



## MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Meditación para la preparación para la adoración*

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. (Isaiah 25:8-9 NRSV)

## CHORAL INTROIT *Coral Introito*

“By All Your Saints Still Striving” (325)

KING’ LYNN

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME REUNIRSE EN EL NOMBRE DE DIÓS

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración*

Janet Loman

**Leader:** Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

**People:** **For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm. God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.**

**Leader:** We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

**People:** **Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with victory. This is God, our God forever and ever. He will be our guide forever.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE *Himno de Alabanza*

#326 “For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

*Oración de adoración (al unísono)*

Holy and Loving God, as the angels and all the saints gather before your throne and proclaim your everlasting praise and glory, so we gather here today in your holy sanctuary to worship and adore you. Stir up, O Lord, your faithful ones to seek more eagerly your living presence. Attend us in this time we have set aside so that we may more worthily magnify your most holy name. Grant us grace to follow those who have gone before us in lives of faith and commitment, that we, with them, may know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you. We ask all of this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, amen

**PLEASE BE SEATED** *Tomen asiento por favor*

CALL TO CONFESSION *Llamada a la confesión*

“Your Only Son” (518)  
Choral Scholars

LAMB OF GOD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) *Oración de confesión (unísono)*

(Psalm 51)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

*Momento de confesión en silencio y reflexión*

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND MERCY

*Seguros del amor y misericordia de Dios*

Leader: If the Lord remembered our sin, who could stand? For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. But the Lord has promised, "For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more." In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare that our sin is forgiven. Thanks be to God.

**People: The Lord’s name be praised. In Jesus Christ all our sin is forgiven. Amen.**

Leader: What do we mean when we speak of "the forgiveness of sins"?<sup>[1]</sup>

**People: Because of Jesus Christ, God no longer holds my sins against me. Christ alone is my righteousness and my life. Grace alone is the basis on which God has forgiven me in him. Faith alone is the means by which I receive Christ into my heart, and with him the forgiveness that makes me whole.**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Aseguramiento*

#408 “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Momento de buenas noticias para los discípulos jóvenes*

Judith Ames

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<sup>[1]</sup> Question #62, The Study Catechism: Confirmation Version, Approved by the 210th General Assembly (1998) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

- Children are asked to remain with their families throughout the worship service.
- *Se les pide a los niños que permanezcan con sus familias durante todo el servicio de adoración.*

CALL TO PRAYER *Llamada a La Oración*

# 466 “Come and Fill Our Hearts”

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

Congregation to sing verse 1

Choral Scholars to sing verse 2

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM *Himno*

“Taste and See” (520)

TASTE AND SEE

**PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Lecturas de la escritura*

Janet Loman

1 John 2:24-25, 3:1-2

Revelation 7:9-17

1 John 2:24-25, 3:1-2 (New Revised Standard Version)

Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is what he has promised us, eternal life. See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

Revelation 7:9-17 (New Revised Standard Version)

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, ‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might

be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ I said to him, ‘Sir,

you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Sermón* “A Theology of Promise and Hope” Rev. Norm Story

\*COMMUNION HYMN (*Himno de Comunion*)

#519 “You Are My Strength When I Am Weak” YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL

INVITATION TO THE TABLE (*Invitación a la mesa*)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD’S PRAYER

(*El Padre Nuestro y oración de acción de gracias*)

**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**

*Padre nuestro que ests en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.*

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE (*Comunion de la gente*)

**GO IN GOD’S NAME**

VAYAN EN EL NOMBRE DE DIÓS

\*BENEDICTION *Bendición*

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Bendición Coral*

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

RANDOLPH

\*POSTLUDE *Postludio* Hymn Tune Improvisation Howard A. Smolleck

Rev. Dr. Norm Story	Pastor	Rev. Pyong San Yu	Korean Congregation
Dr. Janet Loman, LP	College Ministry	Dr. Howard A. Smolleck	Organist
Bobby & Karen Candusso	Youth Group Sponsors	Karen Candusso	Salt & Light Coord.
Beth Borchert-Thomas	Dir. of Music & Bells		

*Greeting after Worship Service:*

*Janet Loman – W    Rev. Norm Story – S    Judith Ames – E*

**\*Those who are able, please stand**

**Please turn off all cell phones**

Welcome!

