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## From the Pastor

### 2020 Vision for Lent

During 2020, we are thinking about vision and considering how the world looks when we look at it through different lenses in our sacred scriptures. For the Sundays of Lent, we will consider what we see when we **look at life through the “I Am” sayings in the Gospel of John.**

I am the Bread of Life, I am the Vine and you are the branches, I am The Good Shepherd, I Am the Light of the World, I am the Way, I am the Resurrection.

When Moses first encountered God in the burning bush, he asked to know **God’s name. God responded, “I Am.” In John’s gospel, Jesus echoes this** response in talking about himself and his mission on earth. Jesus uses well known symbols from the Hebrew scriptures: bread, water, light, vines, paths, shepherd, and life to reveal the way in which he embodies and reveals the work of God in the world. In using these symbols, he also invites his followers to join him in the mission of embodying and revealing **the work of God. When we deeply consider the “I Am” sayings of Jesus we** learn more, not only about who Jesus is, but also about who we are called to **become as Christ’s body, the church.**

**In our church’s sanctuary, the “I Am” statements of Jesus are depicted in** one of the stained glass windows, giving us visual icons for contemplating those statements as well. Throughout the season, we will be creating art for worship that reflects our exploration of these sayings.

See you in church!

*Karen Sapio*

## Upcoming Worship

Sunday, March 1, 10:00 AM  
First Sunday of Lent  
John 15: 1-17  
What John Saw: I Am the Vine  
Brian Gaeta-Symonds preaching

Sunday, March 8, 10:00 AM  
Second Sunday of Lent  
John 6: 22-59  
What John Saw: I Am the Bread of Life  
Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, March 8, 7:00 PM  
Evening Prayer for Healing and  
Wholeness in the Chapel

Sunday, March 15, 10:00 AM  
Third Sunday of Lent  
John 8: 1-19  
What John Saw: I Am the Light  
Karen Sapio preaching  
*Waffle Church in Fellowship Hall*

Sunday, March 22, 10:00 AM  
Fourth Sunday of Lent  
John 10: 1-18  
What John Saw: I Am the Good Shepherd  
Erin Swenson preaching - *to learn more  
about Rev. Swenson, see article on pg. 3,  
"CPC Hosts 'Beyond Pink and Blue'"*

Sunday, March 29, 10:00 AM  
Fifth Sunday of Lent  
John 14: 1-14  
What John Saw: I Am the Way, Truth,  
and Life  
Karen Sapio preaching

## Work Day Thanks

Thank you to the following people who participated in the church work day on February 8: Peggy Trindle, Steve Sittig, Saba Elyousef, Stuart Lillich, Jo Colclough, Bill Reed, Pat Reed, Karen Sapio, Thalia Salter and Patrick West. We accomplished a good number of tasks. If you were not able to be there, don't worry, you can come next time!

-Dave Colclough

## One Great Hour of Sharing

During worship on March 1, you may pick up your fish bank for our annual One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Collect coins in your bank throughout the season of Lent, and bring your bank back to church on Easter Sunday.

## Thursday Morning Meditation

We gather in the chapel at 7 AM to greet the day by keeping silence together for 25 minutes. The first Thursday of each month begins with a very brief introduction to the practice of meditation. We often break the silence by departing for conversation at a nearby coffee shop.

## Adult Education Forum - Lent 2020

The Claremont Presbyterian 2020 Lenten theme, 'I AM,' will be experienced in many different ways throughout the 40 days of Lent here on the CPC campus. The Adult Education Forum will be diving into Jesus' famous 'I am' statements over the course of 5 Sundays during March. With the aid of Andrea Skevington's Lenten study, *Jesus said, 'I am,'* our Sunday morning group will hear of the transforming power of Jesus' words - I am the vine, I am the Bread, I am the Light...

The church is ordering several copies of this book, and they will be available in the main office for a \$10 donation. It can also be found on amazon.com. Join us on Sundays at 9:00 AM in Classroom 1.

