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Holy Week

You're invited to join us for our Holy Week services as we commemorate the profound journey leading to Easter Sunday. Experience the solemnity and spiritual depth of this sacred time with our community.

March 28

7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Worship

March 29

2:00 PM - Community Good Friday Worship,
St. Ambrose Episcopal Church

7:00 PM - CPC/Haven Fellowship Good Friday Worship, Chapel

March 31

8:00 AM - CPC/Emmanuel/GPIB Easter Celebration, Front Lawn

10:00 AM - Easter Worship featuring *Gospel Mass* by Robert Ray

We warmly welcome you to join us in reflection, prayer, and celebration during this holiest of weeks.

Upcoming Worship

Sunday worship services are in-person and accessible through Facebook Live (facebook.com/claremontpres) or Youtube (youtube.com/@claremontpres)

Sunday, April 7, 10:00 AM

Second Sunday of Easter

John 20:19-31

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Sunday, April 14, 10:00 AM

Third Sunday of Easter

Luke 24:36-48

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Wednesday, April 17, 5:30 PM

Village Dinner Church

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Sunday, April 21, 10:00 AM

Fourth Sunday of Easter

John 10:11-18

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Sunday, April 28, 10:00 AM

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Waffle Church

John 15:1-8

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Sunday, April 28, 6:00 PM

Jazz Vespers

Spring Bible Study

Our Weekly Wednesday Zoom Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, April 10. We will begin an 8 week study of *Reading John for Dear Life: A Spiritual Walk Through the Fourth Gospel*. Jaime Clark-Soles takes readers on a dynamic journey deep into the heart of John in this lively reading of the Fourth Gospel. This book is not simply a commentary but a spiritual companion to be read alongside the Bible. Clark-Soles provides important historical and literary insights while illuminating the dramatic characters in John and emphasizing the Gospel's unique themes and symbols. This excellent guide will enrich our spiritual journeys while opening ourselves up to Jesus through the words, stories, questions, symbols, and characters we encounter in John's Gospel. The book is available through many online booksellers in paperback and electronic formats. If you would like the church to order your copy, please call the church office.

Join us on Wednesdays at 4:00 PM beginning April 10, on Zoom. Meeting ID 86218839113.

Find Me on the Website

Did you know there are many helpful documents and other resources on the CPC website? Here's just a few:

Sign up for *the Latest* (weekly e-news) - go to claremontpres.org and scroll to the bottom of the page. Simply submit your e-mail and you're done.

Annual Pledge Card - it's never too late make a pledge or adjust your current pledge. For the online version of our pledge card go to claremontpres.org/annual-pledge

Operations Manual, Bylaws, Employee Handbook, and Annual Reports - all available at claremontpres.org/documents

Previous worship services - claremontpres.org/newsermons

Watch the *Pandemic Requiem* - claremontpres.org/requiem

The Communicator newsletter - from 2013 to the latest issue available at claremontpres.org/newsletter

Calendar - the most up-to-date version can always be found at claremontpres.org/calendar

Jazz Vespers

Jazz Vespers returns to CPC on April 28 at 6 PM to reflect on the meaning and messages of Earth Day 2024. The Ron Kobayashi Trio returns with its insightful and dynamic jazz sounds that blend with the spoken word that moves the spirit and heals the soul. Join us for this beautiful early evening service. Free will offerings will be accepted.

Family Camp at Big Bear, May 25-27

This year Family Camp will return to the Big Bear Lake Camp. This event is for all ages--kids, parents, grandparents, and friends. We again want to offer an opportunity to get away, close to home, and enjoy some modern amenities while being able to step out the doorstep and into nature. Join us on May 25, 3:00 PM - May 27, 11:00 AM at Big Bear Lake Christian Conference Center. Cost is \$120 per participant and children 2 years and younger are free. Register today with your \$50 deposit to hold your spot.

Visit Neighbors on the Border

On Friday and Saturday, April 26-27 a group will visit Calexico (U.S.) and Mexicali (Mexico) to learn how we can be supportive neighbors. The group will depart Claremont at 8 AM on Friday and return by 8 PM on Saturday. We will visit with workers assisting asylum seekers in Calexico and we will visit a shelter in Mexicali, hosting primarily women and children who have fled their homes. We will participate in an art project at the shelter and listen to the stories of migrants and others seeking safe and secure homes. The Cost is \$135 and scholarships are available. The visit is sponsored by: Justice for Immigrants Seeking Asylum (JISA) Interested? Questions? Contact the church office.

