



MISSION & CONGREGATION UPDATES

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is currently serving at least 200-250 families per week.

If you would like to donate to the Food Pantry, we are always in need of the following:

- Tuna and Crackers Packs
- Thick, Reusable Grocery Bags
- Any Canned or Shelf Stable Food*

Birthdays



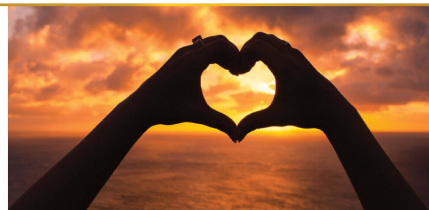
Marc Kendrick	5/9
DJ Hill	5/14
Trevor Rothman	5/30

Anniversaries



Bill and Gail Telkamp	05/10
Norwin and Easter Garcia	05/11

Compassion & Prayers



Barbara Yusko, Paul Janke, Ana Berrios, Brad Castonguay, Alice Mitchell, Carol Blackwell, The McCoy Family, Joe Woolett, Carla Parsons, Carol Chaney, Nancy Messinger, Joyce Claussen, Lyn (Bush) Reynolds-Johnson, Silas Uranga, and all healthcare workers and serving military.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please let the pastor know or contact the Admin Office staff by emailing office@firstpresorange.org.

UPCOMING COMMUNION DATES



The Session and its Worship Committee invite you to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We will also be broadcasting via YouTube! If you wish to participate online, please plan to have bread and wine or grape juice available at home.

05/24 Pentecost	09/06 15th Sun After Pentecost	11/01 All Saints
06/28 5th Sunday After Pentecost	10/04 World Communion	12/15 3rd Sunday of Advent
08/02 10th Sun After Pentecost		

Dear friends,

I mentioned in a sermon recently that I laughed when I heard Morgan Wallen and Post Malone's song "I ain't comin' back." It's a country song about a rambler who's hit the road after getting his heart broken – and the line that makes me smile is: "There's a lot of reasons I ain't Jesus, but the main one is that I ain't comin' back!"



We are in the season of "Eastertide" – the weeks after Easter and before Pentecost – where we continue to sing Alleluias and offer gratitude that Christ did come back – Jesus is alive among us! And what that means for us is abundance. It means whenever we are down or troubled, Christ is with us. It means whenever there is hatred and fear, Christ offers an alternative of love and peace. It means whenever we fear the stranger might get something and we might have less, we remember that in God's realm with Christ as our guide, there is no finite pie to be divided up. There is always enough to share. It means we can have a mindset not of scarcity, but abundance. Throughout Eastertide, we will hear scriptures from the Book of Acts where the first church knew and lived this whole-heartedly. Jesus' early followers lived lives of awe and wonder, sharing their possessions, breaking bread with one another, and spreading the gospel.

I am delighted that this church has chosen to see Christ at work in our midst this Eastertide. Your Pastoral Nominating Committee is spending time in prayer and hard at work to seek a new pastor for this church. This is a bold act of faith, believing abundance will come with new leadership – to shepherd this church long into the future. Please keep them in your prayers, and thank you for all you do for this church family. Stay connected with us, and if you would like to be more involved, or be on our prayer list, or be contacted, please let us know. God's blessings to you throughout this Eastertide and this beautiful season of Springtime. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Gail Stearns

Guests at the Pulpit



We are excited to announce our upcoming guest preachers, some of whom you have already been seeing in the pulpit. Some of our guest preachers have included Rebecca Prichard, Chris Dickens, Reed Metcalf, Vanessa Bates, and Kip Kipp. There may even be a special guest or two who have graciously accepted our invitation to help preach the gospel to our grateful congregation! Here is our current preacher schedule:

May 2026

05/03	Gail Stearns	05/10	Kate Forer
05/17	Kathy Kipp	05/24	Gail Stearns
05/31	Kip Kipp	06/07	Gail Stearns

You may find updated Guest Preacher Schedule on the front page of our website at www.firstpresorange.org

Coffee & Fellowship



First Sundays · 11:00am · McAulay Hall

Fellowship Hour is held after Worship at 11am on the first Sunday of each month. Coffee will be served. Come warm up with a cup of joe and a friendly conversation!

