

# the SPIRE

First Presbyterian Church of Granada Hills

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May 2021



# From the Pastor's Desk

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We are going back into the sanctuary! Thank you for your responses to the recent survey asking for your opinion about when to resume worship in the sanctuary. The overwhelming response was “now!” Mark your calendar, May 9, Mother’s Day! We will return to a 9:00 am blended worship and an 11<sup>th</sup> Hour contemporary worship.

Under the current county guidelines, we will have no more than 250 people in the sanctuary (half of the seating capacity of 500), everyone will be required to wear a mask, and temperatures will be taken at the door. We will be using every other pew and respecting appropriate safe-distancing requirements.

I want to thank everyone who made worshipping under the tent possible. Beginning with those who built the outdoor chancel, ran the power, hung the lights and decorated our worship space. Then the weekly set-up crew, arriving before 7:00 am to ensure there was enough time to get everything ready and then staying after worship to take everything down and put it away. Our tech folks are amazing, cameras, sound, streaming. They created a whole new system to provide worship both under the tent and in homes. Finally, I want to thank those who faithfully prepared the bags for Communion Sundays and the ushers who often had to brave the elements.

I also want to thank Carol Morain and Children’s Ministries for all the creative effort in providing Sunday School at home this past year. It has not been easy! The plan is to keep the tent up for the foreseeable future in case the need arises to move back outside. Let’s hope there isn’t a need!

Looking forward, Saturday May 1 it’s **Sidewalk Serenadez**. Great music from the decades live on the front lawn. Bring your lawn chair and appetite, food trucks will be on hand. Please RSVP at [fpcgh.org/musicinmay](http://fpcgh.org/musicinmay). **Pentecost** is on May 23, get out your red attire. We have a lot to celebrate!

Your Friend,

Jim

# We Are Back!!!

Starting May 9

At 9:00 am & 11:00 am

We will be back in the Sanctuary!

With compliance with LA County restrictions of reduced seating capacity, social distancing, masks required, temperatures taken at the door, and a new filtration system put in for our safety.

Sunday school will also be available!



## Sermons

**May 2**

“The Defining Question”- Pastor Jim Sillerud

**May 9**

“Back to the Sanctuary”- Pastor Jim Sillerud

**May 16**

“Tough Week”- Pastor Jim Sillerud

**May 23**

“Pentecost!” Pastor Jim Sillerud

**May 30**

“The Notable Difference”- Pastor Jim Sillerud

# Prayer Requests

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## Hospital/Recovering:

Vreni Schiess– recovering from surgery  
Barbara Hall– recovering  
Jill Ralke– dialysis treatment  
Cherie Perea– recovering from surgery  
Diana Chipello– recovering from broken hand

## Ongoing Concerns:

Roberta Clermont, Michele Morse,  
Marian Morrow, Norma Cooper, Don Benson,  
Jackie Lundgren, Jim Yoder, LaVelle Sharp,  
Gerda Maxey, Martha Sturgeon

## Hospice:

Dean Daily, Bonnie Rardin

“Is anyone  
among you  
suffering?  
Let him pray.  
Is anyone  
cheerful?  
Let him sing  
praise.”

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James 5:13





**SIDEWALK SERENADEZ PRESENTS**

# **BACK IN TIME**

**A MUSICAL JOURNEY  
THRU THE DECADES**

**Take a hilarious, energetic ride to the past as  
we sing hit songs of the 70s, 80s & 90s!**



**Sat. MAY 1st 7:30pm  
RSVP thru EventBrite**



**SIDEWALKSERENADEZ.COM / 714.694.3411**

Sidewalk Serenadez\* Concert

Saturday, May 1, 7:30 pm

On the front Church lawn

Bring your own chair and mask

FREE (freewill offering accepted)

Food trucks will be available starting at 6:00 pm

\*Sidewalk Serenadez was created for those seeking NEW and SAFE ways to bring live performance back into their life! Elijah Reyes (currently on hiatus from performing 'Hamilton') is the owner, and has brought together professional singers to sing themed music from decades past, including set and costumes! Please go to [fpcgh.org/musicinmay](https://fpcgh.org/musicinmay) to RSVP!