Craig Colclough to Speak at the Gardens

Craig Colclough will return from performances in Sweden just in time to see his family, hug his kids, overcome jet lag, and speak at Mt. San Antonio Gardens April 10 at 7:00 PM in the auditorium of the Social Center. He is a wonderful speaker with enchanting stories. Attendance is free but parking on campus is limited. Plan to arrive early.

News from our Deacons

The Deacon's would like to thank you for all the generous donations to the Deacon's fund and the Red Wheelbarrow. Remember, donations can be made to either, at any time. Lisa Frazier and Nora Quinn check the wheelbarrow regularly.

The CPC Deacons and Congregational Care Coordinator extend a resounding "Thank you!" for your generous donations of Easter Lilies that adorned our CPC Sanctuary for Easter Sunday Worship as well as on the lawn for our shared worship service with Emmanuel Presbyterian Church and GPIB.

Your generous donations were distributed by the Deacons, and other volunteers, on Easter Sunday afternoon, to the bereaved, the isolated, the homebound, those recovering from surgery, and to those who could be uplifted with the hope of Easter, through the delivery of an Easter Lily. We lift up our prayers for those to whom the Easter Lilies were dedicated. We bless those hearts who gave, and the hands that delivered.

Deep thanks, again, for your gracious generosity!

HAVEN FELLOWSHIP
Holding Faith /
Holding Family

Finding a faith both biblical and affirming to include all God's children

April 1 - May 13, 2024
Mondays via zoom • 7:00 pm PST • Free
Led by Pastor Vikki Randall, DMin.,
Lina Myrvold, LMFT, Mitzen Black PsyD.

For more info or to register, go to havensgv.org



Save the Date for Vacation Bible School June 24-28!

This year Vacation Bible School will take us to Compassion Camp. Compassion Camp explores What Every Living Thing Needs to live—shelter, food, water, air, and community—and how we can have compassion for the living earth, especially in our local ecosystems. We will gather each evening for a session based on a different portion of Psalm 104, a prayer of praise and gratitude for God’s care, creativity, and compassion. Registration opens May 1.

Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build Day

You are invited to join us for the very first SGV Habitat Interfaith Build Day on Friday, April 12. Contact Victoria Gonzalez, vgonzalez@sgvhabitat.org for more info.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting on April 21 right after worship. The purpose of this meeting is to hear the recommendations of the Nominating Committee and elect a new class of Elders and Deacons.

First Tuesday Coffee and Conversation

At 9:30 AM on April 2, grab a cup of coffee to go from your favorite Claremont Village coffee shop and join friends in Laemmler Square for a time of conversation and building friendships. This is a great chance to get better acquainted with members of our community. Questions? Call the church office at 909-624-9693.

February Session Highlights

- Grieved the passing of member Leonaine Dixon
- Approved the baptism of Fenton Colclough on April 14
- Learned that Tom Rennard joined the San Gabriel Presbytery, as he and Sandy Tice have moved to Pasadena after her retirement
- Heard a report from the Transition Leadership Team that they have interviewed two qualified candidates
- Treasurer Janet Siedschlag reported that CPC is currently in the black, after several families pre-paid their pledges in full
- Were sorry to learn of Heather Chapman’s resignation, but pleased that Amanda Colclough will take on the extra responsibilities, beginning Feb. 1.

Worship Flowers

We are grateful for the generosity of those who provide the beauty of worship flowers for all of us to enjoy. We are mindful of those in whose memory or in whose honor the flowers are given. We also join in celebration of special events. You are invited to enjoy getting to know our friends and lift them in prayer

Flowers were lovingly and thoughtfully given in March as follows:

March 3: Trisch Diaz “In loving memory of my wonderful husband, Ron” (on the one year anniversary of his passing).

March 10: Jean Perry In honor of her son, Robert’s, birthday on March 16.

Promoting Friendship and Understanding



ISRAEL/PALESTINE PANEL CONVERSATION

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

6:30 PM GATHERING 7-8:30 PANEL



Ahmed Soboh
Chairman, Islamic Shura
Council of Southern California,
American Palestinian activist



Gary Gilbert
Associate Professor of Religious
Studies & Director of Jewish
Studies Sequence, Claremont
McKenna College



Andy Winnick
Member of J Street and Jewish
Alliance for Justice and Peace.
Author of *The Impact of Israeli's
Founding Myths on the Prospects
for a Two-State Solution*

**Location: University of La Verne, Ludwick Sacred Space
1928 Bonita Ave, La Verne, CA**

The purpose of this event is for building understanding and education not advocating a particular position or demonstration. Participants are encouraged to be mindful of this so this purpose is achieved. Sponsored by the Inland Valley Interfaith Working Group for Middle East Peace & ULV's Office of Religious and Spiritual Life



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March 17: Barbara Patch “In loving memory of my dear friend, Barbara Myers. Remembering her birthday on March 3 and the 1 year anniversary of her passing.”

