

"Walking together, experiencing and sharing God's love."

# **MARCH 2024**

#### From the Pastor

Easter is right around the corner, but we know before we can celebrate the joy of the resurrection, we must first go through Holy Week.

So, what makes it holy?

What makes anything holy? **God.** Theologian, pastor, and author Frederick Buechner writes that to say something is holy is "to say it has something of God's mark on it." To call this week holy is to see that God is present, and the heart of God's presence is love.

God is present in the midst of this week full of celebration, conflict, betrayal, violence and death.

Holy Week is holy because it reminds us that God is present in all of life - that God does not abandon us in the worst moments of life. God continues to offer hope, light and love to LIFE.

This year Holy Week comes to a world at war, a world full of violence and separation, a world full of struggling and desperate people.

If you are like me, you find it difficult to even watch the news today without feeling sadness and anguish in your soul.

Yet we walk confidently through Holy week knowing our God does not abandon us, and constantly seeks to bring joy, love, peace, and HOPE to all people.

At the end of this week, we will celebrate this promise as we proclaim,

#### "He is Risen. He is Risen Indeed!

Join us on Palm Sunday, March 24th, as we wave our Palm branches and welcome the King of Glory.

On Good Friday, March 29th, we will remember Jesus' last earthly hours, from the Last Supper to the Garden of Gethsemane, as we move through our Prayer Stations.

Kathryn

#### Session

Session met virtually in a Regular (Stated) Meeting on Thursday, February 14, 2024, with the Rev. Kathryn Pyke as moderator. A quorum was present.

We warmly welcomed our guest, the Rev. Grace Kaori Suzuki, Co-Moderator of the Presbytery

of San Francisco. Rev. Suzuki informed us that the Committee on Ministry (COM)

representatives are visiting to offer to assist and support us as a connectional church.

The following motion was approved unanimously:

• Pastor Pyke's request to take study leave April 23 through April 29, 2024.

The next Regular (Stated) Meeting of Session is Thursday, March 21, 2024.

If you have any questions concerning these proceedings, please contact an Elder.

~ Respectfully submitted, Marian Hardin, Clerk of Session

# 75th Anniversary Committee

We met on Friday, February 9th. Plans are being finalized for our celebration on Sunday, May 19, 2024. We are offering and taking requests for orders for a commemorative coffee/tea mug. Watch for the invite and RSVP by April 15, 2024

~ Respectfully submitted, Martha Espinosa

# Finance

Month	Income	Expense	Surplus/Deficit
January	\$15,597.33	\$20,393.10	-\$5,041.77

Year-to-date surplus/deficit: -\$1,881.28

All items are in line with the 2024 budget.

~ Submitted b the Finance Committee

# Worship Ministry

We would like to thank the Rev. Dr. Arlene Gordon and the Rev. Benjamin Lins for preaching for us this year.



Rev. Ben Lins & Perla Ibarrientos 3/1/2024

Mark your calendars for Good Friday, March 29, 2024. We will have Holy Week prayer stations. Watch for announcements.

### Choir

Choir Rehearsals are postponed until June 5, 2024.

~ Respectfully submitted, Janet Haddox, Music Director

# Presbyterian Women

Join us for Bible Study and fellowship at 10:30 am in the Calvin Room.

Third Saturday of the month, March, May, July, September, November, and,

Third Tuesday of the month, April, June, August, October, December.

# Inspiration

The Courage to Be Yourself

Discovering the truth about ourselves is a lifetime's work, but it's worth the effort.

Some days, doing 'the best we can' may still fall short of what we would like to be able to do, but life isn't perfect-on any front-and doing what we can with what we have is the most we should expect of ourselves or anyone else.

Confronting our feelings and giving them appropriate expression always takes strength, not weakness ... It takes strength to talk about our feelings and to reach out for help and comfort when we need it. How many times have you noticed that it's the little quiet moments in the midst of life that seem to give the rest extra-special meaning?

Solitude is different from loneliness, and it doesn't have to be a lonely kind of thing.

~ Wisdom from "The World According to Mister Rogers" Important Things to Remember

Prayer in six directions: A prayer in the Celtic tradition

Let us face the EAST where the sun rises each day. As you do, reflect on anything that is new or emerging in your life.

God, our Creator, we thank you for the gift of our lives, and your mercies that are new every morning. We thank you for the hope of new opportunities and the grace of new beginnings.

Let us face the SOUTH where the sun shines strongest<sup>\*</sup> and which symbolizes summer and warmth. Reflect on the people, events, and things that warm your life or help you grow.

Christ, our Redeemer, we praise you for your light which shines brighter than the sun. We give thanks for those who shine your light in the world, who warm our hearts with their love, and who help us to grow into the people you created us to be.

Let us face WEST where the sun sets each evening. As you do, consider anything that is coming to a close in your life. Holy Spirit, our Sustainer, we thank you for your constant presence even amid life's endings and

closures. Help us see beauty in these sunsets and to trust you for the future.

Let us face NORTH where the sun's light can be scarce and winters are cold. Reflect on challenges or difficulties you face in your life, past or present.