## Evening Prayer for Healing and Wholeness

On the second Sunday of each month, we gather in the chapel for prayers at close of day that include prayers for healing--of loved ones, of **those on our congregation's prayer list, of situations in the world that are heavy on our hearts.** These gatherings often include music and readings from scripture, poetry, or spiritual texts. Join us March 8 at 7:00 PM.



## CPC Hosts “Beyond Pink and Blue”

The event is sponsored by: Feminist Agenda Network, Jane A Spahr Reconciliation Project at the Graduate School of Theology San Francisco Theological Seminary and Applied Wisdom Institute at the University of Redlands. There is a \$20 registration fee with scholarships available. The fees included breakfast and lunch. To RSVP, contact Jerri Rodewald at [jandbrode@verizon.net](mailto:jandbrode@verizon.net).



We are honored to welcome The Rev. Erin Swenson as our guest preacher for Sunday, March 22.

The Reverend Erin K. Swenson, Th.M., Ph.D., was ordained as Eric Karl Swenson in 1973 by the Presbytery of Atlanta, Twenty-three years later in 1996, after completing a gender transition from male to female, that ordination was upheld by the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, PCUSA, making Erin the

first known mainstream minister to transition from male to female while remaining in ordained office.

Erin continues to practice active ministry as a psychotherapist/ marriage and family therapist. She travels nationally and internationally presenting to conferences, churches, organizations, seminaries, and universities.

## All-Church Camp Out - Big Bear

Join us May 23-25, at the Serrano Campground. Experienced or novice camper? This trip is for anyone looking to get back to nature and share a weekend among friends, familiar and new. This is an opportunity to unplug and reconnect. Every once in a while we need to clear away the clutter in our minds, our agendas, and our busy lives, and reconnect with our creator while experiencing creation.

Registration will open soon. \$25 deposit per family requested at registration. Space will be limited

## Detention Center Visitation

Visitation is about providing a welcoming spirit and a non-anxious presence, listening and offering hope through accompaniment. It simply requires showing up and listening **with the “ear of the heart.”** Are you being called to this compassionate act of hospitality? Join us on any of the following dates: March 20, April 17, May 15, and June 19.

Contact Kristi Van Nostran, Immigrant Accompaniment Organizer at [PresbyWelcome@gmail.com](mailto:PresbyWelcome@gmail.com) or (360) 521-4096 for more information.



## Waffle Church

Our next Waffle Church is Sunday, March 15 at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Waffle church is designed to respect and celebrate the enthusiasm and energy of children in worship, and it includes a lot of movement and child-centered activities – and of course waffles!



## Family Day Trips

CPC families had a great time ice skating in February. Look for **future family events. We're always** trying a new adventure.

Our next family event will be a hike and picnic on March 21 from 12:00 - 2:00 pm at Higginbotham Park.

## PW Bible Study

Bible Study sponsored by Claremont Presbyterian Women will meet Tuesday, March 10 at 9:30 AM in room 1. "Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments" is the theme for 2019-20. Pastor Karen Sapio leads the study which will be held each second Tuesday of the month through May. All members and friends are welcome to attend as schedules permit. To order a study guide (\$12), contact Elaine Walker at (909) 621-4261.

## Your CPC Nominating Committee is at work!

The CPC Nominating Committee is at work this month and next to present a slate of nominees for the offices of Elder and Deacon for the class of 2023, (and some unexpired terms). How can you help? If you know someone you believe would be an excellent Elder or Deacon, please speak to a member of the Nominating Committee to suggest that name. If the a member of the Nominating Committee contacts you, please prayerfully consider serving.

