

THE MESSENGER



The Pastor's Corner **"Our Foundation"** **A Message from Pastor** **Cheryl Raine**

In times of sweeping change in our nation and loss for so many in SoCal, it is helpful to recall these words that Jesus shared with his disciples: "Those who come to me and hear my words and put them into practice – I'll show you who they're like. They are like the person who, in building a house, dug deeply and laid the foundation on a rock. When a flood arose, the torrent rushed against the house but failed to shake it because of its solid foundation."

So how is your foundation holding these days? How is our church's foundation holding these days? Are we regularly coming to Jesus? Are we listening to his challenging words and putting them into practice? Have we dug deeply and laid a solid foundation for our lives so that we can withstand the torrents pressing against us in this moment?

Listen again to some of Jesus' words to us found in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus said to the devil, "It is written, worship the Lord your God, and serve only God." Do we only worship God or do the things of this world clamor to make gods of themselves for us?

I will be the first to admit that it is all too easy to assume that the temporal is a solid foundation. That what *is* will always be, whether it is our home or our church, our job or our family. But we all know that this is not true, for as Isaiah says, "The grass withers and the flower fades." All of life is transient. Change is inevitable. The torrents of life will happen, in some lives more than others. That is why we need to dig deep and build on the rock of our salvation, as the psalmist says.

Scriptures remind us that humanity is made in the divine image of God. Jesus says that even the poor are blessed, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Jesus' teachings are relentless, continually reminding us of the dignity of all people, "But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good

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- **Mary Lou Jones**
- **Gayle Timilione**
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- **Marcia Fagan**
- **Gayle Timilione**
Clerk of Session



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MONTHLY BOOK CLUB

The next FPC Book Club meeting will be **Thursday evening, February 6, at 7:00 P.M.** at the Fagan’s house. This month the book under discussion is actually a movie! “Conclave”, from director Edward Berger, follows one of the world’s most secretive and ancient events—selecting the new Pope. Starring Ralph Fiennes, Stanley Tucci, John Lithgow, and Isabella Rossellini, it promises to be riveting.

Bring your suggestions for books to read in the coming months.



February 2	Sharoon Justine
February 2	Edgar Banta Ram
February 2	Ranita Tarigan
February 3	Joula Kussoy
February 7	Shazeb Suhail
February 7	Chris Kane
February 8	Karen Dwight

February 9	Sharoon Lal
February 9	DeAnne Morrison
February 10	Enu Ndipagbor
February 10	Pervaiz Akhter
February 13	Linda Cotton
February 28	Sabina Justine
February 28	Elise Evans

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FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

All services will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday and available on Facebook Live on demand .

<https://www.facebook.com/First-Presbyterian-Church-of-Redlands-106569590974548>

**English Worship Service 10:00 A.M.
Indonesian Worship Service 5:00 P.M.**

**Third Sunday of the Month—11:30 A.M. Urdu
(Facebook Live Only)**

February 2, 2025 Communion Sunday

First Reading Jeremiah 1:4-10
Second Reading Luke 4:21-30
The Message What’s in it for Us?

February 9, 2025

First Reading Isaiah 61:1-4
Second Reading Luke 5:1-11
The Message Into the Deep

**February 16, 2025 All Church Worship and
Congregational Meeting**

First Reading Jeremiah 17:5-10
Second Reading Luke 6:17-26
The Message What’s Our Vision

February 23, 2025

First Reading Genesis 45:1-11
Second Reading Luke 6:27-38
The Message Do What?

Ways to Give Generously!

Have you considered your planned tithes and offerings to the church for this year?

Here are multiple ways you can give to the ministries of this church:

You can place tithes and offerings in the offering plates during worship;

You can mail tithes and offerings to the church: First Presbyterian Church

P.O. Box 2009
Redlands, CA 92373;

You can use the bill pay function through your bank;

You can also give through Vanco Payment Solutions, which partners with the Presbyterian Foundation as our online giving platform through our website, or through its mobile app.



Here is the symbol you are looking for when you download the mobile app.

To find our church you can use our name, city, or this unique invitation code: 55F928.

As with all online services there is a fee, but through the Presbyterian Foundation we have the lowest fee on the market, which is a flat 2% of the gift. You do have the option to contribute the 2% fee if you would like or the church will receive your donation minus the 2% service fee. Ease has a price as they say!

