Announcements

UPDATE ON THE OPERATING BUDGET AND ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS: During the month of December, we will need to receive $389,000 in order to meet our projected income for the month. Please help us reach that goal as we seek to carry out the mission God has entrusted to us. You can give online at www.ljpres.org. Also, please remember to turn in your estimate of giving card for 2012.

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS: The 2010 provisions were renewed for 2011, allowing individuals 70 ½ and over to exclude up to $100,000 of gross income to a qualified charity. The QCD deadline is Dec. 31, 2011. Please consult Exec. Director of Administration, Daryl Bryant at (8) 729- 5552 or darylb@ljpres.org, or your tax advisor for details.

BLOOD DRIVE TODAY: Give the gift of life by donating blood from 8 AM- 12:30 PM in the Sunhouse.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS: TODAY@ 10 AM. *The Meaning & Miracle of Christmas* Led by Stan Beard. All are welcome. Room LC3.

NILE SISTERS ADOPT A BASKET: Baskets due Today!

ADOPT A FAMILY: 14 refugee families, newly arrived in San Diego, still need to be adopted for Christmas. If you would like to make a family's first Christmas here special, come to the Adopt A Family table in the courtyard today.

MISSION GIFT MARKET SHOPPING CONTINUES TODAY: Tables in the courtyard to continue some "unique" christmas shopping. Give a gift to family & Friends, that at the same time will help out an ljpc Mission partner.

COME TO THE CASA: Please join us for our monthly trip to the Casa de la Esperanza orphanage in Tijuana on Sunday 12/25. (Yes, Christmas morning, Santa has to arrive early). Meet at LJPC at 7:30 AM, back by 2 PM Passports are required. Contact Terry Senty at 619-823-4508 or drivereo@yahoo.com for a reservation in the van and more details.

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS: Children's Director(K- 5th)full-time+benefits. Cashier & Barista openings @ The Press, Sunday mornings. Contact Erika Hill erikah@ljpres.org. See www.ljpres.org for full position descriptions.

DO YOU PLAY THE PIANO? Paid Accompanist opening. We invite you to share your musical gift with the church. Please contact Ron Bolles for details (8) 729- 5511.

MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Will not be meeting this week.

THE BOARDROOM: Join us Tuesday, Dec. 20, 8-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall for "A Holiday Gift to You: Have Your Fruitcake & Eat it Too!" with Sara Craig. For more info, contact Grace Decker at (8) 638-9103 or at gdecker@theboardroomsandiego.org.

TUTORS NEEDED: Interested in reaching out to our community, at Muirlands Middle School? Please contact Rev. Mike Sedgwick at (8)729- 5502.

ARE YOU A SINGLE YOUNG PROFESSIONAL WOMAN IN HER 20's OR 30's?? If so, please mark your calendar for Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 6:30 PM in LC3 and join Women's Ministries for a potluck dinner kicking off this new niche group! We want to listen to your ideas and dreams for what we can create together! Grab your single girlfriends and come learn more about what's in store for young women here at LJPC. Contact Sarah D. Tulloch at sarahdtulloch@gmail.com or 619-204-9073 to RSVP.

CLIPPER CLUB POTLUCK: Jan. 13, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall. Speaker, Dan McAllister, S. D. Treasurer-Tax Collector answers questions you have about the City. Please call for your reservations and food assignments to Wendy & Lee Browning @ (8) 459-6839 or Mona & Jim Moon @ (858) 459-4762.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOREST HOME WINTER CAMP: This year we are headed to Forest Home over Martin Luther King weekend – Save the date for Jan. 13-16, 2012! You won't want to miss this awesome trip to the mountains! There will be tons of snow and great events, people, and opportunities! For more info, visit www.sunhouseonline.com. Questions? Contact Mike Sedgwick or Megan Albe at megana@ljpres.org.

XZONE WINTER CAMP: The 4th and 5th graders are heading up to Forest Home for Winter Camp! Save the date for Jan. 27-29, 2012! Don't miss out on snowball fights, sledding, and connecting with all of your friends! For more info, visit www.sunhouseonline.com. Questions? Contact Mike Sedgwick or Megan Albe at megana@ljpres.org.

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION - SPONSOR A VILLAGE: Help our LJPC team raise money for their village as they travel to Haiti on Feb. 5. About 30 sponsors needed- sponsorship is $30/per month. Please contact Kay Foltz at (8) 729- 5574 for more information.

