



October 20, 2019

Introducing **David G. Irvine** ~ Choral Music Director

At the recommendation of the search committee, Session is pleased to announce the hiring of David Irvine to serve as our new Choral Music Director, effective January 2, 2020.

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 master's 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 leadership transition, David thought the timing was right for him to make his own transition as well. He is excited to work in a role that will utilize the skills he enjoys the most - conducting vocal and handbell choirs.

David said he was drawn to our position because he likes the emphasis we place on worship and the role music plays in contributing to the whole experience of worship. He believes it is important that a church choir be led spiritually as well as musically, so he takes time to teach the text of a musical piece as well as its composition. David values the skill level of our existing music staff—with Chris Studer, as Worship Music Director and John Pavik, as Organist. He looks forward to working closely with them as a team.

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. He also serves as Associate Conductor (to Allan Petker, Conductor) for the Consort Chorale of Marin County, which he has done since 1996.

Comments about David received from his references: *David is a consummate Church Music Director with tremendous understanding of Church music as well as all the skills of a professional choral director.... The depth of his music talent and leadership is phenomenal.... He has high standards, a great voice, and is an outstanding teacher— he is insightful, perceptive, and patient with others.... 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 and our church together.

Alongside you for Christ, *Dale*

TODAY @ THE CONNECT CENTER

Sign up for:

- ◆ Rhythm of Life workshop rescheduled Jan 11, 2020
- ◆ Photo session with Lifetouch
- ◆ GriefShare and Caregivers Support Groups
- ◆ Owl Prowl (Connecting Through Nature 10/26)

Pick up:

- ◆ Your Lifetouch Picture
- ◆ Each One Feed One bags
- ◆ Children's Ministries Assistant or Youth Intern applications
- ◆ Save-the-Date Postcard: Upcoming Silent Movie and Festival of Lessons and Carols

Click QR code to read:

- ◆ Newsletter online
- ◆ 10:30 bulletin online

WE GROW

Celebration of Thanks

Today, Oct. 20, 4 PM

We will gather in the Sanctuary to give thanks for all the many ways God has blessed us in the past year. The service will last for a half hour and all ages are welcome! Afterwards, we will move to Room 113 for Fall-themed snacks and to view a retrospective of church highlights from the past year.

Connecting Through Nature:

Owl Prowl

Saturday, Oct. 26, 5 PM

Meet in the parking lot at 5 PM; if the sky is clear, we will look at the moon through a telescope as well as search for owls.

WE CARE

RobRoy MacLeod Memorial

Sunday, October 27, 1 PM

A memorial service for RobRoy MacLeod will be here at 1PM with a reception afterwards in Ingram Hall hosted by the Deacons.

Each One Feed One

Now through November 10

Pick up grocery bags and attached shopping list now across from the Connect Center for the annual Redwood Gospel Mission Great Thanksgiving Banquet. Bags are due back to the church by November 10.

The roses on the organ celebrate the births of:

- ♥ **Jonah Suard**, born August 15 to Rebecca and Nathan Suard. His grandparents are Chemi and Vic Suard.
- ♥ **Genevieve Henderson**, born August 21 to Gabrielle and Gregory Henderson. Her grandparents are Randy and Claire Rued.

Grief Share

Thursday, Oct. 24, 6-8 PM, Rm. 113

Nina and Scott Campbell, who have personal experience with grief, will facilitate this class. To register, visit the Connect Center or contact Colleen Soldate 328-5465 or email colleen@fpcsantarosa.org.

We mourn the loss of Linda Coleman who passed on October 14. Her memorial will be Friday, November 8 at 11 AM. Keep Daralyn Ruchalski and her family in your prayers.

WE SERVE

Rwanda Team Thanks You!

We are beginning a marvelous adventure of God's leading and direction. Thank you for praying that we will keep our hearts open to His love, and that we will be strong and willing to do whatever is asked. Most especially, we thank you for your generous financial support. We feel deep, heart-felt, overwhelming gratitude to our church! We will return ready to share all the wonders of the Lord we experienced in Rwanda! ~The Rwanda Team