**STAFF
WHEREABOUTS**



The office will be closed Monday, February 17, Presidents’ Day.

Otherwise, Judy will be in the office Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from noon until 4:00 P.M.

Pastor Cheryl is always available by phone and by appointment.

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The Pastor's Corner



to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.” According to Jesus’ counsel to his followers, we must also deny ourselves and take up our cross daily. Or as Apostle Paul reminds us, “Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.” Yes, we are each not to look at our own interests, but the interests of others.

To follow the ways of Jesus is not easy, but if we are listening to his words and putting them into practice, then we are building on a foundation that cannot be shaken. Even Mary, the mother of Jesus, sings that the way of her divine child will turn this world of ours upside down and inside out. For she sings that the hungry will be filled, and the lowly will be lifted up, while the powerful will be brought down and the rich sent away empty. This God whom we worship has a dream for humanity that is different than our human constructs of amassed money and power, of trusting what is temporal among us. As God reminds us through the prophet Isaiah, “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways.”

This foundation we are building on is anchored in a deep reservoir of unending love and compassion, justice and peace. When the torrents of life press in, ask yourself what is the most loving thing you can do in the moment. Even some of those who lost homes in the recent fires, chose this foundation of love and lent a helping hand to others. Can we not do the same even now? Let us dig deep and build on this foundation of God’s love in the days ahead.

Building on God’s love,
Pastor Cheryl

BIBLE STUDY

Come Join Us



Biblical Reading Challenge

Keep Reading Luke!

In the Revised Common Lectionary, we are in Year C, which is the Gospel of Luke. According to Eugene Peterson, “Luke is the most vigorous champion of the outside. An outsider himself, the only Gentile in an all-Jewish cast of New Testament writers. Luke shows how Jesus includes those who typically were treated as outsiders by the religious establishment of the day: women, common laborers (shepherders), the racially different (Samaritans), the poor.” Who would Jesus include today?

From Advent to Christ the King, we will be exploring texts from the Gospel of Luke this year. So, read this Gospel in a variety of translations expecting the Spirit to stir something new in you! God is here! God is now! Let’s respond immediately to this good news for our lives and for the life of this church!



Co-Moderator of the PC(U.S.A.) is in Town! Saturday, February 1, 2025

The Presbytery of Riverside will be meeting at Calvary Presbyterian Church, in Riverside, on February 1, 2025. We will have a very special guest who will be with us - The Rev. Tony Larson, the General Assembly Co-Moderator. He will be the preacher on Saturday at the Presbytery meeting and he will also preach at Calvary Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 2, 2025.

If you have never been to a Presbytery meeting this might be one to come and experience! We can carpool from Redlands to Riverside. Let Pastor Cheryl know if you are interested in carpooling to the Presbytery Meeting.



Photo by [Sage](#)

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!"

Contemplative Corner

Praying with the Gospel of Luke

I hope you have had the chance to begin reading the Gospel of Luke this year. I have started reading and I am listing the questions that I have had along the way. Here is one for example, If Luke did all the research to write an orderly account, why did he not mention anything about Jesus between his purification in the temple when he was 40 days old and when he turned 12? In Matthew, we learn that the holy family had to flee for their very lives to Egypt. Did Luke not know this or was this not important to him? What was important to Luke was the wonderful birth narratives we have in the opening chapters about John the Baptist and Jesus and their parents, although Joseph has a very minor role in Luke. Again, don't you wonder why? In the first two chapters there are also six canticles of praise: Elizabeth, Mary, Zechariah, a multitude of heavenly hosts, Simeon, and Anna! Try to find them in the text!

Here is one that is very familiar:

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!"

In this new year, be curious and be willing to ask the text questions. What draws your attention or causes you to ponder? We know that Mary pondered many things in her heart. What about you? Which of these six canticles of praise speaks to you in this moment of history. Let us be attentive to God's word, for the Spirit animates our reading and continues to speak into our lives.



Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, February 16, 2025, at 11:15 A.M. in John Knox Hall

We will gather as a whole church for our Annual Congregational Meeting, after our All-Church worship service, in John Knox Hall, on Sunday, February 16, 2025. We will have a Zoom link available. We will start the meeting about 15 minutes after the close of worship, so that we can move to JKH and give the folks on campus a few minutes to get some refreshments. Bring your own refreshments if you join us on Zoom!

