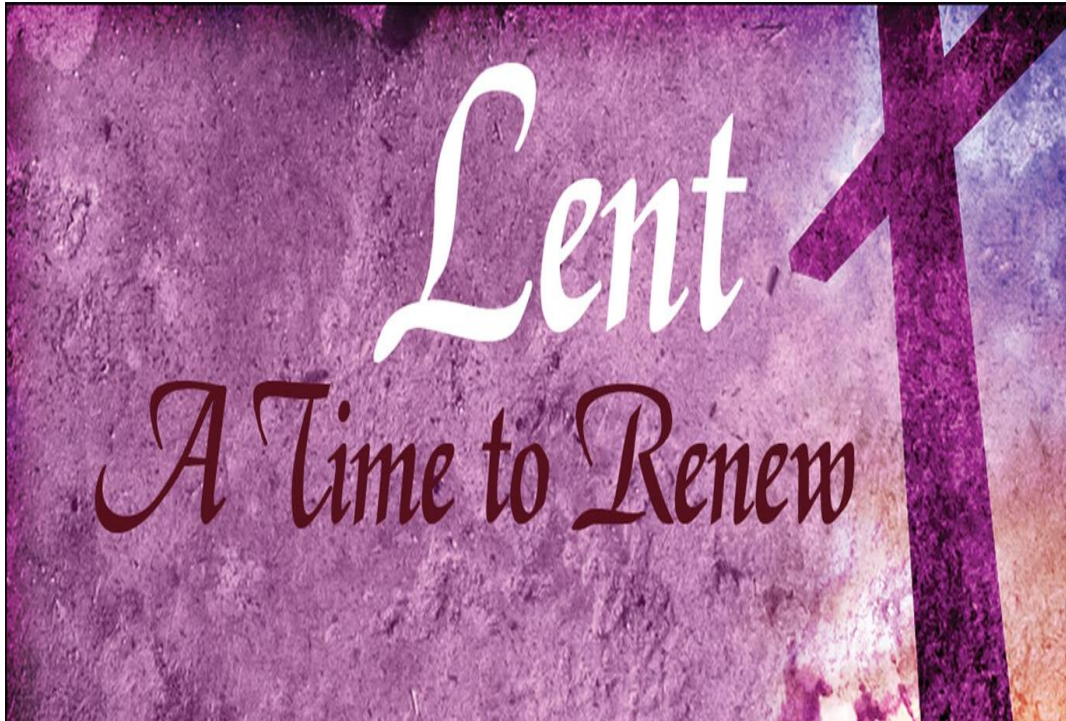


# *First Presbyterian Church*



**February 25, 2024, at 10am**  
**The Second Sunday of Lent**

Today, we welcome back Elder Frank Bernstein to deliver the worship message. Frank, a patent attorney, lives in Palo Alto with his wife Jane, his son Peter, his daughter Hannah and her husband Vince. Frank is active in the life of his home church, Palo Alto's Covenant Presbyterian Church. For the past few years, Frank has helped our Pastor Nominating Committee through his role as the liaison from our presbytery's Committee on Ministry. We are grateful for his guidance!

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## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**PRELUDE** Tan Sang

**WELCOME** Tom Perloff

**\*PRAISE** "Who You Say I Am" Praise Team

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** Kathleen Jarvis

**Leader:** Welcome this day to the second step on our Lenten Journey.

**All:** **We come with great hope and expectation as we walk the way of Christ.**

**Leader:** Today's journey will demand much of us.

**All:** **Lord, make us ready to offer ourselves to you.**

**Leader:** Come, let us begin again the wondrous excursion.

**\*HYMN** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" #217

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)** Kathleen Jarvis

**Lord, You call us to be voices for You in today's world. Yet so often we hesitate and hedge when opportunities arise to speak of you. We are shy in faith and not bold to proclaim. Your story saves, yet we keep it to ourselves. Forgive our reticence of faith. Forgive us, Lord, and give us the strength and the courage to stand firm and declare Your love through our lives. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

### SILENT TIME OF CONFESSION

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Kathleen Jarvis

God does not forsake us. Our God is a gracious God, abounding in steadfast love. Know that in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

