

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

After worship today, the church Christmas potluck will take place. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship with all our friends at FPC.



	DATE	TIME	
Sun.	Dec. 9	9:30 AM	Adult Sunday School
		10:30 AM	Worship (Lock-up: Pete Mittelstadt)
Tues.	Dec. 11	9:30 AM	Community Bible Study
		6:00 PM	Deacons
Wed.	Dec. 12	9:00 AM	Sacred Space Prayer group, meet at the church
Thurs.	Dec. 13	10:00 AM	Movies with a message

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

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

December 9, 2018

10:30 A.M.

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

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***Call to Worship**

One: A voice cries out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord!”

All: Make God’s paths straight.

One: Every valley will be filled, and every mountain will be leveled.

All: The crooked will be made straight.

One: The rough and rocky ways will be smoothed.

All: All will see the salvation of God.

One: See the light from on high. The dawn is breaking.

All: The Lord is coming! The Lord is coming!

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

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Processional Hymn

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

***Hymn**

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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Prayer of Confession

O Lord, darkness surrounds us like a cold stone tomb, until your light bursts into our lives like a clear, bright dawn. We cover our eyes, we’re so unprepared for your coming. Your light blazes forth like a white-hot fire, consuming all that it touches. How *can* we stand before you, Lord? The road that we thought was straight and wide is now exposed as a twisted, crooked path, blocked by a mountain of sin. Where can we turn? Who will guide us back to the way of peace—the way that leads to you?

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is merciful and forgiving, a great and compassionate savior. God rescues us from darkness and frees us from fear. Like a refiner’s fire, the Lord makes us shine with the brilliance of the purest gold and silver. The one who began this work in us seeks to bring it to completion. May the day of Christ find us flawless and without blame.

***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 Phil 1:3-11

***Hymn** Watchman, Tell Us of the Night 20

Children's Message

Sermon Still Under Construction 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

Offering

***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** O Come, All ye Faithful 41

***Charge**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

**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
All musical lyrics are printed under authority of CCLI #1014630
Please silence your cell phones during worship.*

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

Henry - Jean Marsh is moving to Oregon; pray that Mike is okay. Kelly - joy to see people from other countries fellowshiping together; prayers for her brother, Clark; is having tests to determine health issues. Margie - safe travel to Florida to visit her brother. Rochelle - will be having surgery on December 10. 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 9, 2018 for
The families of:**
* Bonnie Smith
* Ty & Elizabeth Talbert