The Annual Reports will be emailed, and for those without email addresses, the report will be mailed in advance of the meeting. Judy Tanner is working to have it available and in your hands, a week before the meeting. If you are not getting email updates, send us your address and we will add you to our email list.

A quorum of the congregation is required for the meeting, which is 10% of our current membership of 139 members on January 1st. So, we need 14 members in attendance, and I trust the participation will far exceed this minimum!

What will we do at the annual meeting? The following business will be conducted:

1. Receive the Annual Report for the Congregation and answer any questions you may have about it, including a presentation of the 2025 budget.
2. Electing an elder to the Session.
3. Electing At-Large Members of the Nominating Committee.
4. Remember those who joined the Church Triumphant in 2024.

Other business could be conducted, according to the limitations noted in the Book of Order.

Let's gather to give thanks for our staff and countless volunteers who make ministry possible among us, as we give thanks to God for this church and the sharing of the gospel through us.

**PROPERTY AND
FINANCE UPDATE
as of December 31, 2024**



Here are some broad highlights from our financial reporting Year to Date December 31, 2024:

	<u>Actual</u>	-	<u>Anticipated</u>	=	<u>Difference</u>
Pledges and Donations	\$202,578.36		\$192,500.00		\$10,078.36
Rental Income	\$140,171.87		\$131,013.60		\$ 9,158.27
Total Income	\$357,209.80		\$338,363.60		\$ 18,846.20
<u>Total Expense</u>	<u>\$319,112.03</u>		<u>\$329,841.30</u>		<u>\$ 10,729.27)</u>
Net Unrestricted Income*	\$ 38,097.77				
Less Principal on Loan	(\$ 7,694.27)				
Adjusted *NUI	\$ 30,403.50				

So, what do these numbers mean? We ended the year with a surplus of \$30,405! What a true blessing! In addition to our regular contributions, we were thankful for a number of large contributions received before year end, as we were able to exceed our budgetary expectations. For 2024, the church received more income than anticipated and spent less than our budgeted operating expenditures. The Adjusted NUI happens below the Net Unrestricted Income (NUI) line because the principal on the loan payments are not an expense, but a reduction in liability. We reduced our loan liability by \$7,694.27 in 2024.

What is clear is our ministries are made possible by our collective generosity and our facility use by community groups as well as the wise stewardship of our finances.

Please be ready to dream with us as we start thinking about what needs to be done to fix up the John Knox Hall building, roof, and classrooms. You will be hearing more in the months to come.

Please direct any questions you might have about Property and Finance issues to Paul Lambert, Moderator of P&F or Pastor Cheryl.

Deacons' February Moment

By Angela Lambert, Moderator



Luke 10:27 "...Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and, Love your neighbor as yourself"

As we begin the month of February, after enduring the savage fires that have touched so many of our friends, family, brothers and sisters of Christ, we shall lean on our father who shows us the unrelenting meaning of love. As we move forward into a rebuilding phase for all of those who were so unexpectedly affected, show God's abundance of love, grace and patience.

Your deacons continue to work hand in hand with those in our own community. With your generous giving we have been able to assist those who need it the most. As the holidays end, the harsh cold sets in and food costs soar, we have been able to make a donation to the Family Service Association Food Assistance Program to help those who simply need to have a meal on their table.

I would encourage each of us to spend a few extra minutes to get to know our Sunday morning pew mates a little better. How about exchanging cell phone numbers, emails or addresses? Would you like to know other familiar faces?

How about joining me on any Sunday of your choice to greet at the door? It is so rewarding and it starts your week off with lots of love!

It has been so much fun seeing you all during Coffee Fellowship time and getting to know your sweet delights. What fun it was to see you all participate in the cookie decorating at Christmas time. Is there a sweet treat you would like to share with us or a fun activity you would like to share? Signups are available in the Narthex and I am always available and open to help.

As Spring is just around the corner and gorgeous flowers will be in full bloom before you know it, we would love to have you sign up for a special occasion, birthday or just a pick me up. Please sign up in the Narthex.

As we go out about this month on our journeys I just ask you to spread a little bit of extra love for those far and near, for those you know and for complete strangers, for we are all God's children.

