

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME:** Sunday, Mar. 11th. Don't forget to "Spring Forward" next Sunday!

**CHOIR ITALY TOUR:** LJPC Family & Friends: Imagine yourself in Tuscany, via Venice! Come hear "your choir" as we're transported together in time to magnificent settings in Venice, Florence, and surrounds. Tour with us on a 10-day/8-night trip, Tuesday, June 19, 2018 – Thursday, June 28, 2018. If you like us [HERE](#) (La Jolla), you'll LOVE sharing LJPC music ministry with us [THERE](#)! A very limited number of spaces are available. Sign up with deposit due TODAY. Candace Magee, [cmageesd@gmail.com](mailto:cmageesd@gmail.com).

**EASTER LILIES:** Easter lilies are a wonderful way to honor or remember loved ones, whose names will appear in the Easter insert. Order forms and checks must be dropped in the offering plate or returned to LJPC office by Monday, March 12. Lilies will be available for pick up after the 11am service on Easter Sunday, April 1. Lilies are \$15 per plant.

**CLIPPERS POTLUCK DINNER:** Friday, Mar. 9th, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall. Come join us and learn what the Any Body Can (ABC) Youth Foundation is doing for youth in underserved areas of San Diego. RSVP with your dinner contribution for 12-14 people by Mar. 5th to Cherry Lee, [cherry92037@aol.com](mailto:cherry92037@aol.com) or Fran Ashcraft, [jashcraft001@san.rr.com](mailto:jashcraft001@san.rr.com). Clippers welcome singles and couples 50 and over.

**CHELSEA CHEN ORGAN CONCERT:** Sunday, Mar. 11th, 4pm, Sanctuary. Back by popular demand, organist and composer Chelsea Chen will fill the sanctuary with wonder and amazement through her talent and our church's magnificent pipe organ. One of our favorite LJPC Concert Series artists, Ms. Chen was raised in La Jolla, attended LJPC, and now she's back to present *The French Connection* featuring selections from Debussy, Durufle and Saint-Saen.

**NEED A STEPHEN MINISTER?:** If you or someone you know would benefit from a Stephen Ministry relationship, please call Leslie Evans at (858) 414-4758 or Rebecca Bradbury at (858) 337-4765 for more information.

To see photos and video, like LJPC on: [facebook.com/LaJollaPres](https://www.facebook.com/LaJollaPres)

**CHOPPED AT CHURCH:** Saturday, Mar. 17th at 5pm, Fellowship Hall. La Jolla Pres will be hosting this 2nd Annual PUM Fundraiser. Cooking teams from Churches in our Presbytery will battle to see who can successfully transform ingredients found in bags provided by food pantries. There will also be a guest panel of chef judges, auction baskets & dinner. To donate an auction item, please contact Vicki Padula, [vaggie@aol.com](mailto:vaggie@aol.com).

**LJPC MARRIAGE RETREAT:** Friday, April 27-Sunday, April 29 at the Lakehouse Resort San Marcos. Guest speakers Casey and Meygan Caston from Marriage365 will be returning. Details and registration at [ljpres.events/couplesretreat](http://ljpres.events/couplesretreat).

**GULF COAST MISSION TRIP:** Apr 30th – May 4th. Rev. Jay Shirley and Rev. Eileen Moran are leading a Presbytery-wide mission trip to Rockport Texas to aid in the rebuilding efforts following hurricane Harvey. A team meeting will be held at Northminster Presbyterian Church on March 13th at 7:00 pm. RSVP Jennifer Sedgwick at 619-224-2490 x100 or click on the RSVP link at [presbyterysd.org/special-events-2/](http://presbyterysd.org/special-events-2/).

**SANCTUARY USHERS NEEDED:** Join our amazing team of Sanctuary Ushers, greeting, seating, and passing the plate, only when you can, not every Sun. Be a part of "OUR La Jolla Pres. STORY". Ron Bolles, [ronb@ljpres.org](mailto:ronb@ljpres.org) or 858-729-5511.

**FLOWERS:** Dates are available to provide Chancel flowers for the Sanctuary. Carole Franks, 858-459-6520 or Wendy Browning, 858-459-6839.

