

Church Hacks

New here? It can be tough to feel at home in a new church. Stop by and say hi at our Connect Center in the sanctuary entrance. Or fill out a welcome card in the pew rack in front of you and drop it in the offering plate, and - if you'd like - let us know how to get in touch with you. We're glad you're here.

Got kids? Little ones - infant through preschool - can be checked in before worship in Room 123. Kindergarten - 6th graders meet upstairs for "kids' church." Middle and Senior high school students meet upstairs in Room 226. Kids are also welcome to stay with you for worship. If you need help knowing where to go, don't hesitate to ask. Our Connect Center hosts in the sanctuary entrance will assist you.

Christmas Eve at 5 PM

This worship service is geared towards the kids and features an interactive Pageant!

After the service, stay for a quick snack and a simple craft to take home as a treasured 2019 memento!



Sign up at the Connect Center to help with Nomadic Shelter on January 7!



Nomadic Shelter



First Presbyterian Church
1550 Pacific Avenue
Santa Rosa, California

Ask us about involving your kids in our family service opportunity at February's Nomadic Shelter.

Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-7 (NRSV)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Notes:

December 15, 2019 ~ 10:30 AM
Third Sunday of Advent

We Come Together

We Sing

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Joy Has Dawned*

We Live into Community

Profile of Faith: Vicki Lumadue
Lighting of the Advent Candle
Prepare Him Room

We Say Hello

We Hear God's Word

Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-7

“Come Thou *Unexpected* Jesus”

The Power of A Promise 2019 Advent Sermon Series

What A Beautiful Name

Morning Prayer

We Respond With All We Have

Offering

We Head Out Into the World

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Benediction

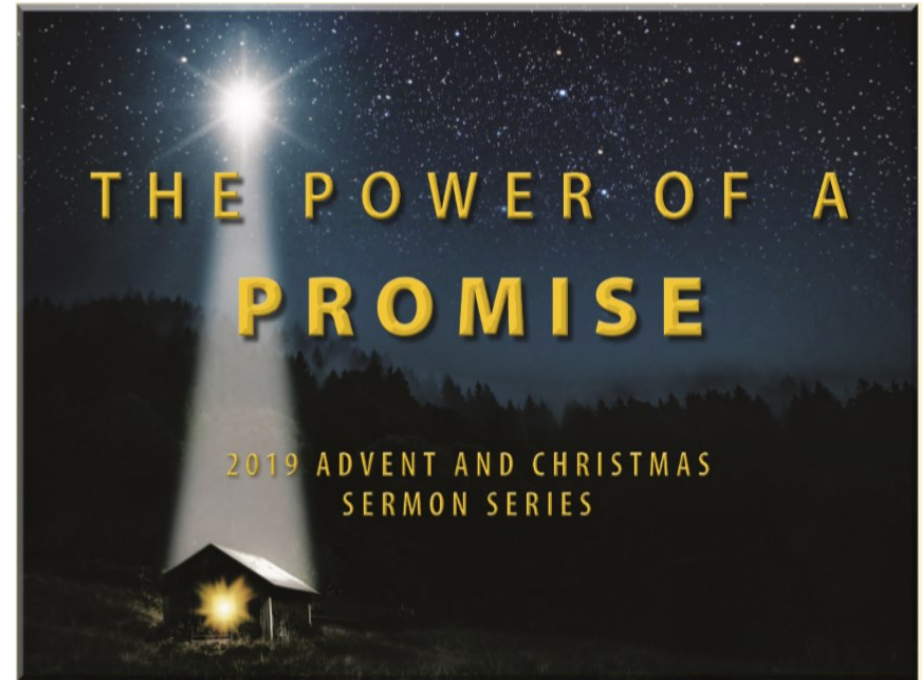
Preaching: Emily Stockert

Worship Leader: Dale Flowers

Scripture Reader: Gail Burson

Music Leader: Chris Studer

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church



Welcome to FPC — we are glad you made it. We hope you feel at home here.

Whether you are unwinding from the weekend or getting ready for the week ahead, we invite you to take the next hour to re-center and connect with the living God. Don't worry about trying to impress anyone or think you have to know it all, no one here has it all together.

If you brought kids with you — great! We have a nursery for infants; a play area for pre-school; a kid's church program for Kindergarten through sixth grade; and *Sunday Rendezvous* for middle and high school students. You are also welcome to have them stay with you for worship.

After worship we invite you to stick around — enjoy some treats, introduce yourself, and make some new friends. After all — this thing called life is easier when we do it together.

Pastor Dale