Leadership Gathering Recap

January 18, 2025

On January 18, 2025, the elders and deacons came together for a time of reflection and planning. We began with introductions sharing our names, a hobby or activity we enjoy, and one thing about our city that we appreciate. We also asked those new to leadership to share why they said “Yes” to the nominating committee. We learned quite a bit about each other! Then we dove into scripture and reflected on Luke 4:16-21, confirming our commitment to living the heart and mind of Christ at the heart of the city. Here are some ways we lived out our purpose:

- Our participation in the Hunger Walk and Believe Walk – We need to make our Church name visible when taking part.
- We are changing lives by what we give to our non-profit community organizations through the Deacons Ministry.
- Making our facilities available for community groups.
- The Share Ministry and the connections we are making with those without homes in our community.
- The park continues to be a blessing to our community as so many different community members use the park.
- Not as visible is the generous sharing of ourselves with others as we check in with each other and help with expressed needs.
- Our multi-ethnic witness, as we are one body in Christ with many languages.
- Chartering the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts on campus.
- We bear witness to Christ through our online presence – Facebook Live, Daily Psalm on Facebook, and Website.

Next, we looked at who we are by the numbers! Lots of numbers. Did you know we held 95 worship services in 2024 or that our average attendance on All Church Sundays is 77 worshipers not counting those who are with us through Facebook Live. Our international mission endeavors assisted 8 organizations and locally we assisted 9 organizations. Besides our own use of the campus, we have 11 other entities that benefit from our facility! What became clear as these numbers were looked at is that we need to do a better job of communicating all that is happening through us and on our campus more often, having Deacons and Elders share in worship about what is happening.

Given the dramatic amount of change that continues to happen all around us, we broke into groups and read a letter by Rev. Dr. Elaine Heath. She challenged churches to stop majoring in the minors, being willing to let go and to be creative because “our neighbors need us. God needs us. We need us too.”

The final discussion centered around how to do the work of the church through our various boards and committees. Here is the structure for 2025, with Patti Robertson and Debbie Law (pending election) yet to be assigned:

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YOUNG & YOUTH DISCIPLES CORNER
SUNDAY SCHOOL,
WORSHIP LEADERSHIP,
AND MORE!



February Happenings

In the Gospel of Luke Jesus says, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; to let the oppressed go free.” The Spirit of the Lord is upon our teachers as they instruct our young and youth disciples about the way of God, to respect the dignity of all people and to care for those most vulnerable in our society. Here is our February teaching schedule:

Sunday, February 2	Everyone stays in worship
Sunday, February 9	Class is in Session
Sunday, February 16	Class is in Session
Sunday, February 23	Class is in Session

Young disciples come to worship, participate in the Young Disciple time, and then listen to one of their own lead the Prayer for Illumination before they are dismissed to class. Exuberance usually abounds as they are dismissed and then they rejoin us for Fellowship. If you have any questions about what your young disciples or youth disciples can expect please ask!

Young and youth disciples help with worship by the leading the Prayer for Illumination. In January Zachery Emmanuel, Richard Cunningham, Penelope Cunningham, and Veronica Cunningham helped lead worship. Parents, please remember that all children and youth elementary age and older are invited to participate in worship by leading the Prayer of Illumination and more, if they would like. Just let Mr. Wilson know!

**May we instill in our children and youth a lifelong passion
for nurturing their relationship with God!**

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS—FEBRUARY 2025



The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Redlands held its regularly scheduled Stated Session Meeting on Monday evening, January 20, 2025, via a Zoom Meeting, and took the following actions:

- Received the Unaudited Financial Report for the month ending December 31, 2024.

Total Unrestricted Income:	\$44,431.59
Total Unrestricted Expense:	\$23,467.67
Unrestricted Income (Loss):	\$20,963.92
Less Principal Payment on Loan:	(\$580.36)
Adjusted Unrestricted Income:	\$20,383.56
Balance in General Account:	\$89,566.41
Total Operating Funds (in General Acct.):	\$61,092.13