**STORIES OF THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS:** Every Third Sunday of the month at 10:15am. Join us for a short tour of our Sanctuary's stained glass windows. Discover the secrets hidden in these incredible pieces of art. Meet at the front of the chancel. All tour participants receive a free gift.

**GOT BAGS & BLANKETS?:** We are collecting reusable grocery bags, backpacks and new or gently used sleeping bags/blankets to distribute to the La Jolla homeless community. These items can be dropped off at the Reception Desk. Contact Melissa Guccini, [melissag@ljpres.org](mailto:melissag@ljpres.org) with any questions.

To receive our weekly electronic newsletter, send an email to: [newsletter@ljpres.org](mailto:newsletter@ljpres.org)

ONGOING EVENTS

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sundays, thru Mar. 25 at 10-11am in LC-4. Stan Beard, [Stanb@ljpres.org](mailto:Stanb@ljpres.org).

**CHILDRENS CHOIR:** Choir rehearsals every Sunday, Joyful Sound, Grades 1-4: 9:15-10:00 am, CE23. Gloria Deo, Grades 5-12: 11:15-12:00 pm, CE23. Ages 4-grade K 10:00-10:15am, CE4. New members are always welcome! Register online at [www.ljpres.org/childrenschoir](http://www.ljpres.org/childrenschoir).

**YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MID-WEEK PROGRAMS:** High school Sundays, 7:00-8:30pm; Middle school, Wednesdays, 5:00-7:00pm. X-Change (2nd/3rd grades) and X-Zone (4th/5th grades)– Wednesdays, 5:00-7:00pm Mike Sedgwick, [mikes@ljpres.org](mailto:mikes@ljpres.org) or Susie Dhus, [susied@ljpres.org](mailto:susied@ljpres.org).

**GOLF AND GROW:** Mondays, 8:30am, Mission Bay Golf Course. Lee Browning, 858-459-6839.

**HEART AND SOUL:** Each Monday 10:00-11:00am, and Wednesday 9:30-10:30am, Fellowship Hall. Exercise for seniors and almost-seniors. Brooke Phelps, [brookep@ljpres.org](mailto:brookep@ljpres.org).

**MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** Dinner, 6pm & evening program starts 6:45pm in LC-4. Men of all ages welcome. Brooke Phelps, [brookep@ljpres.org](mailto:brookep@ljpres.org).

**GROWING IN PRAYER:** Every second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm, in LC-4. Pastor Scott facilitates this class on prayer for anyone who wants to grow in prayer & pray more effectively. Scott Mitchell, [scottm@ljpres.org](mailto:scottm@ljpres.org).

**BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00am, LC-5. A Men's Bible study. Rob Langsdorf, [mctrob@yahoo.com](mailto:mctrob@yahoo.com).

**WOMENS BIBILE STUDY:** Wednesdays 9:30-11am, LC3. For women of all ages with Childcare Provided. Cynthia Blase, [Cynthiab@ljpres.org](mailto:Cynthiab@ljpres.org).

**GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH:** is hosting The Rest of the Story on Wednesdays, 11:00am, Fellowship Hall. Everyone Welcome!

**WOMEN'S COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY (CBS):** Thursdays, 10:00am-Noon, Fellowship Hall. For more information, check online at [lajolla.cbsclass.org](http://lajolla.cbsclass.org) or for registration information, Jennifer, [CBSJenniferS@gmail.com](mailto:CBSJenniferS@gmail.com).

**CIRCLE 8:** Thursdays, 10:00am-2:00pm, LC-3. Sewing, needlework, quilting and knitting. New members are needed, and we are willing to teach. Bring a sack lunch. Ruth Preskitt, 858-453-0342.

**HANDBELL CHOIR:** Thursdays 6:00pm-7:00pm, LC-3. All are welcome! Jennifer Sedgwick, [jennifer.sedgwick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jennifer.sedgwick@sbcglobal.net).

**LA JOLLA BRASS:** Thursdays, 7:00-9:00pm, Chancel. For more info, Colin Wied, [cwied@gmail.com](mailto:cwied@gmail.com), for schedule and information.