# Music Ministry

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Jazz in July is back!

Save July 10, 17, & 24 at 7:00 pm

to come enjoy some wonderful performances on our front lawn  
(talent TBA)

Food Trucks will be available.

Bring your own chair, mask, and some friends!

We always need helping hands to make these concerts possible— let Chris know if you can volunteer!

Contact Chris at [chris@fpcgh.org](mailto:chris@fpcgh.org)



*Voices of Gabriel on Easter*



*Easter Brass*

# Community Concerns

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Community Concerns Ministry was involved the last two months in helping transport their elder, Michele Morse, to and from her daily radiation treatment, which ended on Good Friday, and contributing meals along with church members and deacons. Michele is so grateful to all who have pitched in and to all who have sent lovely cards, notes and prayers; they were deeply heartfelt! And Community Concerns wishes to thank those that have donated shoes for boys to Foster Children's Resource Center. FCRC remains in need of NEW boy's sneakers, any size from infant to age 21. When you find a moment, please drop them off at the church office or on Sunday at the tent service. Include your name and address so a thank you letter may be sent. We will resume Handy Hand Out sales on the patio sometime later this year when our church is able to resume indoor services. We look forward to seeing you all soon!

## Camp Green Leaf

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The Green Leaf Academy Summer Enrichment Program at Granada Preparatory School

June 14-July 16

Register now at [www.thegreenleafacademy.com](http://www.thegreenleafacademy.com)

Students from all schools welcome (grades K-8)

This is a 5 week summer program that allows students to select 4 unique classes of interest. All classes are instructed by highly qualified, credentialed teachers with Common Core State Standards infused with STEM.

Morning program is held from 8:30 am until 12:45 pm.

Afternoon Fun Clubs & Skills Center is held at 1:00 pm until 5:30 pm

which features tutoring in reading, writing, and math; plus sports and art fun clubs.

Contact [info@thegreenleafacademy.com](mailto:info@thegreenleafacademy.com) for more info

## Preschool Summer Camp

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Preschool Summer Camp at GPS (2 years old– Kindergarten)

Register for one to nine weeks!

Monday-Wednesday-Friday or five days a week

Choose 9:00 am-1:00 pm, 9:00 am– 3:00 pm, or 9:00 am –6:00 pm

Early Morning Care (7:30-9:00 am) available

Our weeks are: June 7-June 11, June 14- June18, June 21- June 25, June 28– July 2, July 6– July 9, July 12– July 16, July 19– July 23, July 26-July 30, August 2-August 6

Each week has a different theme!

Register at [ww.GPSSchool.org/summer-camp](http://ww.GPSSchool.org/summer-camp)

# Youth Group

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Middle schoolers and high schoolers are invited to join us via Zoom on Wednesdays from 5:30 - 8:00 pm for a safe space to connect with each other and learn about God.

Contact Scott Landon and Tara Landon at [youthministry@fpcgh.org](mailto:youthministry@fpcgh.org) for more information.

## Men's Ministry

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### Men's Breakfast

May 15 at 8:00 am

In Lee Hall. We are having a discussion of Evangelism. Menu includes bacon, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy. RSVP to [granadamen1@gmail.com](mailto:granadamen1@gmail.com)

### Join Our Newsletter

Want the latest news on what's happening with Men's Ministry at FPCGH? Get the GMen Newsletter delivered to your email inbox or phone. Please send an email to [granadamen1@gmail.com](mailto:granadamen1@gmail.com) asking to be added to the list of 130 men who are already receiving it. You may unsubscribe at any time. Please keep us in your prayers as we seek the Lord's direction to further His Kingdom purposes.



### Thursday Morning Bible Study

Meets Thursday mornings at 7:00 am in Hampton Lounge facilitated by Pastor Jim. For more information contact the church office at 818.360.1831.

### Monday Night Bible Study

Rick Spence is hosting a Bible Study on Mondays at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in Hampton Lounge. They are starting a 12 week study *Listening to God*, starting April 26.

