



Border Church/La Iglesia Fronteriza, a weekly worship service held on both sides of the US-Mexico border between San Diego and Tijuana

FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



Third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Sunday, January 22, 2023  
10:30 A.M.

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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## THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 27*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?**

As we behold the beauty of God's temple, we see God's face.

**God is our shelter and our shade.**

**We will sing to the God of our salvation!**

\*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

\*HYMN 321

*The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Jeff Moles

May God be with you in worship here.

**May God be with you in worship there.**

*Children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for Worship & Wonder. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.*

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Let us confess our sins before God, the source of freedom and forgiveness.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from those who should be like family. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen.**

## POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*1 Cor 1:10, Isa 9:4*

God offers forgiveness to those who turn to God in true repentance. Therefore, trust in God, who breaks the bonds of our oppression, and covers us in mercy.

**Amen.**

## \*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.*

*As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

## \*SUNG RESPONSE

ASSAM

*I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus. No turning back, no turning back.*

*Though none go with me, still I will follow. Though none go with me, still I will follow.  
Though none go with me, still I will follow. No turning back, no turning back.*

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:1-4                      The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

1 Corinthians 1:10-18      The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Patrick Wallace

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*adapted from the Confession of 1967*

**God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.**

## THE EUCHARIST

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace*

S.S. Wesley

\*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.*

*Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest!*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. You may take communion by taking a small piece of bread and dipping it in the cup.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us the strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN 721

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

### LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Patrick Wallace*

Liturgist: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Communion Servers: *Suzanne Guyer & Patrick Wallace*

The flowers adorning the sanctuary are given  
in loving memory of Brian Loucks  
by John, Marna, Sarah Beth, and Will Mac



We deeply appreciate all who contributed to the hospitality shown to the families of Cathy Cowan and Cindy Little this week. In this time of sorrow for our congregation, we are grateful for the community of support and friendship that is found here.

# The Life of the Church

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** is next Sunday, January 29 after worship. We will enjoy a potluck meal together as part of this annual gathering.

Meat and drinks will be provided. You are invited to contribute to our lunch according to your last name:

- **A-I:** Dessert
- **J-Q:** Side Dish/Salad

**Mission Committee** meets today after worship in the parlor.

**Hearing Assistance Devices** are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.





First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith called to proclaim the good news of the love of Jesus Christ for all people, and to join God in the building of a just, peaceful, and compassionate world.



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