

# *First Presbyterian Church*

Message by Pastor Larry Thorson



**WHEN  
WORDS  
BECOME  
LIKE  
YEAST**

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172 years in Mountain View

# GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

## October 22, 2023

**PRELUDE**

Tan Sang

**WELCOME**

Pastor Larry Thorson

**\*OPENING PRAISE SONG** "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" Praise Band

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jerry Kixmoeller

**Leader:** Happy are those who inhabit the house of the Lord, for they may ever praise you.

**All:** **Happy are the people whose strength is in God, for their hearts are set on the pilgrim way.**

**Leader:** Lord God of hosts, hear our prayers as we worship.

**All:** **For you, O Lord, are our sun and our shield; yours alone is the grace and the glory.**

**\*HYMN**

"Seek Ye First"

#42

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Jerry Kixmoeller

Loving God, you have shown us the way of Jesus, and invite us into the world in service: to be compassionate and kind, faithful and loving. While you direct us to embrace the qualities that marked Jesus' life, we confess that we have stumbled and fallen. Our sins are real, and they are many. Have mercy on us and forgive our failings. Encourage us to live our faith every day, wherever we are, extending your love and mercy into a world of need.

**SILENT TIME OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Jerry Kixmoeller

People of God, our sins are forgiven. God is merciful and gracious and is Lord of us all. Now reconciled to the God who loves us, let us live and love through Christ our Lord.

**PRAISE SONG**

"I Am Set Free"

Praise Band

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

Jerry Kixmoeller

**Leader:** May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** **And also with you!**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Exodus 12:14-20 Jerry Kixmoeller  
**HYMN** "Cleanse Me" #438 (1,2,3)  
**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 16:5-12 Jerry Kixmoeller  
**MESSAGE** "When Words Become Like Yeast" Pastor Larry Thorson

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

### **RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS**

"The Perfect Wisdom of Our God" Praise Band

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING (Unison)**

As we bring our offerings to you, we give back to you from the abundant blessings you have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our God. Blessings and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, and power and strength, be unto you our God forever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **SHARING OF PRAISES AND PRAYERS**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN** "God of Grace and God of Glory" #292 (1&4)

### **\*THE BENEDICTION**

\*We invite all to stand either in body or in spirit.

### **Serving in Worship Today**

John Perumpral, Greeter, Jerry Kixmoeller, Liturgist  
Janelle Herrera, Music Director, Praise Band Co-Leader  
Ian-Carl Floirendo, AV Director, Son Ringers Director, Praise Band Co-Leader  
Tan Sang, Pianist  
Band: Daniel Williams, Sophie Schoepp, Janelle Herrera, Ian-Carl Floirendo  
Benji Bhattacharya, AV Assistant

## **Week at FPCMV**

Sunday	9:00am	Bible Study on Isaiah/Chapel & Zoom
	10:00am	Worship
	10:45am	Gathering/informal gathering with Pastor Larry
	11:15am	Worship Committee Meeting (Library)

\*The Zoom links may be found in the weekly church emails sent at the end of each week. If you wish to receive the weekly emails, please contact Margie Haines at the church office at 650.968.4473 or [firstpresbyterian@fpcmv.org](mailto:firstpresbyterian@fpcmv.org)

## **International Potluck | Sunday, November 5**

Everyone is invited following the service. Please sign up at the entrance to bring an international item. Drop off your item in the Chapel before the service begins.

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## **Autumn Food Drive | Please bring items by November 5**

The following items are needed, yet all donations are gratefully accepted!

- Healthy snacks (all kinds/small individual packages)
- Cereal (regular size)
- Cookies (all kinds)
- Crackers (all kinds)
- Small bottles of any juices or beverages for unhoused clients
- Cake mixes (all kinds)
- Small instant coffee jars or packages (all kinds)
- Tea (all kinds)
- Regular size flour (all kinds)
- International sauces (all kinds)
- Pop-top soups (not condensed)
- Mayonnaise (regular size)
- Shelf stable milk/dairy/almond/soy/coconut (8oz. & quart size)
- Empty dozen-size egg cartons

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## **Reception for Executive Presbyter | Rev. Joey Lee**

**Saturday, November 4, 2pm-4pm | Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church**

The Presbytery will honor our Executive Presbyter's decades of faithful leadership.

The following RSVP link goes directly to the presbytery.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfq6c0NbX\\_h4iNISUph4d5OyMfQ97ijpZXR3ZKSi3ba5q2nbw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfq6c0NbX_h4iNISUph4d5OyMfQ97ijpZXR3ZKSi3ba5q2nbw/viewform)

## **Seek Ye First**

### Verse 1

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteous-ness  
And all these things  
Shall be added unto you-  
Allelu alleluia!

### Verse 2

Ask and it shall be given unto you  
Seek and ye shall find  
Knock and the door  
Shall be opened unto you  
Allelu alleluia!

## **Cleanse Me**

Search me, O God and know my heart today;  
Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray.  
See if there be some wicked way in me;  
Cleanse me from every sin, and set me free.

### Verse 2

I praise Thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;  
Fulfill Thy Word, and make me pure within.  
Fill me with fire, where once I burned with shame;  
Grant my desire to magnify Thy Name.

### Verse 3

Lord, take my life, and make it wholly Thine;  
Fill my poor heart with Thy great love divine.  
Take all my will, my passion, self, and pride;  
I now surrender Lord- in me abide

**God of Grace and God of Glory**

God of grace and God of glory,  
On Thy people pour Thy power;  
Crown Thine ancient Church's story,  
Bring her bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom,  
Grant us courage,  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

Verse 4

Set our feet on lofty places,  
Gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christ-like graces  
In the fight to set men free.

Grant us wisdom.  
Grant us courage,  
That we fail not man nor Thee,  
That we fail not man nor Thee.  
Amen