**\*PRAISE** "Love of God" Praise Team

**\*PASSING THE PEACE** Kathleen Jarvis

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

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

**Leader:** Greet one another with the peace of Christ.

**MOMENT FOR MISSIONS/JENNIFER SAXTON** Wendy Nelson

<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	Genesis 17:1-7 & 17:15-16	Kathleen Jarvis
<b>*HYMN</b>	“God of Our Fathers”	#573 (1,2,4)
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	Mark 8:31-38	Kathleen Jarvis
<b>MESSAGE</b>	“Who are You Going to Believe?” “When are You Going to Believe?”	Frank Bernstein
<b>*APOSTLES’ CREED</b>		Tom Perloff
<b>RESPONSE TO GOD’S GOODNESS</b>	“Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”	Son Ringers
<b>CALL AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING</b>		Tom Perloff
<b>Leader:</b>	God calls us to lives of grateful generosity. Let us praise the giver of all good gifts through our offering today.	
<b>All:</b>	<b>God of grace, you provide for us in amazing ways. May our offerings provide for others and be used to further Christ’s ministry and mission. Amen.</b>	
<b>A TIME FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		Tom Perloff
<b>A TIME FOR PRAISES AND PRAYERS</b>		Tom Perloff
<b>THE LORD’S PRAYER</b>		Tom Perloff
<b>*HYMN</b>	“The God of Abraham Praise”	#34
<b>*THE BENEDICTION</b>		Frank Bernstein
	*We invite all to stand either in body or in spirit.	

### **Serving in Worship**


Ron Breedlove, Greeter, Kathleen Jarvis, 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
	10:00am	Worship
	11:00am	Son Ringers Rehearsal (see Ian please)
Thursday	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal/Chapel

**The Deacons Meeting will not meet today. Rescheduled for March 10.**

\*The Zoom links are in the weekly emails. Contact the office at 650.968.4473 or [firstpresbyterian@fpcmv.org](mailto:firstpresbyterian@fpcmv.org) if you wish to be sent the weekly emails.



## **Pastor Nominating Committee Sunday, March 3 Candidate Sunday.**

**Our outstanding candidate will lead worship and preach. Following the service the Session will officiate the Congregational Meeting to call the candidate to be our Pastor. All are welcome; only official members may vote.**

**Meet and Greet  
Saturday, March 2, at 2:00pm  
Please join us in the Chapel to meet the candidate.**

## **Family Supportive Housing**

Jennifer Saxton, Volunteer Coordinator at FSH, will be speaking during Moment for Missions in the service. Thank you to all the people who donated the much needed items to FSH.

## **One Great Hour of Sharing**

During Lent, the Presbyterian Church (USA) collects offerings for OGHS. The offering supports: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Donations: OGHS donation envelopes are on the entrance table near the offering plate, go to [fpcmv.org](http://fpcmv.org) and select the OGHS option, or through the PCUSA website.

## **Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**

Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!

### Verse 2

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where O death is now thy sting, Alleluia!  
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

### Verse 3

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

### Verse 4

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise. Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

## **God of Our Fathers**

God of our fathers,  
Whose almighty hand.  
Leads forth in beauty,  
All the starry band.

Of shining worlds,  
In splendor through the skies,  
Our grateful songs,  
Before Thy throne arise.

### VERSE 2

Thy love divine,  
hath led us in the past.  
In this free land,  
By Thee our lot is cast.

Be Thou our ruler,

Guardian, guide and stay.  
Thy word our law,  
Thy paths our chosen way.

VERSE 4

Refresh Thy people,  
On their toilsome way.  
Lead us from night,  
To never-ending day.

Fill all our lives,  
With love and grace divine.  
And glory, laud,  
And praise be ever Thine.  
Amen.

**The God of Abraham Praise**

The God of Abraham praise,  
Who reigns enthroned above.  
Ancient of everlasting days,  
And God of love.

Jehovah great I AM,  
By earth and heaven confessed,  
I bow and bless the sacred name,  
Forever blessed.

Verse 2

The God of Abraham praise  
At whose supreme command,  
From earth I rise and seek the joys,  
At His right hand.

I all on earth forsake,  
It's wisdom, fame, and power.  
And Him, my only portion make,  
My shield and tower.

Verse 3

He by himself hath sworn,  
I on His oath depend.  
I shall on eagles' wings upborne,  
To heaven ascend.

I shall behold His face,  
I shall His power adore,  
And sing the wonders of His grace,  
Forever more.

Verse 6

The whole triumphant host,  
Gives thanks to God on high.  
Hail Father Son and Holy Ghost,  
They ever cry.

Hail, Abraham's God and mine,  
And join the heavenly lays.  
All might and majesty are Thine,  
And endless praise.  
Amen.