YOUTH MISSION FUNDRAISER: Save the Date for this year's silent auction, returning on Feb. 26, 2012 in the courtyard during all three Sunday services. We will have fabulous gift baskets for bidding and yummy treats to buy. All proceeds will go directly to the Youth Missions Fund. If you are interested in helping put gift baskets together or donating supplies, please contact Megan Albe at megana@ljpres.org.

Weekly Ongoing Classes and Gatherings

CIRCLE 7: 2nd Monday of every month, 9:30-11:30 AM in LC 3. Contact Donna Lochtefeld at donloch@hotmail.com

HEART AND SOUL: Exercise for seniors & "almost seniors." Mondays, 10-11AM; Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall.

MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Weekly dinner ($5) and program at 6 PM in LC 3.

THE BOARDROOM: Job search resource, support and network. Weekly workshops Tuesdays, 8-10 AM, Fellowship Hall; groups Tuesday through Thursday, 10 AM-2 PM, Upper Library; Grace Decker, (8) 638-9103.

GOLF AND GROW: Golf every Monday, 7:30 AM at Admiral Baker Golf Course. Contact Stan Beard, (8) 729- 5509.

GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH: Bible study for seniors with Rev. Stan Beard. Wednesdays, 11 AM, Fellowship Hall.

MEN'S MIDWEEK BREAKFAST: Weekly men's Bible study with Rev. Stan Beard, 7 AM, Fellowship Hall.

CIRCLE 8: Thursdays, 10 AM-1:30 PM, LC 3. Ruth Preskitt (8) 453-0342. We make quilts! Bring a sack lunch!

CHANCEL CHOIR: Come Thursday to rehearse in Slusser Hall from 7-8:30 PM, and sing with us Sunday mornings. New members welcome. Contact Michelle at michellew@ljpres.org

MOM-2-MOM: First and third Fridays, 9:30-11 AM, Fellowship Hall North. Childcare provided. Contact Julie Gibbs at julieg@ljpres.org.

***The Press* Coffee Cart (Library) is open today from 8 - 12:30 PM. We're also open during the week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30-11:30 AM.**

Make a difference in a child's life. Join the Sunday school volunteer team. Contact Julie Gibbs at julieg@ljpres.org or at (8) 729–5526.

Sunday School

8:45 AM Children

Electronic Check-In Procedures:
Birth-Pre-K: Check-in at the Nursery
Grades K-5: Check-in at Room 21
Pick-Up: Age 0-2 in Nursery;
Age 2-3.5 Rm 6; Age 3.5-5 in Rm 2
Pick-Up Grades K-5: K-1 Rm 24;
2-3 Rm 22; 4-5 Rm 26
Middle School Bible Study directly to the SunHouse

10 AM Children
Birth-Pre-K: Check-in at the Nursery
Grades K-5: Check-in at Room 21
Pick-Up: Age 0-2 in Nursery;
Age 2-3.5 Rm 6; Age 3.5-5 in Rm 2
Pick-Up Grades K-5: Room 22

Sr. High SunHouse:
10 AM Contemporary Worship - FH
11 AM SunHouse meets at The Press

11 AM Children
Birth-age 2: Check-in at the Nursery

There's no place like Home

December 18
Luke 2:41–52
Jesus Goes Home

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Nurturing Equipping Going Celebrating

Welcome to Worship at LJPC
December 18, 2011 · 8:45 and 11 AM

Prelude *Joy To The World* George Friedrich Handel
La Jolla Brass, Chancel Choir

Welcome and Greeting **8:45 AM** Rev. Dr. Paul A. Cunningham
11:00 AM Rev. Jeffrey B. Pearson

Lighting of Fourth Advent Candle - 8:45 AM Eric, Mechel, and Jack Petersen

Lighting of Fourth Advent Candle - 11:00 AM Jon and Betsy Wiedle

Choral Introit *Christmas Gloria*

†Processional Hymn #190 *Angels From the Realms of Glory* *lyrics in center column*

Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, Yonder shines the infant light: (Refrain)

Wisemen, leave your contemplation, Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations, Ye have seen His natal star: (Refrain)

Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending, In His temple shall appear: (Refrain)

Corporate Prayer of Confession **8:45 AM** Rev. Stan Beard
11:00 AM Rev. Jeffrey B. Pearson