- Elected Gayle Timilione as the FPCR Clerk of Session for 2025.
- Elected Luann Bangsund as the FPCR Treasurer for 2025.
- Approved the following members as Counters and Recorders for Sunday offerings for 2025: *Luann Bangsund, Kasim Barus, Marcia Fagan, Norm Hamada, Chris Kane, Paul Lambert, Harry Muaya, James Rager, Evie Sitompul, and Jeffrey Suban*. Two Counters must be involved in the counting and recording of monies at all times.
- Approved the following members as Check Signatories for the First Presbyterian Church of Redlands' accounts for 2025: *Luann Bangsund, Marcia Fagan, Paul Lambert, Izar Martinez, and James Rager*. Two Check Signatories are required for all checks at all times.
- Approved the following members as Check Signatories for the FPCR Scrip account for 2025: *Wilson Kayange, Paul Lambert, Al Polchow, James Rager, Gayle Timilione*. As with other FPCR accounts, two Check Signatories are required for all checks at all times.
- Approved the Sacrament of Holy Communion for 2025 at the Worship Services held the first Sunday of each month, as well as services on Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025.
- Approved the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. as the regular date and time for monthly Stated Session Meetings for 2025.
- Elected Wilson Kayange, Paul Lambert, and Debbie Law as FPCR Commissioners to the Presbytery of Riverside for 2025.
- Approved \$3,500 as the General Mission Pledge to the Presbytery of Riverside for 2025.
- Approved the FPCR 2024 Statistical Report to PC(USA) and the Presbytery of Riverside.
- Approved the two binders covering the "2025 FPCR Manual of Administrative Operations."
- For the FPCR Corporation, Session approved the following Corporation Officers for 2025:
President: Paul Lambert Secretary: Gayle Timilione Treasurer: Luann Bangsund
- Expressed appreciation to the Board of Deacons, and specifically to Angela Lambert, for the continued dedication and hard work of the Deacons.
- Approved a \$50 revision to the Reimbursable Expenses for Pastor Cheryl
- Approved the amended budget for FPCR for 2025.



Outreach Update

Wildfires in Southern California have caused significant devastation and we can support those who are affected through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Gifts can be made to the church with the designation of “Wild Fires” and the Outreach Committee will send any monies collected to PDA.

In Pacific Presbytery, the Palisades Presbyterian Church, along with the pastor’s home and many members’ homes, were consumed by the fire. The road to recovery will be long for this congregation and community as well as for the communities impacted by the Eaton Fire. Our connectional church is at work and will be for the long road of recovery, thanks be to God.

A big thank you to everyone who made Share Ministry possible on Saturday, January 25. We fed about 30 community members with hearty soups, bread, fruit, and brownies! The day was cold and the hot soups were welcomed. Our next Share Ministry opportunity is March 22. Let Harry Muaya, Moderator of Outreach, know if you would like to help. Volunteers are always welcome to help provide the meal and to serve.

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- **Property and Finance Committee** (property management, property maintenance and improvement, and finances)
Session members: Moderator Paul Lambert and Luann Bangsund
- **Personnel Committee** (staff relations for all employees of the church)
Session members: Moderator Mary Lou Jones and Marcia Fagan
- **Outreach Committee** (focus on hands-on community involvement such as the Share ministry, Believe Walk, Redlands Family Services Hunger Walk, Interfaith, along with supporting a world mission)
Session members: Moderator Harry Muaya and Lucille Castro
- **Spiritual Formation Committee (formerly Congregational Life Committee)** (spiritually forming congregational members of all ages through educational offerings and the shape of worship)
Session members: Moderator TBD Kasim Barus, Jeffrey Suban and Gayle Timilione.
- **Clerk of Session** – Gayle Timilione

Board of Deacons

- Moderator, Angela Lambert
- Corresponding Secretary, Lynn Phelps
- Recording Secretary, Ann Platz
- Treasurer, Chris Kane

Congregational care and care of our local community through support of non-profits based on generosity of the congregation over and above the operational support of the church.

Deacons assist with the logistics in support of worship: communion, flowers, greeters, and coffee.

The Deacons take the lead and invite the whole congregation to participate in these ways.



The Gift of the Connectional Church

Why Per Capita

Are you a member of a group or club around town? I imagine that there are annual fees that help the organization run. Well, the PC(USA) has an annual per member fee as well and it is called Per Capita. A member's annual Per Capita helps support our connectional church at the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly levels and together we accomplish far more than we could do individually.

As of January 26 we have received **\$1,154.00** towards our commitment of **\$6,380**, which consists of \$44.00 per member as of 12/31/2023. Per Capita is always based on the previous year's membership, year-end 2023 instead of 2024. This happens because the year-end of 2024 was not known when the amount was set. Here is how this gift is distributed:

Presbytery	\$30.31
Synod	\$ 2.85
General Assembly	\$10.84

Our gift is paid in six equal increments and is paid monthly from February through July.