March 24: Paula Pitzer “Wishing all of us a blessed Palm Sunday, filled and illuminated by his light.”

March 31: The community of CPC shared a joyous “Alleluia!” on Easter Sunday! Your generous donations of lilies will be distributed by the Deacons on Easter Sunday afternoon to the bereaved, the isolated, the homebound, those recovering from surgery, and to those who could be uplifted with the hope of Easter.

Please Lift Up Your Prayers

In celebration: our joyous, full-of-hope Resurrection Easter Sunday worship services!

In gratitude: for knowing that Jesus walks beside us through whatever challenges and/or struggles we might be encountering along our path on this day.

In contemplation and reflection: “For God so loved the world [cosmos], that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” John 3:16 NRSV

For guidance and wisdom: “Is it I, Lord?” Do you have gifts that could be shared with our CPC friends by serving as an elder or as a deacon, while also deepening bonds of friendship and fellowship in Christ?

For those who have died, may God wrap each one left grieving in love and grace: Mike Layne on March 16; Scott Blair, Tina Blair’s brother; Pat LaMascus, Karen and Geri DeMasi’s daughter-in-law’s mother; Mike Wigton’s mother; Sally and Damon Lopez’s nephew, Anthony Ackland Fraijo;

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 02/29/2024	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	\$102,799.72	\$80,000.00
Other Income	\$13,138.70	\$21,841.656
Expenses	-\$111,671.45	-\$123,495.02
Variance	\$4,266.97	-\$21,653.36
CHILDREN’S CENTER AS OF 02/29/2024	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	\$192,568.58	\$200,500.00
Expenses	-\$208,915.35	-\$210,137.50
Variance	-\$16,346.77	-\$9,637.50

Nancy Rice's son-in-law, Michael Aragon (her daughter, Amanda's husband); Leonaine Dixon; Corinne Tolles, Delight Slotemaker de Bruine's cousin.

For healing, recovery and strength: Pat Beswick; Joan Stock; Nancy Rice; Lisa Frazier's cousin, Daniel; Ginni Rassieur's cousin; Ron Perry; David Frazier; Heather Chapman; Suzanne, Sally Lopez's sister.

For those for whom we wish the gentle soothing peace, wisdom, and comfort of the Holy Spirit: our friends, unnamed here for privacy, who are navigating the path of cancer and seeking to understand what that entails; Edda, Eric and Teresa Bernal's sister-in-law and for her children; Pam and Roger House; Herb & Carlynn Christian; Phoebe Deville; the Perry family; the Hughes family; Catherine Lin and her mother, Patricia; Joyce Alexander.

For living transitions: Joanne McCandless.

We also lift up all of those who remain unnamed here, but whose names and spirits are named within our hearts. Please be assured that your CPC staff, along with your Congregational Care Coordinator and Deacons are praying and caring for each one of you.

Please contact delight@claremontpres.org for any prayer requests. Details will be shared only as you give permission. Otherwise, the CPC Staff and Deacons will lift up your confidential prayer requests.



Wednesday, April 17
5:30 - 7:00 PM

You are invited...

- To relax with a meal that is already taken care of...
- To know that your family is cared for...
- To engage your faith with other people with similar questions...
- To learn how the Holy Spirit is at work in the community...
- And, to experience the wide and inclusive love of God.

Join us this month when our guest speaker will be Craig Colclough, a wonderful speaker with enchanting stories.

Ways to Give

- Place offerings in offering box in narthex after worship.
- **Check:** We can receive contributions by checks mailed or dropped off at our church office.
- **Online:** You can make an online contribution to Claremont Presbyterian Church by navigating to our website at claremontpres.org/giving-2. or by scanning the QR code.
- **Autopay from your checking account:** Your bank should be able to help you set up an electronic payment directly to CPC.
- **Transfer money through your bank or the Zelle app:** Send your money to: giving@claremontpres.org.





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Deadline for the May Communicator - April 15

Weekly Online Events

Monday - Friday

9:00 AM - Daily Prayer (Facebook)

Sunday

10:00 AM - Worship (Facebook & Youtube)

Wednesday

4:00 PM - Bible Study (Zoom)

Friday

8:00 AM - Morning Meditation (Online Meditation Chapel)



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