

First Presbyterian Church EPISTLE

Our Mission: Connecting with God and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the community.

From Your Session

When God Doesn't Make Sense

The last ten years of my dad's life were spent on a bed. He was not able to walk after a surgery on his lower back, and he never recovered from it. As the years went by, his health was deteriorating more and more. He lost sight on both eyes; both legs were amputated from the knee down. His dementia got really bad and it was one complication after another. My mother and my sister were living in Los Angeles and got to live those years close to him and suffered a lot with each incident.

One day I found a book in a store, "When God Doesn't Make Sense" from Dr. James Dobson, and I picked it up thinking I would give it to my sister to comfort her. However, I had not read the book and didn't know if it would help her cope with the pain of seeing Dad go through what he was going through or if it would make her doubt her faith. I decided not to give it to her. One thing was for sure, I didn't understand why my dad had to suffer so much. I didn't understand what was going on. I could not understand God's plan.

Luckily for me, I had already joined FPCD, and I had started my journey in that search to get closer to God, to growth in my faith, and I had come to the right place. I was understanding that being a Christian does not mean we will have a life without tribulations and that everything is peaceful and calm. I have grown a lot in my faith, I have matured by your side. Being here with you, I have learned to pray through the tough times. When sickness comes, pray and pray with faith, with conviction.

I have seen many of you endure losses of loved ones and how you have maintained your faith through the hardest of times, and not questioned God's Will but accepted His Will. I have learned that God answers our prayers, and sometimes the answer is not what we were waiting for or the answer we were hoping for.

I still don't have the answer to why God allows certain things to happen. And I know I am not supposed to have the answer. What I know is that I am not alone. I know that God is with me, that God is with us even if it doesn't make sense. I know that God loves us even if we cannot say God, we love you back. I know that if we are in the eye of the storm, we need to pray to God with faith, and don't stop praying.

God is Good All the Time and All the Time God is Good.

Jaime



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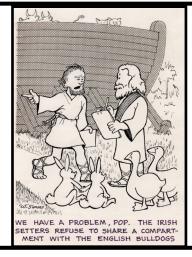
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GLOBAL FOCUS SUNDAY

Be sure to mark your calendars for this GLOBAL FOCUS event on Sunday October 31st, 10:30 AM at FPCD! You don't want to miss these reports from around the world, along with some special guests and follow-up activities. And YES, there will be some international treats :).

Come and hear about the difference YOU are helping male - and can further make – a global impact!



Laugh Library



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October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:15 AM Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 AM Worship Service	4	5	6 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	7	8	9 4-6 PM Young Adult Group
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Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

~Philippians 4:6 (NLT)

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Worship Volunteer Schedule October 2021

October 3 Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Rotation

Greeters

October 10

October 17

Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Rotation

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October 24 Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry

October 31

Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Rotation

Sound Room Rotation

Connie Steger & Joan Brown Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Sean Russell & Brenda Everett Allen Conley

Sharon Ingram Joan Brown & Teresa Reed Brittany Haywood & Dub Guthrie Jennifer McWilliams

Dudley Austin Lori Glover & Jaime Cordova Darrell Ingram & Joan Brown Logan Russell

Jocelyn Bolles Brenda Everett & Linda Simons Paul Griffith & Diane Pegues Jimmy Cordova

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Fearless Youth Group Impact Youth **WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**

- 6:30 p.m. .m.q 05:2 —

Worship Service
Christian Education

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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