Yet, you might wonder what the theology behind annual per capita. Rev. Dr. Timothy Hart-Anderson writes, "There are good theological and biblical arguments in support of per capita. It is the connective tissue in the body imagery of the Apostle Paul — "But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be (1 Corinthians 12:18, NIV)." Per capita provides the wherewithal for the ecclesiastical democracy of the priesthood of all believers to run smoothly. It fuels the machinery of doing church the Presbyterian way, which is quite different from independent congregational and bishop-based systems. Per capita is much more than an annual fee. It's a statement of our values. What a gift it is to know that we are in ministry with others.

If you are a member, please make your Per Capita contribution of \$44 per member this year, which is over and above your regular giving. Thank you!



When Does Lent Begin this Year?

Ash Wednesday is March 5, 2025

The date of Easter is determined each year by calculating the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox. This calculation is called "computus paschalis," which is Latin for "computation". So, Easter is on April 20 in 2025, which is only 5 days earlier than the last possible date for Easter, which is April 25. This will occur in 2038. So, we have a bit of a breather this year between Christmas and Easter. Enjoy as next year, in 2026, Easter will be on April 5!

A New Opportunity!
Riverside's Insight Studio or RIS for Short

The Presbytery is gathering several authors and lecturers to provide online learning opportunities for us as a Presbytery. The interactive Zoom gatherings will start at 5 P.M. on the last Thursday of the month. The first opportunity will be Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 5 P.M. The Presbytery is calling this initiative Riverside's Insight Studio or RIS for short. Each of our guests will share valuable insights based on their expertise, many of whom are accomplished authors. Here is the link to the first gathering:

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85021139953?pwd=qPvWxeCQaGaDHUXZoNytVjetw4EREN.1>

Meeting ID: 850 2113 9953

Passcode: 162577

It's an honor to announce that our very first guest will be the Rev. Dr. Bruce Humphrey, the author of several notable works, including "*Ministry on Fire*," "*What Would Jesus Do*," "*I'm in <3*," and "*Once upon a Time in Hoonah*" (a memoir)." These gatherings are designed to be interactive, offering participants plenty of opportunities to ask questions and engage directly with our guest authors. So, mark your calendars and be ready to participate with others from throughout the Presbytery.



Another New Opportunity Offered by the Presbytery of Riverside Safety and Security Training

How Safe is Your Place of Worship?

Saturday, March 1, 2025

This interactive workshop is designed to empower you with actionable strategies and best practices to enhance the safety and security of your places of worship. By participating, you'll gain valuable insights, practical skills, and access to resources that will help you enhance the safety and security of your places of worship from experts across the spectrum of emergency management (Protection, Prevention, Mitigation, Response and Recovery).

Who Should Attend?

Religious leaders • Security team members • Administrative staff • Volunteers involved in safety initiatives

Date: Saturday, March 1, 2025

Time: 9 A.M. – 4 P.M.

Location: Calvary Presbyterian Church, Riverside

Cost: Lunch will be available to purchase at \$10 per person. Please RSVP with our Presbytery Office by email to riversidepresbytery.info@riversidepresbytery.com.

What will you Learn?

1. Emergency Drills and Preparedness: Learn how to conduct and practice effective emergency response procedures tailored to places of worship.
2. Policies and Procedures: Understand the importance of establishing robust safety policies and procedures, including access control, communication plans, and more.
3. Building a Safety Team: Learn how to form and train a dedicated safety team within your congregation.
4. Facility Hardening Techniques: Gain insights into best practices for securing your facility, including surveillance, access control systems, and other safety and security measures.
5. Grant Applications: Learn how to navigate the grant application process and discover available funding opportunities to support your safety initiatives.
6. Resources and Networking: Identify valuable resources and connect with experts who can provide ongoing support and guidance.

Meet Our Facilitators: Our workshop will feature experienced speakers who have presented this and other programs and responded to nationwide events. One of them will be the Rev. Suzanne Malloy, who served as a law enforcement officer for 31 years; during her final year as a patrol sergeant, she was responsible for coordinating perimeter security during a multi-fatality postal shooting. She served 19 years as a trauma chaplain and is a 14-year National Response Team of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance member. She has responded nationwide to both natural and human-caused disasters.

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Church of Redlands

Living the heart & mind
of Christ at the heart of
the city

The mission of the First
Presbyterian Church of
Redlands is to grow
spiritually with the
community by sharing
the love of Jesus Christ
with all who seek to
know God through
worship, relationships,
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