**CHANCEL CHOIR:** Now is the perfect time to join us! Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm. Keith Pedersen, [KeithPedersen@pointloma.edu](mailto:KeithPedersen@pointloma.edu).

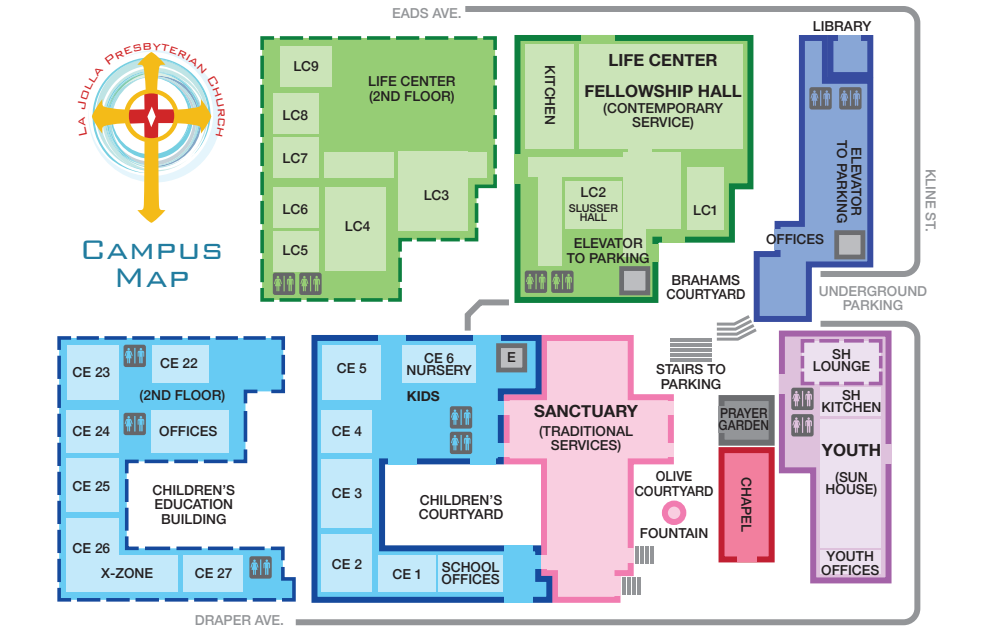
**YOUNG WOMEN'S PRAYER NIGHT:** 1st Thursday each month, rotating homes, 7:30-9:30pm An evening prayer group, designed for moms who can't attend the morning groups, will focus on praying together and supporting each other. Cynthia Blase, [Cynthiab@ljpres.org](mailto:Cynthiab@ljpres.org).

**#MOMLIFE:** Friday 9:15-10:45am, LC3 and support for those in their "Mom" stage in life. RSVP to [Cynthiab@ljpres.org](mailto:Cynthiab@ljpres.org) Childcare Provided!

**WORSHIP TEAM BAND:** Instrumentalists and singers are welcome! Tim Wingert, [wingetti@hotmail.com](mailto:wingetti@hotmail.com).

SUNDAY SCHOOL

8:45 and 10:00 AM, in the Children's Ed Building		
Nursery Age 0-2: CE-6 Age 2-3.5 CE-2 Age 4-5: CE-4	Elementary K-5th Check -in: CE 2nd Floor K/1st - Room 24 2nd/3rd - Room 27 4th - 5th Room 26 (X-Zone) Pick Up: Room 22	SunHouse Middle & High School Meet in SunHouse at 8:45 AM Sit together at 10am Worship 11:00 AM Check In and Pick Up 0-2 years only: CE-6



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March 4, 2018

THE STORY  
WEEK TWENTY-THREE:  
THE STORY OF JESUS' BAPTISM  
"A ROUGH TRANSITION"  
MATTHEW 3:13-4:11



WE SEE JESUS TRANSFORMING LIVES IN THREE STORIES:  
AS WE SHARE **GOD'S** STORY  
AND HEAR **YOUR** STORY  
WE DISCOVER **OUR** STORY