CPC Nominating Committee 2020

Genny Ransom

Eric Bernal

Jeanine Robertson

Elaine Walker

Sue Likens

Octavio Guerrero

## Volunteers Needed

CPC runs smoothly because of the help of our wonderful volunteers. Even though we have many dedicating time to help keep our ministries happening we can always use a few more hands. Current areas of need are:

Office help

Ushers

Chancel flower administration

Campus repairs

Messy Midweek Church

Waffle Church

Lemonade Wednesdays

**And more...**

If you can help in one or more of these areas, or would like to explore more options for getting involved, call the church office at 909-624-9693.





# Lenten Journey 2020

We've just begun the journey of Lent: 40 days, (minus Sundays) of spiritual deepening, exploration, and preparation as Easter approaches. Claremont Presbyterian Church invites you to participate in these opportunities to journey together this Lent.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

Our sermons series for the Sundays of Lent continues the theme of 2020 Vision as we look at life through the lens of the "I Am" statements of John's gospel.

## SPECIAL WORSHIP EVENTS

March 8, 7 PM -Service of Healing and Wholeness

March 15, 10 AM - Waffle Church

April 9, 7 PM - Maundy Thursday Communion

April 10, 2 PM Community Good Friday Worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran

April 10, 7 PM - Good Friday Labyrinth Walk and Meditation

## LENTEN LEARNING

Soup Supper and Exploration of "I Am" Statements of Jesus.

Wednesdays March 4 - April 8 at 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.



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## Annual Book Review

Another wonderful event! This year's book was *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens and was reviewed by Leanne Kerchner and Elaine Walker.



## CPC by the Numbers

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 1/31/20	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	\$32,319.52	\$44,090.66
Other Income	\$7,260.00	\$4,116.00
Expenses	-\$45,469.44	-\$49,071.97
VARIANCE	-\$5,889.92	-\$865.31
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 01/31/20	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	\$76,969.47	\$75,811.66
Expenses	-\$80,921.00	-\$75,811.66
VARIANCE	-\$3,951.53	\$0.00
Souper Bowl of Caring Funds Raised		\$700.14

Sunday, March 1  
 9:00 am Adult Education, Rm. 1  
 10:00 am Worship  
 11:30 am Confirmation Cohort, Rm. 1  
 6:00 pm College-age Gathering, Rm. 4

Monday, March 2  
 7:00 pm Firm Believers, FH

Tuesday, March 3  
 8:00 am Firm Believers, FH  
 9:00 am Music & Movement, Rm. 7  
 4:30 pm Community Yoga, Rm. 7

Wednesday, March 4  
 10:00 am Staff Meeting, Lib  
 11:00 am Petite Feet, Rm. 7  
 1:00 pm Lemonade Wednesdays  
 5:30 pm Lenten Meal & Scripture Exploration, FH

Thursday, March 5  
 7:00 am Morning Meditation, Chapel  
 8:00 am Firm Believers, FH  
 9:00 am CPCC Chapel  
 7:00 pm Firm Believers, FH  
 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir, MB

Friday, March 6  
 8:00 am Coffee & Donuts, CPCC  
 9:00 am Children's Center Yoga, Rm. 7

Sunday, March 8  
 9:00 am Adult Education, Rm. 1  
 10:00 am Worship  
 10:15 am Godly Play  
 11:15 am Education & Leadership, Rm. 7  
 6:00 pm College-age Gathering, Rm. 4  
 7:00 pm Healing & Wholeness, Chapel

Monday, March 9  
 5:00 pm El Rancho CPCC Fundraiser  
 7:00 pm Firm Believers, FH

Tuesday, March 10  
 8:00 am Firm Believers, FH  
 9:00 am Music & Movement, Rm. 7  
 9:30 am PW Bible Study, Rm. 1  
 4:30 pm Community Yoga, Rm. 7  
 5:00 pm CPCC Comm, Lib.

Wednesday, March 11  
 10:00 am Staff Meeting, Lib.  
 11:00 am Petite Feet, Rm. 7  
 1:00 pm Lemonade Wednesdays  
 5:30 pm Lenten Meal & Scripture Exploration, FH  
 7:00 pm Property & Finance, Lib.