Merciful God, how many John the Baptists, how many prophets of your light, have we ignored because they were not what we were looking for? How many times have we ignored voices crying in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord." How many times have we breathed a sigh of relief, and turned our backs on your messengers, because they did not speak the message we expected to hear? Help us hear anew, the cry of those who would lead us to Christ. Tune our ears to your heralds, that we might also testify to your light. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Church Life

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Call to our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem *Rejoice and Be Merry* Rutter

Rejoice & be merry in songs and in mirth,
O praise our Redeemer, all mortals on earth:
For this is the birthday of Jesus our King, (refrain)

Who brought us salvation: his praises, his praises we'll sing.
A heavenly vision appeared in the sky, Vast numbers of angels the shepherds did spy,
Proclaiming the birthday of Jesus our King, (refrain)

Likewise a bright star in the sky did appear,
Which led the wise men from the East
to draw near; They found the Messiah, sweet Jesus our King, (refrain)

And when they were come, they their treasures unfold,
And unto him offered myrrh, incense and gold.
So blessed for ever be Jesus our King, (refrain)

Rejoice and be merry.

† Our Thanks to God #382 *Doxology*

† Offertory Prayer **8:45 AM** Rev. Stan Beard
11:00 AM Rev. Jeffrey B. Pearson

Scripture Reading LUKE 2: 41–52 Page 1592

The Word of God Proclaimed Rev. Dr. Paul A. Cunningham

JESUS GOES HOME

†Closing Hymn #180 *What Child is This, Who, Laid to Rest?* *lyrics in center column*

What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the son of Mary.

(Refrain)

Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.

(Refrain)

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

(Refrain)

†Benediction Rev. Dr. Paul A. Cunningham

Postlude *Hallelujah Chorus* from Handel's Messiah
La Jolla Brass, Chancel Choir

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The kingdom of this world
Is become the kingdom of our Lord,
And of His Christ, and of His Christ;
And He shall reign for ever and ever,
For ever and ever, forever and ever,

King of kings, and Lord of lords,
King of kings, and Lord of lords,
And Lord of lords,
And He shall reign,
And He shall reign forever and ever,
King of kings, forever and ever,
And Lord of lords,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

And He shall reign forever and ever,
King of kings! and Lord of lords!
And He shall reign forever and ever,
King of kings! and Lord of lords!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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

Christmas Eve/Day Worship Services:

12/24: 5 PM (Family Service) Children encouraged to be in Service
9 PM (Traditional/Choir/LJ Brass)
11 PM (Traditional/Choir/LJ Brass)
12/25: 10 AM (One day Service only in Sanctuary, No childcare or Sunday School - Come Casual)
1/1/12: 10 AM (One New Year's Day Service only in Sanctuary, with childcare & Sunday School - Come Casual)

LA JOLLA BRASS PERSONNEL: Dave Greeno, arranger and conductor; Colin Wied, manager and trumpet; Tom Timmins, Steve Rigler, Bob Howard, Bob Franks, trumpet; Roger Haines, Monica Palmer, Paul Kelly, French horn; Billy Hawkins, Bill Strum, Trombone; John Barrett, Tuba.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS: Please pray for **peace and comfort for** the Family of Whitney Movius, Family of Patricia Payseur, Family of Marjorie Prentice, Family of John Frojen, Larry and Patrice, Tracy and Sidney T., ; **healing and comfort for** Edna P., Chuck P., Kim, Eric, David, Drest B. and father, R.L., Becky B., Sharon C., Annabelle P., Kathy W., Teri H., Carole E., Helen M., Mark M., Claire S., Sara C., Bob P., Baby Ryan M., Dorothy L., Waunema; **salvation for** Jon G.. **We also pray for**: John P.K., Hubbard Family, Jamie L., Lori, Leslee, Maureen's family, Evelyn S., Dorothy B., Maggie M..

FLOWERS: The flowers for the worship services today are given to the Glory of God by Leslie Evans in honor of her husband Rick Evans for their 29th wedding anniversary and also by Gail and Duane Nelles in honor of those serving in our military. If you would like to provide Chancel flowers, please contact Dorothy Coxey (858) 279-3194 or Carole Franks (858) 459-6520.

HEARING DEVICES AND LARGE PRINT BULLETINS: Our ushers will be glad to provide you with a helpful hearing device and a large print bulletin.

ARE YOU VISITING TODAY? If you are a first-time visitor, be sure to visit our Hospitality Hut in the Lower Courtyard to pick up your free gift bag 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!

SERMON NOTES

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