### Thursday Night Bible Study

Every third Thursday from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm via Zoom.



# Outriggers Family Meet Up

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Our young families small group is meeting Sunday, May 2 at 11:30 am for a lunch playtime at the minipark behind the church. Bring the whole family for this outside gathering.

## Kid's Zoom

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FPCGH Kids' Zoom! All kiddos are welcome from throughout the church and community. It is super casual and lasts for 30-45 minutes. Just a fun way to keep kids connected. On Saturday, May 8 at 9:00 am. For more information please contact Christina Chambers at [christina.s.chambers@gmail.com](mailto:christina.s.chambers@gmail.com)

## Outriggers Moms' Night

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Saturday, May 22 at 7:15 pm at the Peterman's backyard.  
Email [FirstPresOutriggers@gmail.com](mailto:FirstPresOutriggers@gmail.com) for the address.

## Young Marrieds

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We are kicking off our group for engaged and newly married couples starting on Pentecost, May 23 at 12:30 pm under the tent!  
Join us for some coffee, bagels, and community!

On Saturday, June 5 we will be doing a trash clean up/light hike at a local hiking spot!

If you are interested, know a young married couple, or have questions please contact Stephanie at [communications@fpcgh.org](mailto:communications@fpcgh.org)



# Senior Singles

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The Senior Singles has several meetings on the agenda for May.

On Saturday, May 1, we will be attending the Sidewalk Serenade on the front lawn at 7:30 pm. We will need to bring our own chair and wear a mask.

On Wednesday, May 5, we will be having coffee on the church patio at 10:00 am.

On Wednesday, May 19, we will be having Happy Hour on the church patio at 4:30 pm.

And on Sunday, May 23, we will be meeting in Hampton Lounge at 5:00 pm. That evening's activity has not yet been announced.

For more information about this group contact Linda Beaumaster at 818.363.0474.



*The Senior Singles celebrating Jourdan Turner's wedding on April 11.*

## Brain & Body Yoga

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Great news! Saturday morning in person Body & Brain yoga is coming back!

We will celebrate with our first class on Saturday, May 8 outdoors from 9:00 to 10:15 am.

(Please note the change in date from May 1 to May 8)

We'll meet in front of Lee Hall and do a little longevity walking warm up before class begins.

Bring your mats.

We will practice physical distancing, but masks will be optional. For more info contact Donna at [littlevoice2@verizon.net](mailto:littlevoice2@verizon.net)

or by cell: 818.317.7389. To receive an email reminder, be sure to make contact before April 30.

Looking forward to sharing healing exercise together again!

# Mission Ministry

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Are you interested in doing a mission project this summer?

Please fill out the survey at [fpcgh.org/mission](http://fpcgh.org/mission)

## Small Groups

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Wednesday Night Co-Ed Bible Study Carol Morain is offering a Bible study every Wednesday at 6:00 PM.

There are small groups for adults to grow in faith and get connected. For information, contact Sue O'Connor at [taffie1@verizon.net](mailto:taffie1@verizon.net).

## Women's Small Groups

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Thursday morning Bible Study will continue for another 6 sessions via Zoom. The dates are: April 29, May 6, 13, 20 and 27 plus June 3. We will be studying *Now That Faith Has Come: a Study of Galatians* by Beth and Melissa Moore.

Sunday Afternoon Bible Study Cindi Treloar leads the group on Sundays from 11:30-12:15 pm via Zoom to discuss the sermon and how it relates today.

# Children's Ministry

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Sunday school is back starting May 2 at 10:00 am! We are very excited to welcome back all of our kids!

We will be in full swing with both 9:00 am & 11:00 am Sunday School starting May 9!

Our rooms will be socially distanced, of course! Please make sure your child is wearing a mask if they are over 2 years old.



