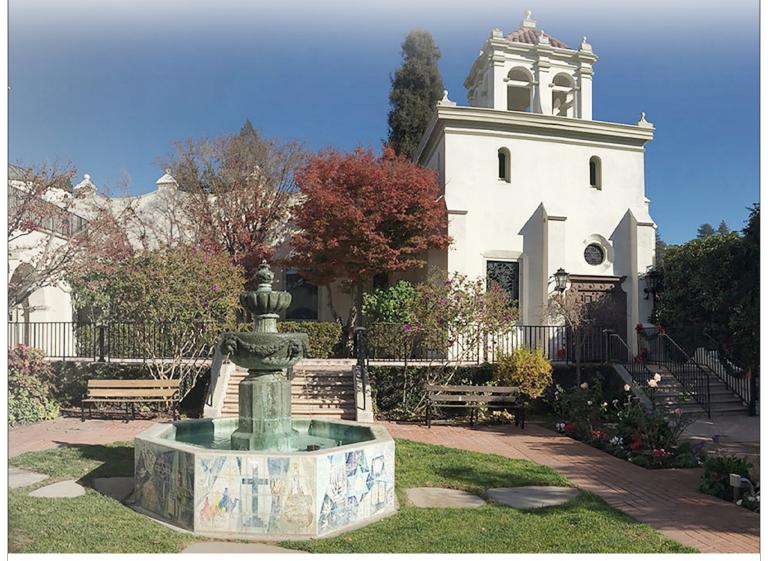
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024 COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Steve Schibsted preaches. Our 'Together' Giving Campaign film features Scott Willis, Mike Bandrowski, Judy Wright, Julie McDonald,



WELCOME

No matter your age, race, economic status, religious background, gender or sexual orientation, you are welcome here.

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O Worship the King

Lyons



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Steve Schibsted

Prelude

*Church Bell (*The congregation is invited to stand)

*Call to Worship

Liturgist: Today is a day that is held in tension.

People: For, we are surrounded by the past, yet looking toward the future. Liturgist: A past that reminds us of the presence of God with us in joy and in sorrow.

People: And a future filled with promise.

Leader:

A future when death and crying and pain will be no more.

And when God proclaims, "See, I am making all things new." People:

Leader: Today we remember those who have come before us in faith to prepare the way.

And we worship the One who was, who is and is to come. People:

Let us worship in word, in song and in service! Liturgist:

O worship the King *Hymn Lyons

*Prayer of Confession

Dora Chin

Michael Barber

Eternal God, we confess that we have praised you with our lips, yet failed to glorify you with our lives. Have mercy on us, we pray, for our faith that often fades under pressure, for our quick enthusiasms that just as quickly die, for the hopes we proclaim but do not pursue. Forgive us, God. Give us new trust in your power that empowers and inspires our own words and actions. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Short Film

Words of Christian Greeting

2025 Giving Campaign

Final Film in Series - Together in Fellowship, Service

Featuring Scott Willis, Mike Bandrowski, Judy Wright, Julie McDonald. Linda Rice and Carolyn Chun.

Prayers for the People and the Lord's Prayer

Dr. Don Ashburn

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mark 12:41-44

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

Sermon

"THE HEART OF GENEROSITY"

Rev. Dr. Steve Schibsted

Offertory

All things new Dorothy Nemeth, violoncello Chancel Choir

Elaine Hagenberg (born 1979)

Light after darkness, gain after loss, strength after weakness, crown after cross; sweet after bitter, hope after fears, home after wandering, praise after tears.

Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end, he is making all things new, springs of living water shall wash away each tear. He is making all things new.

Sight after mystery, sun after rain, joy after sorrow, peace after pain; near after distant, gleam after gloom, love after loneliness, life after tomb.

Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end, he is making all things new...

words by Frances Havergal (1836-1879), adapted from Rev. 21:5-6

*Doxology

(Hymnal, p. 572)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Receiving of the Commitment Cards

Prayer of Dedication

Don Ashburn

Holy and loving God, the earth is yours and all that is in it. You have entrusted us with gifts—time, talent, energy, money—and asked us to use them to take care of your creation and build your kingdom. With thanks and praise we respond to your call. We bring these commitments to you returning your generosity, paying it forward. We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears, our dollars and our hours. We ask your blessing on this, your church, as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul. Bless these gifts as our investment in your future, that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love. In Jesus' name. Amen

*Hymn (see next page) Great is thy faithfulness

Faithfulness

*Commission and Benediction

Dr. Schibsted

Organ Postlude

Improvisation

Fellowship and light refreshments available in the church Courtyard.



WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

We are delighted and grateful that you have come to worship here this morning. Please silence your cell phones and wearable devices. Our greeters and Deacons will be available during the coffee hour to answer questions you may have about the church.

The Clara Barton Room (outside Sanctuary to the right) has closed circuit viewing of the service for parents with infants and young children. Please ask an usher for assistance if needed.

We especially welcome those of you who are visitors. If you would like more information about Piedmont Community Church, please visit our website at PiedmontChurch.org

Worship in the Sanctuary takes place at 10am with organ, hymns, prayer and preaching. This service lasts about one hour. Our NextGen program for children and youth is provided at the same hour. We have devices for those who are hard of hearing. Please see an usher.

Communion is open to anyone who is called to receive the body and blood of Christ at the Lord's Table. It is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. If you have questions about the Lord's Supper, or about anything else at Piedmont Church, please contact one of the pastors.

Baptisms for infants, youth and adults usually take place during worship. A meeting between the parents and the minister is required. Contact the church office at (510) 547-5700

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TODAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY

We will have the opportunity to come together as a community of faith to support our church during worship by submitting our Commitment Cards. Those worshipping online will be asked to visit a page on our website to make their commitments electronically.

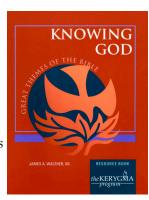
Your financial commitment in advance of the 2025 fiscal year is essential to the organizational planning necessary to continue our trajectory of vibrancy and renewal.

'EXPERIENCE GOD' CLASS CONTINUES

Starting today at 11:15am, Don Ashburn will be leading a 5-week class on "How to Experience God."

The class will meet in the Kettlewell Room, and explore how to know God, both in Scripture and in experience.

The class is open to anyone regardless of previous experience studying the Bible. As a resource, the class will use a booklet *Knowing God: Great Themes of the Bible.*



Contact Don at Don@PiedmontChurch.org



Get ready to celebrate community, fun and friendship at our Friendsgiving and Flag Football event on Sunday, November 3, 11am - 1pm at Piedmont Park. Bring a dish to share and enjoy a potluck-style feast. Lace up your sneakers for a spirited flag football game. All skill levels are welcome!

Everyone is welcome, so bring your friends, family and festive spirits. Whether you're in it for the food, the game, or a good time, we can't wait to see you there.

MINI RETREAT AT HARBOR HOUSE Join friends from Piedmont Church for a Mini Contemplative Retreat on Saturday, November 9, 9am - 1pm. Sponsored by the Fuller Center for Spiritual Formation and led by Pastor Ashly Nation, the retreat will offer space for contemplation, reflection, and prayer as we spend guided time drawing closer to God individually and in community. The retreat will be held at Harbor House Ministries in Oakland, a mission partner of our church. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

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