Thursday, March 12  
 7:00 am Morning Meditation, Chapel  
 8:00 am Firm Believers, FH  
 9:00 am CPCC Chapel  
 1:30 pm PCU Mtg, Rm. 7  
 7:00 pm Firm Believers, FH  
 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir, MB

Friday, March 13  
 8:00 am Coffee & Donuts, CPCC  
 9:00 am Children's Center Yoga, Rm. 7

Sunday, March 15  
 9:00 am Adult Education, Rm. 1  
 10:00 am Waffle Church, FH  
 10:00 am Worship  
 6:00 pm College-age Gathering, Rm. 4

Monday, March 16  
 7:00 pm Firm Believers, FH

Tuesday, March 17  
 8:00 am Firm Believers, FH  
 9:00 am Music & Movement, Rm. 7  
 4:30 pm Community Yoga, Rm. 7  
 7:00 pm Evangelism & Nurture, Lib.

Wednesday, March 18  
 10:00 am Staff Meeting, Lib  
 11:00 am Petite Feet, Rm. 7  
 1:00 pm Lemonade Wednesdays  
 5:30 pm Lenten Meal & Scripture Exploration, FH

Thursday, March 19  
 7:00 am Morning Meditation, Chapel  
 8:00 am Firm Believers, FH  
 9:00 am CPCC Chapel  
 7:00 pm Firm Believers, FH  
 7:00 pm Mission Comm, Lib.  
 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir, MB

Friday, March 20  
 Tapestry Youth Camp  
 8:00 am Coffee & Donuts, CPCC  
 9:00 am Children's Center Yoga, Rm. 7

Saturday, March 21  
 Tapestry Youth Camp  
 8:00 am CPR training

Sunday, March 22  
 Tapestry Youth Camp  
 9:00 am Adult Education, Rm. 1  
 10:00 am Worship  
 6:00 pm College-age Gathering, Rm. 4

Monday, March 23  
 7:00 pm Firm Believers, FH

Tuesday, March 24  
 8:00 am Firm Believers, FH  
 9:00 am Music & Movement, Rm. 7  
 4:30 pm Community Yoga, Rm. 7  
 7:00 pm Deacon Board, Library

Wednesday, March 25  
 10:00 am Staff Meeting, Lib  
 11:00 am Petite Feet, Rm. 7  
 1:00 pm Lemonade Wednesdays  
 5:30 pm Lenten Meal & Scripture Exploration, FH  
 7:00 pm CPC Session, Rm. 1

Thursday, March 26  
 7:00 am Morning Meditation, Chapel  
 8:00 am Firm Believers, FH  
 9:00 am CPCC Chapel  
 7:00 pm Firm Believers, FH  
 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir, MB

Friday, March 27  
 8:00 am Coffee & Donuts, CPCC  
 9:00 am Children's Center Yoga, Rm. 7

Saturday, March 28  
 Presbytery Mtg.

Sunday, March 29  
 9:00 am Adult Education, Rm. 1  
 10:00 am Worship  
 6:00 pm College-age Gathering, Rm. 4

Monday, March 30  
 7:00 pm Firm Believers, FH

Tuesday, March 31  
 8:00 am Firm Believers, FH  
 9:00 am Music & Movement, Rm. 7  
 4:30 pm Community Yoga, Rm. 7

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## The Latest

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One way is to go to the church website at [www.claremontpres.org](http://www.claremontpres.org) and look in the bottom left corner of the home page. You may also contact Lisa Strom, [lisa@claremontpres.org](mailto:lisa@claremontpres.org) and tell her you would like to subscribe.

## Prayer Chain

If you (or a loved one) are in need of prayer, the Prayer Chain of the Presbyterian Women is there for you. You may call Joyce Alexander at (909) 621-0493 with your prayer request. Please be sure you have the permission of the person for whom you are requesting prayer.



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