

# *First Presbyterian Church*



THE STEADFAST  
LOVE OF THE LORD  
NEVER CEASES;  
HIS MERCIES NEVER  
COME TO AN END.

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*Lamentations 3:22*

*Communion Sunday*

*January 7, 2024*

*10:00am*

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# GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**PRELUDE**

Tan Sang

**WELCOME**

Pastor Larry Thorson

**\*PRAISE**

“Rise Up and Praise Him”

Praise Team

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Cindy Newman

**Leader:** Sing praises to the Lord,

**All:** **for God has done gloriously;**

**Leader:** Let this be known in all the earth,

**All:** **Shout aloud and sing for joy, for great in our midst is the Holy One.**

**\*HYMN**

“Take My Life and Let it Be”

#379 (1,2&6)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Cindy Newman

Creator God, you have called us to glorify you and enjoy you above all else. You have given us joyful songs to sing. We confess that sometimes the words of good news get caught in our throats, and our harmonies of praise become muted by our love for the things of this world. Forgive us when we fail to give thanks for your abundant blessings. Inspire us to sing joyfully and to worship you in beauty that we may go forth empowered to serve you in the world. Search our hearts as we gather quietly before you.

**SILENT TIME OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Cindy Newman

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and be alive to all that is good. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

**\*PRAISE**

“I Will Celebrate”

Praise Team

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

Cindy Newman

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

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

**SCRIPTURE READING** Exodus 24:1-8 Cindy Newman  
**HYMN** "More Love to Thee" #363  
**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 26:26-30 Cindy Newman  
**MESSAGE** "Taken, Blessed, Broken and Given" Pastor Larry Thorson  
**APOSTLES' CREED** Cindy Newman

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
Servers: Jerry Kixmoeller and Wendy Nelson

**RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"  
Son Ringers

**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** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" #380

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

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

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**Serving in Worship**

Ken Newman, Greeter, Cindy Newman, 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/ Zoom/Chapel or Library
	10:00am	Worship
	10:45am	Gathering/informal gathering with Pastor Larry Taking down Christmas decorations. Lunch and birthday cake Son Ringers Rehearsal (see Ian please)
Thursday	1:00pm	Mission Meeting/Zoom
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal/Chapel

\*The Zoom links are in the weekly emails. Contact the office at 650.968.4473 or [firstpresbyterian@fpcmv.org](mailto:firstpresbyterian@fpcmv.org) and Margie will place you on the list for the weekly emails.

### Next Sunday, January 14

Elder Frank Bernstein is delivering the message to us. He is a patent attorney, living in Palo Alto with his wife Jane, their son Peter, and their daughter Hannah and her husband Vince. Frank is active in the life of his home church, Covenant Presbyterian, in our Presbytery. Frank has been serving as a liaison from the Committee on Ministry to our Pastor Nominating Committee.

## Meetings

~Session Meeting, Monday, January 8 at 7:30pm/Zoom

~Mission Meeting, Thursday, January 11 at 1pm/Zoom

~Worship Meeting, Sunday, January 21 at 11am/Zoom

~Deacons Meeting, Sunday, January 28 at 11:30am/Zoom

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**Take My Life, and Let It Be**

Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

VERSE 2

Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

VERSE 6

Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee!  
Ever, only, all for Thee!

**More Love to Thee**

More love to Thee,  
O Christ, More love to Thee!  
Hear Thou the prayer  
I make on bended knee

This is my earnest plea:  
More love, O Christ to Thee,  
More love to Thee.  
More love to Thee!

VERSE 2

Once earthly joy I craved,  
Sought peace and rest  
Now Thee alone I seek,  
give what is best

This all my prayer shall be:  
More love, O Christ to Thee,  
More love to Thee,  
More love to Thee!

VERSE 3

Then shall my latest breath  
Whisper Thy praise  
This be the parting cry  
My heart shall raise

This still my prayer shall be:  
More love, O Christ to Thee,

More love to Thee,  
More love to Thee!

**Just a Closer Walk with Thee**

I am weak but Thou art strong  
Jesus keep me from all wrong  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk let me walk close to Thee.

Chorus 1

Just a closer walk with thee  
Grant it Jesus is my plea  
Daily walking close to Thee  
Let it be dear Lord let it be.

Verse 2

Through this world of toil and snares  
If I falter Lord who cares  
Who with me my burden shares  
None but Thee dear Lord none but Thee.

Chorus 1

Just a closer walk with thee  
Grant it Jesus is my plea  
Daily walking close to Thee  
Let it be dear Lord let it be.

Verse 3

When my feeble life is o'er  
Time for me will be no more  
Guide me gently safely o'er  
To Thy kingdom shore to Thy shore.

Chorus 1

Just a closer walk with thee  
Grant it Jesus is my plea  
Daily walking close to Thee  
Let it be dear Lord let it be.