Upcoming Fellowship & Coffee Hours: May 3rd June 7th July 5th

TNT

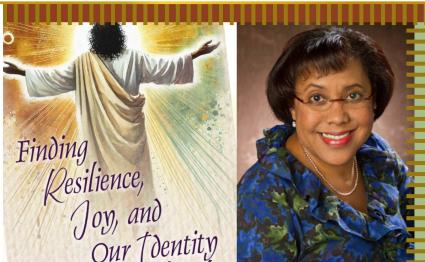


Second Saturdays · 11:00am · McAulay Hall

TNT is a program designed specifically for adults who are developmentally challenged that includes developmentally appropriate Bible Study, fellowship, and music. Lunch will be provided.

Contact Liz Calvo for further information: LizC2806@aol.com

Horizon Women's Bible Study



Third Saturdays · 10:00am · Flippen Chapel

Want to study the Bible and discuss it through a feminine perspective? All women are invited to our Bible Study to do just that! Books are provided. Do not miss out on this wonderful opportunity to learn more about our Lord with the women of our congregation. Bible Study is on every third Saturday of the month at 10:00 A.M. in Flippen Chapel. You will enjoy "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ." Books are provided. We will love studying together. Bring all your lady friends.

Any questions? Contact Bonnie Sharp: 714-633-5897

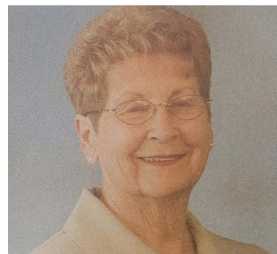
Men's Bible Study



Third Saturdays · 10:00am · McAulay Hall

Fellas, you're no longer left out! We have a brand new Men's Bible Study every Third Saturday at 10am. Bring your Bible. For more information, email the office.

For more information, call or email the office at 714-538-2341 office@firstpresorange.org

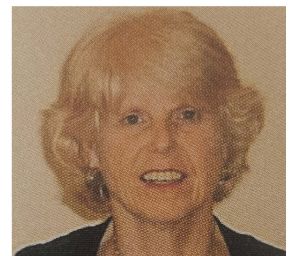


Passing of Aileen Marsille

It is with deep regret that we have to share the passing of a beloved member, Aileen Marsille. Aileen joined our church on May 9, 1954. Although she couldn't attend church, she remained an Active member until her death on February 2, 2026.

Passing of Margaret Kraus

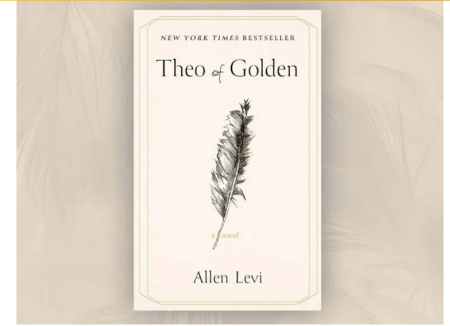
We are also very sad to announce the passing of another dear member, Margaret Kraus on April 12th, 2026. A memorial service will be held at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas on Thursday, April 30 at 12pm PST. The service will be live streamed on the church's website: www.phpc.org. To access the service, click on the box on the upper right of the home page that says, "Watch Live."



The Book Club will be meeting on May 27th at 11:30 in Flippen Chapel. We will be reading the book entitled "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi. Here is a synopsis of this interesting tale:

One spring morning, a stranger named Theo arrives in the small Southern city of Golden. He doesn't explain much about where he came from or why he's there—but when he visits the local coffeehouse, where pencil portraits of the people of Golden hang on the walls, he begins purchasing them, one at a time, and giving each portrait to the person depicted. In exchange, he asks only for the person's story. And so portrait by portrait, person by person, secrets are revealed, regrets are shared, and ordinary lives are profoundly altered.

I hope you will join us for this interesting discussion. Please bring a sack lunch, and if you have any questions, please call Lynda Stewart at (714)639-5076.



We are pleased to introduce you to

Leo Aguilar Touton

Born March 22, 2026

7 lbs 9 oz at birth

We are very grateful for the kindness of everyone who has contributed to our readiness through their gifts, actions, and words of wisdom. We are immeasurably blessed.