Holy Spirit, our Comforter, we thank you for your love that encircles us when life is marked by difficulty or despair. Hold us in our sorrow, and restore in us the joy of your salvation.

Let us now reach down and touch the GROUND. Let us think of the earth on which we live, the ancestors from which we come, and all that sustains our lives.

Christ, our brother, we praise you who, in humility, shared our human condition. We thank you for the earth we call home, the forebears who give us our history, and daily provision of sustenance for body, mind, and spirit.

Now let us reach toward the SKY, reflecting on our hopes and dreams and the mystery of faith. Triune God, Holy Mystery, we praise you in wonder and love. Help us to dream new dreams and envision a world marked by your justice, peace, and love.



# Celebrating our Journey

#### Did You Know?

Our congregation was founded as The Community Presbyterian Church of Broadmoor, with the first worship service on Sunday, February 20, 1949.

Our social hall was dedicated to honor the longtime service of Rev. Herbert C. Tweedie. Tweedie Hall was designated for special activity use on Palm Sunday, 1952. Pews, now gone, (the gift of a local mortuary) were utilized for worship services in that room in earlier days.

The red ribbon of glass in our dominant round window over the worship center in the sanctuary symbolizes God's Eternal Nature, never ending. Window design was selected by a committee, executed by SF's famed Cummins glass Studio.

The sanctuary facilities were shared for nine months with neighboring Congregation B'nai Israel in 1984, after a disastrous fire destroyed their place of worship. During that period, a local wit suggested the building be called "St. Moses Cathedral."

At the end of 1955, the congregation numbered over 400 and the Sunday School was heavily staffed with volunteers to serve 600 boys and girls. The enrollment reflected the 'baby boom' post-WWII years. A handcrafted wooden cross, created by parishioner Ken Snodgrass, was dedicated and placed over BPC's entrance in November of 1991. It replaced one toppled during the local 1989 earthquake.

Broadmoor's steeple and high cross were dedicated in January of 1994. The entrance-way cross was damaged during the Loma Prieta Earthquake of 1989.

#### 75th Celebration

Mark the date for Sunday, May 19, 2024. The celebration will begin with Sunday service at 10:00 am in the sanctuary followed by a buffet luncheon in Tweedie Hall. Watch for the invitation letter and send in the RSVP form no later than April 15, 2024.

#### **Broadmoor Memorial Fund**

Honor or memorialize loved ones - print this form and submit it to the office.

http://bit.ly/BPCMemorialFundForm

#### **Broadmoor Church Officers**

	Elders	Deacons		
Class of 2024	Adelina Sana Geraldine Thompson	Janice Asfoor Gregg Hardin		
Class of 2025	Eunice Brabec Martha Espinosa Perla Ibarrientos	Ruth Cruz Ray Haddox		
Class of 2026	Eric John Gravem Richard Murray	Jean Aro David Pajarit		
Clerk of Session: Marian Hardin				

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# March 2024

website: broadm	oorpres.org	Church Calendars:	http://bit.ly/BPCOff	iceCal <u>h</u>	ttp://bit.ly/BPCFacili	ty
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Worship 10 am Zoom/Sanctuary Contact the church office for the Zoom link	CR Calvin Rm GR Geneva Rm WR Westminster TH Tweedie Hall	The JOY of the Lord is your STRENGTH! ~ Neh.8:10	What the CATERPILLAR calls the end of the world, the Master calls a BUTTERFLY. ~ Richard Bach	1	2 Men's Breakfast 8am Pacifica LAITH <u>CUYJET BD</u>
3 Guest Rev B Lins Communion Coffee Hour 11: am Worship Team 11:30am	4 ANNETTE <u>SHREVE BD</u>	5 JUAN CARLOS <u>SANTAMARIA</u> <u>BD</u>	6 Meditation Group 10am Zoom MARTHA <u>ESPINOSA BD</u>	7	8	9
10 PW Gifts of Women Sunday Deacons <u>11:30 am</u> B&G 11:30 am DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME	11	12 Blessings for All March Birthdays	13 Meditation Group 10am GR GREGG <u>HARDIN BD</u>	14	15 75th Anniv Committee 1pm CR	16 PW Abigail & Zipporah Circles 10:30 am CR
17 Faith Formation 11:30 am	18	19 HAPPY FIRST DAY OF SPRING!	20 Meditation Group 10am GR Mr. Rogers Day	21 Session 7 pm Zoom	22	23
24alm Sunday Mission Ministry <u>11:30 am</u> 31 <sub>EASTER</sub> MARIAN <u>HARDIN BD</u> ALYSSA <u>SHREVE</u> <u>BD</u>	25 Holy Week Begins	26 Happy Easter	27 Meditation Group 10am GR MADIISON <u>FISHTROM BD</u>	ABaundy Thursday	29 GOOD FRIDAY Holy Week Service 5 pm TH BONNIE <u>COBB BD</u> DORCAS <u>SORIANO BD</u>	30



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# BROADMOOR MEMORIAL FUND Contributions Form

Make a contribution to Broadmoor Presbyterian Church in memory of or in honor of a person or event. Send contributions to the church office or place in the offering plate during worship.

#### Please complete the following

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Blessir	ngs of gratitude,	
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