Seedlings  
Nursery



Sprouts  
Preschool



Roots  
K-2



The Tree House  
3-5



Club 45  
(Grades 4 & 5)



# VBS

**Date:** July 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Time:** 6:00 pm – 7:40 pm (note time change!)

**Cost:** \$25 base fee, plus a class fee if your class has one

This week your child will know that ... YOU are a Child of God! They will learn every day how YOU are loved by an amazing and loving God! He made YOU just the way YOU are!

**Bible Verse for the week:** I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made! Psalm 139:14 (NIV)

## The scoop!

Your child will choose one class to participate in for the whole week. These are one-hour classes. After checking in, they will go right to their class! We will all meet together in the tent and have our story and a couple of songs.... Socially distanced, of course. Please make sure your child is wearing their mask.

Each class will have a cap on the number of kids registered depending on the class. When the class is full, that class will close, so have a second choice handy when you are registering! These classes are small so they can be socially distanced. Here is our list of classes so far. We hope to open registration in the middle of May! If you haven't signed up for the Children's Ministry ENews... do so! It's the best way to keep informed! You can go to [fpcgh.org/childrens](http://fpcgh.org/childrens) to sign up.

### Classes:

Art: K-2 (Donal Poppe) and 3-5 (Stephanie Deach-Foyle)

Cooking: 3-5 only (Lee Nelson)

Soccer: K-5 (Scott and Tara Landon)

Sewing: 3-5 only (Michelle Brekke)

Cake Decorating: 2-5 only (Sheila Koster)

Carpentry/Woodworking: K-5 (Mark Wilson)

Light Sabers: K-5 (David Nelson)

Ukuleles: 3-5 (Jay Bolton and Chris Sillerud)

Drama/Singing: (Maggie Benjamin)

Preschool class: They will learn the story every day and do their own activities! (Michelle Ventimiglia and Laura Burton)

Want to get involved in something new? Each class would like to have someone to assist them! If you have a talent in these areas, but don't want to teach the class, this is a great way of getting involved!

Please call or email me!

Carol Morain

[cmorain@fpcgh.org](mailto:cmorain@fpcgh.org)

818.360.1831 ex 106 or 114



# Facebook Group

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If you are not already following First Pres on Facebook, find us at [www.facebook.com/fpcgh](http://www.facebook.com/fpcgh)  
We have a Facebook Group for members of First Presbyterian Church of Granada Hills to share in  
community, fellowship, and to share classifieds.

Go to [facebook.com/groups/fpcgh](http://facebook.com/groups/fpcgh) to request to be a part of the group.

## E-News

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Sign up for our weekly e-news for church updates, bulletins, and more!

Go to [fpcgh.org/enews](http://fpcgh.org/enews)

## Spire Articles

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Articles for the June Spire are due by Sunday, May 23  
to Stephanie at [communications@fpcgh.org](mailto:communications@fpcgh.org)

## Finance

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### 2021 Per Capita

Every year our budget includes money to cover our congregation's share of the administrative costs of being a part of the Presbyterian Church (USA). An individual congregation's share is calculated on its total membership. This is called "Per Capita." This year the per capita is \$37.18 per member or \$74.36 per couple. There is a blue

Per Capita offering envelope located in your box of offering envelopes. The Per Capita assessment covers overhead cost of our Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. You can also make your Per Capita payment thru our web page utilizing the Online Giving feature at [www.fpcgh.org/donate](http://www.fpcgh.org/donate) or use the QR code.

### QR Code

We have made online giving, per capita payments, and special event payments even easier! Just scan the QR code with your smart phone. Once scanned, your browser will be directed to our online giving page.



# May

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25 April</b> <b>10:00 am Worship</b> 11:00 am Serena Griffith Bible Study 11:30 am Cindi Treloar Bible Study 5:00 pm Senior Singles	<b>26</b> 6:30 pm Rick Spence Bible Study	<b>27</b> 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Gloribells 7:00 pm Stewardship	<b>28</b> 6:00 pm Carol Morain Bible Study	<b>29</b> 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 5:00 pm Youth Ministry via Zoom 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Cathedral Choir	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> 9:00 am Yoga 12:00 pm Youth Group <b>7:30 pm Sidewalk Serenade</b>
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