Pastor (Transitional Pastor) Henry DeGraaff
Administrative Assistant Judy Hanson/Marilyn Mittelstadt
Accompanist Delia E. Martinez-Samojluk
Treasurer Terrie Burbank
Bookkeeper Teri White
Web Servant Judy Hanson

SMALL GROUPS / ORGANIZATIONS

Adult Bible Study Sunday 9:30 AM
Community Bible Study Tuesday 9:30-11:30 AM
Loving Needles Group 3rd Tuesday 6:30 PM & 4th Saturday 10:00 AM
Women's Breakfast 4th Saturday, Original Pancake House, Norco, 8:00 AM

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Joys & Concerns

Jean - Flying to Ashland; pray for travel mercies. Kelly - 2 years after chemo for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, his tests are clear; still sleeping a lot. Henry - Rochelle having surgery on Monday. Kathy Shepardson - people of Yemen, Honduras, etc., need compassion and love. Sue - pray for her parents; her dad's Alzheimer's is taking a toll on her mom. Sarah - prayers for her friends, Debbie and Tim. Teri - joy that Alyssa is graduating from Cal Baptist this week with a Bachelor's Degree; friend, Gary, has been in a coma since Wednesday; being taken off life support today. Margie - concern for friend, Wendy, whose MS is progressing quickly. Joyce - daughter, Jen, is ill and in hospital; pray doctors figure out what is wrong. Henry - son-in-law is in Dubai.

Continuing Prayers

Prayers for our country and elected ones. All people, law enforcement & civilians, affected by current violence in this country. Lynn Rodisch - healing. Pete - healing. Kofi - prayer. Loren Nelson - continued prayer.

**Please Pray During Week of December 16, 2018 for
The families of:**
* Marcia Twitchel
* Cathy Aronson

**We invite you to stand if you are comfortable standing.
Join us after worship for Refreshments and Fellowship
Nursery care available for children up to 3 years of age
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