- The Toutons

FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR MARCH 2026
John R. Fotch, Treasurer

CHURCH OPERATIONS	Month of March				Three Months Ending March 2026			
	Actual	Budget	Actual as % of Budget(*)	Variance	Actual	Budget	Actual as % of Budget(*)	Variance
Offerings	\$ 11,133	\$ 9,980	111.56%	\$ 1,154	\$ 32,075	\$ 29,939	107.14%	\$ 2,137
Other Income	(10,200)	4,583	-222.54%	(14,783)	14,572	13,750	105.98%	822
Special Envelopes	-	42	0.00%	(42)	931	125	744.81%	806
Special Benevolences	-	21	0.00%	(21)	-	63	0.00%	(63)
Income Sub-Total	\$ 933	\$ 14,625	6.38%	\$ (13,692)	\$ 47,578	\$ 43,876	108.44%	\$ 3,702
Transfers - General Reserve(#888)	\$ 64,726	\$ 70,325	92.04%	\$ (5,598)	\$ 64,726	\$ 70,325	92.04%	\$ (5,598)
Total Income	\$ 65,659	\$ 84,950	77.29%	\$ (19,290)	\$ 112,304	\$ 114,201	98.34%	\$ (1,896)
Total Expenses	\$ 41,243	\$ 45,175	91.30%	\$ (3,932)	\$ 112,304	\$ 118,676	94.63%	\$ (6,372)
Net Operating Results	\$ 24,417	\$ 39,775	61.39%	\$ (15,358)	\$ -	\$ (4,475)	0.00%	\$ 4,475

* Represents where we are budget-wise with respect to where we anticipated being last Fall

General Reserves Utilization Y-T-D		
Transfer Income Budgeted	Transfer Income Utilized to Date	% of Budgeted Transfer Income Utilized to Date
\$ 281,298.00	\$ 64,726.26	23.01%

Transfer Income is another way of referring to Reserve Funds

Notes to Income: March's Offering Income was 11 percent ahead of expectations (\$11,133 vs \$9,980). Facility Rental Income, a component of Other Income, was twice what was expected (\$4,240 vs \$2,083). Unfortunately, another component of Other Income, Investment Income, took a major hit. Our investments lost \$14,440 in March. I am not concerned because the market will recover. As I write this report, all three major indices are up significantly. Where the market and our investments are on December 31st is the only figure that really matters. The first quarter Transfer from Reserves to balance our budget was \$5,598 less than anticipated.

Notes to Expense: Expenses for the month were \$3,932 less than anticipated. There was some spending in excess of the budget (Organ Maintenance, Building Maintenance, and Worship), but that was offset by the \$7,327 refund of Property Taxes that we were forced to pay last year because of the expiration of our Welfare Exemption. That expiration was due to the city not following through on our renewal inspection. This issue was resolved, hence the refund. At the end of March, we stand in a position that is \$4,475 better off than expected last fall when the budget was created.

MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	Tuesday	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 10:00am - Worship(S) Preaching - Gail Stearns 11:00am - Coffee & Fellowship (MH)	4	5	6 10:00am - 12:00pm - Food Pantry(MH) 7:00pm - Session(Z)	7 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal(S)	8	9 11:00am - TNT (MH)
10 10:00am - Worship(S) Preaching - Kate Forer Happy Mother's Day!	11	12	13 10:00am - 12:00pm - Food Pantry(MH) 7:00pm - Worship Committee(Z)	14 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal(S)	15	16 10:00am - Horizon Women's Bible Study(FC) 10:00am - Men's Bible Study(MH)
17 10:00am - Worship(S) Preaching - Kathy Kipp	18	19	20 10:00am - 12:00pm - Food Pantry(MH) 7:00pm - CMC(Z)	21 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal(S)	22	23
24 10:00am - Worship(S) Preaching - Gail Stearns	25 Memorial Day	26	27 10:00am - 12:00pm - Food Pantry(MH) 11:30am - Book Club(FC)	28 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal(S)	29	30
31 10:00am - Worship(S) Preaching - Kip Kipp						



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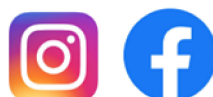
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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:00 am

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