8:45 AND 11AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** *Highlander’s Lament* Trad./Wilson  
LJPC Handbell Choir  
Kathryn Kinslow, director

**WELCOME AND GREETING (8:45)** Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** Elder Frank Gordon  
Psalm 19:7-14

**LEADER:** The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

**PEOPLE:** **The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.**

**LEADER:** The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

**PEOPLE:** **They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.**

**LEADER:** By them Your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

**PEOPLE:** **But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.**

**LEADER:** Keep Your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

**PEOPLE:** **May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

**INVOCATION** Elder Frank Gordon

**INTROIT** *The Glory of the Lord Shall Be* Hopson

†**OPENING HYMN #342** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Come, Christians, join to sing; Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our Guide and Friend: to us He’ll condescend;  
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven’s blissful shore; His goodness we’ll adore,  
Singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

† Please stand if you are able. Our thanks for leaving your discarded bulletins at either end of your pew.

Are You Visiting Today? Be sure to visit our Welcome Table at the west end of the Lower Courtyard to pick up your gift and complete a Visitor Information Card. If you need help navigating the campus, please ask us to help! And plan to join us again in worship soon. We’re very glad you’re here!

After the service, please join our LJPC Community and enjoy coffee and scones in the upper courtyard.

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER** Rev. Scott Mitchell

**CHORAL AMEN**

**CHURCH LIFE (8:45)**

**WELCOME AND CHURCH LIFE (11:00)**

**CALL TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**ANTHEM** *Blessed One, Messiah* MacDonald  
LJPC Chancel Choir  
Ron Bolles, director

From the blind who called His name to the sinners lost in shame,  
all the broken and the lame, He gave His love the same.  
Are You the Blessed Messiah? Are You the Chosen One?  
Jesus are you the Messiah, the Promised One?

Hosanna! Blessed One, Messiah!  
Hosanna! Beginning and the end!  
Are You the Way, the Truth, and the Life, Son of God, Blessed One?  
Messiah! Messiah! Messiah!

Every wounded heart restored, He sought the poor and ignored,  
Opened ev’ry prison door, He gave His love to the world.  
You are the blessed Messiah, God’s own Son.  
Jesus You are the Messiah, the promised One!

Hosanna! Blessed One, Messiah!  
Hosanna! Beginning and the end!  
You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life, Son of God, Blessed One!  
Messiah! Messiah! Messiah!

†**OUR THANKS TO GOD #382** *Doxology*

†**OFFERTORY PRAYER** Rev. Scott Mitchell

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 3:13-4:11 Page 1499

**THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED** Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham

“A Rough Transition”

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** *\*Gluten free wafers available in the Narthex*

**HANDBELL RINGERS:** Carol Blischke, Charles Champion, Kathryn Kinslow, Jean Owen, Debbie Picciolo, Jennifer Sedgwick, Sam Swanson.

**PRAYERS AND PRAISE: Healing and Comfort:** Geri C. & Joseph C., Edith B-A, Cara G., Aamaneh B., Tom H, and Stephen N. **Strength, Protection, and Encouragement:** Jaime A. and Sam S & Family **Praise and Gratitude:** Angela H. **We Also Pray For:** Rich, Elisabeth and Sharnice. *For prayers, praise, or to be included on the prayer list, email: prayerdeacon@ljpres.org by Sunday night to be included in the next week’s bulletin. Requests are held in confidence.*

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

†**CLOSING HYMN #608** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me ‘til I want no more,  
Feed me ‘til I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through:  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my strength and shield,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I reach the river Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Bear me through the swelling current, land me safe on Canaan’s side:  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee,  
I will ever give to Thee.

†**BENEDICTION** Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham

†**POSTLUDE** *Fiat Lux* Dubois  
William Lullo, organist

**FLOWERS:** The flowers today are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Marian Weigel Wrench by her devoted family.

**MILESTONES:** 21 year member, Marian Wrench, went to be with the Lord Feb. 20. The Celebration of Life Service will be Sunday, March 4 at 2pm in the Sanctuary with a reception immediately following in Fellowship Hall. Please keep Marian’s daughter, Kathy Fait, and her family in your prayers.