



January 12, 2020

Welcome David Irvine

Today is David's first Sunday conducting the Chancel Choir as our new Choral Music Director, joining Chris Studer as Worship Music Director and John Pavik as Organist. Each of them are skillful and superb musicians and together they form a strong team providing music leadership for our congregation's worship as well as music ministry opportunities serving our wider community by our church musicians.

David brings extensive experience in church music and worship leadership as well as professional conducting of vocal groups outside the church setting. He has a bachelor's degree in choral conducting from Chapman University and a masters' degree in choral conducting from the University of Oregon. For twenty-five years he has been Director of Worship Ministries at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Sonoma, CA. With St. Andrew Presbyterian in a period of pastoral transition, the timing was right for David to make his own transition as well. His new role with us utilizes skills he enjoys the most, i.e. conducting vocal and handbell choirs.

Outside of church, David serves as Artistic Director/Conductor for the Sonoma Valley Chorale, which he has been leading since 2007 and was the associate conductor four years prior. John Pavik serves as the Associate Conductor for this choir. David also serves as Associate Conductor for the Consort Chorale of Marin County, which he has done since 1996. Since 2004, David has been an annual faculty member of the Tuning @ Tahoe Music Conference which trains musicians of Presbyterian Churches at Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center, Nevada.

Joining our choral program along with David is his wife Kris. Perhaps now is the time for you to also join our choral program. If you have ever wanted to sing in the choir or play handbells, I encourage you talk it over with David. Those who have served under his leadership say he is *...an outstanding teacher—insightful, perceptive, and patient. He is great at figuring out what a given group can do and helps make it happen.... He is a kind, strong leader who is collaborative and leads by inspiration.*

We are grateful for God's leading and timing to bring David to our church and to grow our music program by his leadership.

Alongside you for Christ,

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TODAY @ THE CONNECT CENTER

Sign up for:

- ◆ Dinners for 7 or 8
- ◆ Nomadic Shelter volunteer
- ◆ DivorceCare support group

Pick up:

- ◆ Youth and First Kids calendars
- ◆ Your Lifetouch Picture
- ◆ Lost & Found items!!

Drop off:

- ◆ Recycled moss from Advent wreath

Click to read:

- ◆ Newsletter & 10:30AM Worship Bulletin

Lost & Found Items Stacking Up!

If you've misplaced your water bottle, hat or umbrella, it might be in our Lost & Found. Check in at the Connect Center any day of week to locate your missing item.

WE CARE

We hold up in prayer Kathy Hosmer in the death of her father, Edward (Ed) Greg Alcott, who passed away on December 25 in Anaheim, CA.

WE SERVE

Nomadic Shelter

First Pres hosts the homeless—through Redwood Gospel Mission's Nomadic Shelter—the first Tuesday evening of the month (through April). Get more details and sign up at the Connect Center to serve February 4th.

Ecuador Mission Trip Report

Today after the 10:30 worship service, join Bob Swift and Audrey & Peter Schell who will share their experiences in Ecuador and Bob's recent trip to El Paso, Texas where he visited immigration detainees

WE GROW

Reading the Bible with Understanding

Room 113, 10:30 AM

Today begins a 9-week course taught by Rev. Dr. Kent Webber. If you've ever wanted to read the Bible and gain insights to grasp the meaning of Scripture and its application to your life, this class is worth attending. Class repeats Tuesdays at 4:45 PM.

Presbyterian Women

Tuesdays at 10 AM, Room 113

Presbyterian Women resume their bible study on Tuesday, January 14 at 10 AM in room 113. We'll be using Sheila Walsh's "The Shelter of God's Promises" to guide our study together. Questions? Call Sarah Held: 315-6540.

Dinners for 7 or 8

Register by Feb. 16 to be part of a friendly, social group to connect and get to know each other in a personal way. Sign up at the Connect Center!

Recycle and Reuse!

The Advent Wreath bases we purchased this year were intended to be reused. You can store the moss with your base for use next year or bring it to the church and put in our recycle container at the Connect Center.

Decade Mexico Mission 2020

The Decade Mexico Mission Trip has been a consistent vehicle of living into our calling to be bearers of Gospel to the world locally and abroad. The Mexico Mission Information Meeting will be held on January 26, from 12-1pm in room 224. ***All potential participants, as well as their Parents, need to be present for this meeting.***