We come together as a community at worship to experience the grace of God, who is present in our midst. This is a time to open ourselves to Him and to each other. Expect great things of God and His grace will come to you! Please take a moment to fill out the friendship pads so we can greet you by name. Thank you for coming to First Presbyterian Church; we are glad that you are here. If you are not active in a church home in this community, we invite you to consider joining our fellowship and sharing in this ministry of Christ.

Our sacred space is not this building or this Sanctuary, but it is the fellowship we share, the hospitality we live, and the presence of God we see in each other.

*For prayer requests during the week, call the church office to get your request on the Church-wide Prayer Chain, or e-mail Linda Ramirez at [linda@fpc.lc](mailto:linda@fpc.lc)*

**Our Vision:** A place where Christian love is modeled

**Our Mission:** To be a place where Christian love is modeled through:

1. Understanding, celebrating, and sharing God's Word.
2. Following obediently where God is leading us.
3. Leading, nurturing, and serving our community for Christ.

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## Ways To Give

Don't have cash, ran out of checks? That is not a problem with our new multi-way to give options below. Simply Text 84321 a dollar amount, follow the steps and you are good to go for all future giving. One simple step to giving with the convenience of one text moving forward.

QR Scan: Follow the prompts and it is as easy as 1, 2, 3! Give quickly, securely and even set up recurring gifts. Supporting your church has never been easier!

Download the Planning Center App: Find First Presbyterian Church, select and start your tithe in under a minute.

Go to the church website: [fpc.lc](http://fpc.lc) click on the “heart” icon and set up your giving today.

Or go directly to: [fpc.lc/giving](http://fpc.lc/giving)



- Everyone is asked to please wear a mask over your mouth and nose at all times. Even if you question the effectiveness, please do so for the comfort and sake of others. Let us focus on loving our neighbors.
- Please practice social distancing, 6 ft. from others not in your family unit.
- Hand-sanitizer and wipes are located at each door.
- Children are to stay with their families throughout the worship service, no child-care is available at this time.
- Please register your presence on the slip of paper in your bulletin and place it in the offering box in the aisle, so that if we need to do contact tracing later we will have a good idea of who came to worship.
- A box is located in each aisle with slots where you can deposit your offering and contact information.
  
- *Se le pide a todos que usen una máscara sobre su boca y nariz en todo momento. Incluso si cuestiona la efectividad, hágalo para la comodidad y el bien de los demás. Centrémonos en amar a nuestros vecinos.*
- *Practique el distanciamiento social, a 6 pies de otros que no estén en su unidad familia.*
- *Desinfectante de manos y toallitas se encuentran en cada puerta.*
- *En cada pasillo hay una caja con ranuras donde puede depositar su oferta.*
- *Los niños deben permanecer con su familia durante todo el servicio de adoración, no hay cuidado de niños disponible en este momento.*
- *Registre su presencia en el trozo de papel en su boletín y colóquelo en la caja de ofrendas en el pasillo, de modo que si necesitamos hacer un seguimiento de contactos más adelante, tengamos una buena idea de quién vino a adorar.*
- *En cada pasillo hay una caja con ranuras donde puede depositar su oferta y información de contacto.*

## Young Disciples Advent Gifts

Each Sunday during the holy season of Advent, it is a custom of our church to have a small gift for every child who comes to Young Disciples Time. The first Sunday of Advent this year is November 29th, when the gift will be a children's Advent calendar.

Since things are a little different this year, the calendars, as well as the small Nativity ornaments for the other Sundays before Christmas, will be mailed. Please give us the names and addresses of children up through 5th Grade who would like to receive these mailings by Emailing [jkames@q.com](mailto:jkames@q.com) or by contacting Judith Ames at 526-3247 soon. We would also like contact information for an adult, in case any clarification is needed.