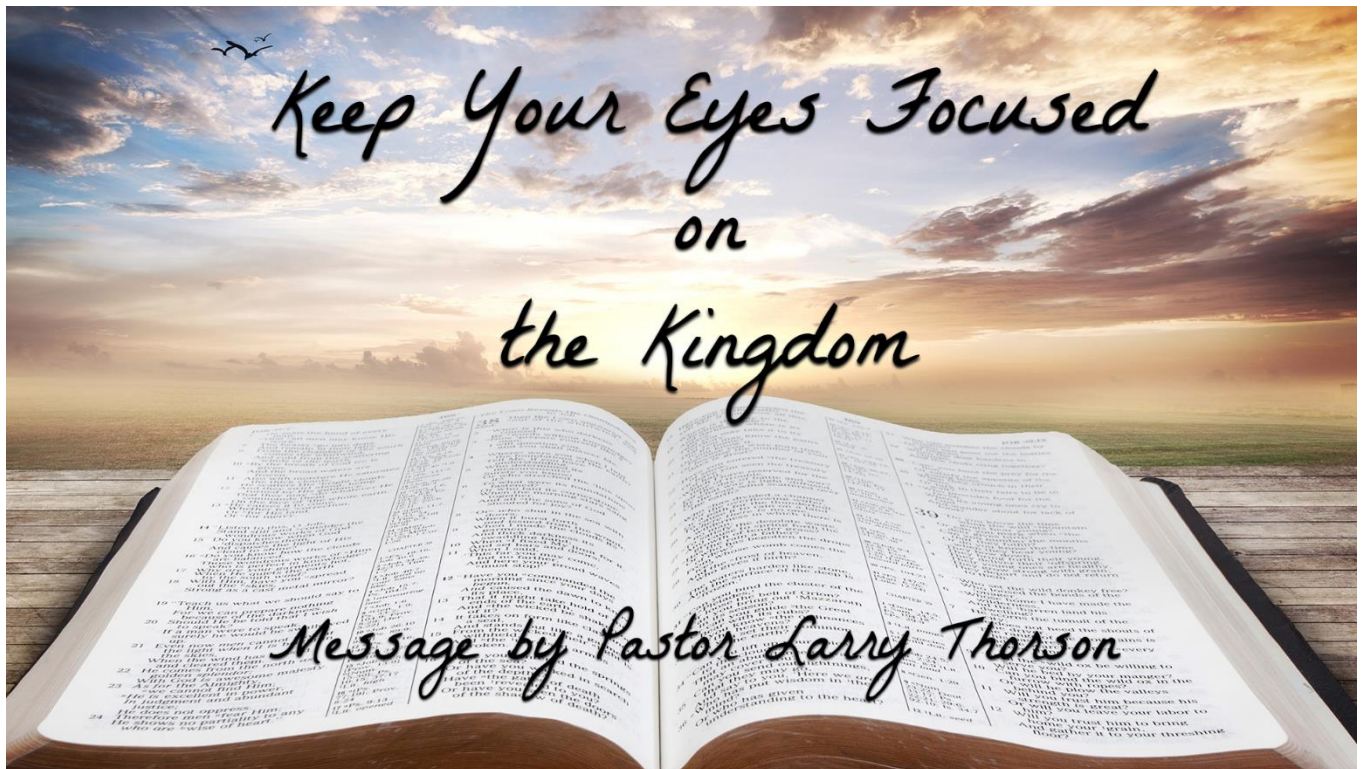


First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, November 12, 2023

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172 years in Mountain View

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Tan Sang

WELCOME

Pastor Larry Thorson

*Praise Song

"He is Our God"

Praise Band

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: "Join me in our responsive call to worship."
O give thanks to the Lord, who is good; whose steadfast love endures forever.

All: **Let us give thanks for the steadfast love of the Lord, for God's wonderful works to humankind.**

Leader: Let the children of God tell their story, those whom God has saved from trouble and forgiven.

All: **Be glad in the Lord and rejoice. O righteous, shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

*HYMN

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Wendy Nelson

Leader: You may be seated. Join me in our unison prayer of confession.

All: **O Lord, compassionate beyond measure, merciful beyond belief, we have strayed from your commandments; we have been lost in our sin and distanced ourselves from you. We perceive your calling us to come back to ourselves and return to you, yet before we can find our way you are running to us. Before we can voice our confession, your arms are around us, welcoming us home. Your forgiveness astounds us. Help us to believe and trust in your amazing grace.**

SILENT TIME OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Wendy Nelson

Leader: Friends, in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PRAISE SONG "Blessed Be the Name" Praise Band

***PASSING THE PEACE** Wendy Nelson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you!

SCRIPTURE READING Amos 5:18-24 Wendy Nelson

HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #8 (1,4)

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:1-13

MESSAGE "Keep Your Eyes Focused on the Kingdom" Pastor Larry Thorson

APOSTLES' CREED Wendy Nelson

RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS

"The Steadfast Love"

Ian-Carl Floirendo and Janelle Herrera

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** "Immortal, Invisible" #25 (1,4)

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

Serving in Worship Today

Ben Kinney, Jr., Greeter, Wendy Nelson, Liturgist

Janelle Hererra, 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 Hererra, Ian-Carl Floirendo

Benji Bhattacharya, AV Assistant

Week at FPCMV

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| Sunday | 9:00am | Bible Study on Isaiah/Chapel & Zoom |
| | 10:00am | Worship |
| | 10:45am | Gathering/informal gathering with Pastor Larry |
| | 11:30am | Deacons/Library |

*The Zoom links in the weekly emails. Contact the office at 650.968.4473 or firstpresbyterian@fpcmv.org and Margie will place you on the list.

TODAY

Deacons Meeting at 11:30am in the Library

CSA Food Drive

Thank you for your generous contributions to the *Community Services Agency Food Drive* over the past several weeks. I delivered the donations on Tuesday, November 7. I was greeted and thanked by the staff, including volunteers who were sorting donations. They wanted me to convey to the congregation their sincere appreciation for all the donations.

The Family Giving Tree

Our church family is invited to participate again this year to this local outreach (<https://familygivingtree.org>). Labeled tags will be available at the entrance to the sanctuary. The gifts will bless young children, teens and seniors. We plan to have the tags available on Sunday, November 19.

Sunday, November 26

Celebrating the Season of Advent | Hanging of the Greens

Following the service everyone is invited to participate in this festive time preparing the sanctuary for the season.

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open my eyes, that I may see,
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key,
That shall unclasp, and set me free.

Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

VERSE 2

Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
Everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

VERSE 1

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation.
O my soul, Praise Him,
for He is thy health and salvation.

All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

VERSE 4

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him.
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before Him.

Let the Amen
Sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him. Amen.

Immortal Invisible

Immortal invisible,
God only wise.
In light inaccessible,
Hid from our eyes.

Most blessed, most glorious,
The Ancient of Days.
Almighty victorious,
Thy great name we praise.

Verse 4

Great Father of glory,
Pure Father of light.
Thine angels adore thee,
All veiling their sight.

All praise we would render,
O help us to see.
'Tis only the splendor,
Of light hideth thee.
Amen.

