

THE WEEKLY RAG

For the United Ministries
of the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown and Donaldina Cameron House

October 27, 2024

This Sunday at PCC

Join us this Sunday as we explore the story of Bartimaeus from Mark 10:46-52. In this passage, a blind beggar cries out for mercy, and Jesus responds by restoring not only his physical sight but also his spiritual vision. We'll reflect on how this story speaks to our current times, especially in the context of political and social divisions. How can we open our own eyes to see the world with justice, compassion, and a commitment to inclusion? Come and be part of the conversation as we consider how faith calls us to respond to the challenges of today.

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Call for the English Worshipping Community Annual Meeting!

After worship on Sunday, October 27, the English Worshipping Community will have its annual meeting to elect deacons and elders (see page 2 for the slate of nominees) and to vote on the Terms of Call for Pastor Don. You will remember that in all years previous, Pastor Don's terms of call were contracted between him and the Commission because of his Interim status. Now as an installed Designated Pastor, the worshipping community will vote on his package, as was done with Pastor Kimberly Elliot and Pastor Cal Chinn. All are welcome to attend, but only Active Members as defined by the Book of Order are enfranchised to vote.

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Anniversary Sunday and Call for Presbyterian Church in Chinatown Annual Congregational Meeting - November 3

On Sunday November 3 the English and Cantonese Worshipping Communities will gather for a bilingual worship service at 11:30 in the Sanctuary. Immediately after worship the Mandarin Worshipping community will join us for our Annual Congregation Meeting, and Meeting of the Corporation. A luncheon is planned for after the meeting in Fellowship Hall.

The Worship & Nurture Committee is considering offering a retreat next May or June. Please answer the questionnaire by Sunday November 3.

<https://forms.gle/rLbPYQjlgjbqklwd6>

Pastor Don will be on study leave Monday Oct 28-Thursday Oct 31. No School of Discipleship on Monday Oct 28. Contact the Deacons for Pastoral Concerns.

Today's Hymns and Scripture Passages

Opening

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
65 in Glory to God

Meditation

Be Thou My Vision
450 in Glory to God

Closing

Will You Come and Follow Me?
726 in Glory to God

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Jeremiah 31:7-9
Mark 10: 46-52

Opportunities at PCC

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS:

[Saturday Pantry](#)
[Thursday Pantry](#)

TEATIME HOSTS:

TEATIME SIGN UP



Prayer concerns:

Joe Tanizawa's friend, Randy Greer in hospital recovering from a stroke; Di Go's friend whose husband passed away; Jeannette and Jim as they deal with Jim's health issues (cards are OK, no phone calls please); safe travels for our church team returning from Guatemala.

Send prayer concerns to prayers@pccsf.org. *Please note this new email address!*

Guatemala Water Project

The members of PCC who participated in the Guatemala Water Project should be home by the time you read this. Below are several snapshots they shared in their messages back to PCC.



Join us on
November 1st for
our Gala in the
Streets!



San Francisco Night Ministry will celebrate with Community Night Walks beginning at 6:30 PM at St. Mark's Lutheran. They will depart in groups, walking into the Tenderloin to experience the sights & sounds of the streets & meet some of the people who form their ministry.

If you cannot or do not wish to walk, meet them at the Tenderloin Museum at 7:30 PM, where the Community Night Walks will jointly reconvene. A celebration will continue with festive remarks, awards, dessert, and a champagne toast in honor of their next 60 years.

There's no cost to participate, though we encourage your RSVP. Contact connect@sfnightministry.org.

EWC Leadership

EWC Commission

CLASS OF 2024

Carl Jew
Winchell Quock
David SooHoo

CLASS OF 2025

David Chan
Ed Chin
Heidi Wong

CLASS OF 2026

Mildred Hall
Annie Wong
Kimball Wong

Board of Deacons

CLASS OF 2024

Eunice Bejar-Lee
Pat Chan
Terry Chan
Shar Hall
Dayton Leong

CLASS OF 2025

Carole Chinn-Morales
Diane Go
Kathy Tong

Personnel Committee

Nancy Chee 2024
Mark Fong 2025
Ed Chin 2026

Nominating Committee 2024

Diane Go
Eddie Kam
Susie Wong
Kathy Tong -
(Deacon rep)
Kimball Wong -
(Elder rep)

PCC English Worshipping Community 2024 Slate of Nominees

Elders

CLASS of 2027
Scott Barlow
Eddie Kam
Whittney Tom

Deacons

CLASS OF 2025
Eunice Bejar-Lee
Pat Chan
Dayton Leong

CLASS OF 2026
Keith Jew

CLASS OF 2027
Wayne Eng

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Susie Wong
Jeanette Huie

ENDORSEMENTS OF THE MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

M&E reviewed the following local and state ballot measures that are related to housing and would like to share this information with the English Worshiping Community. **Get Ready to Vote by November 5!** The Department of Elections will mail ballots packets to all registered voters in October. To check if you are registered to vote in San Francisco or confirm that your information is up to date, go to sfelections.org/voterportal.

SAN FRANCISCO BALLOT MEASURE

YES
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Should the city of San Francisco spend at least \$8.25 million to subsidize rent for seniors, families and persons with disabilities earning extremely low incomes?

One way San Francisco creates affordable housing is by providing loans to developers for projects that benefit lower-income residents who earn no more than 80% of the area median income. But for people earning 35% of area median income, the existing loan programs fall short. Proposition G would create a fund to help those on extremely low incomes by requiring the city to contribute \$8.25 million of its general fund starting in 2026 through 2046.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA BALLOT MEASURES

YES
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California Proposition 5: Should California reduce the vote threshold needed to pass certain local bonds for affordable housing and public infrastructure projects?

Currently, any local bond measure on the ballot must be approved by a two-thirds (66.67%) "supermajority" of voters to pass. Proposition 5 would reduce that threshold to 55% for local bonds that fund affordable housing or public infrastructure projects. The amendment would also require local jurisdictions to conduct annual audits to ensure that the funds are being used accordingly until all funds are spent. These audits would be publicly released and submitted to the California State Auditor.

Proposition 33 is not endorsed by the Committee, however we bring it to your attention and encourage you to vote your conscience.

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California Proposition 33: Should California remove limits on the ability of cities to impose rent control policies capping annual rent increases?

The Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act of 1995 prohibits cities from imposing rent control on properties built after 1995, on vacated units, on single family homes and on condominiums. If passed, Proposition 33 would repeal the 1995 law and prevent the state from taking action to limit local rent control in the future. The proposition does not make any changes to existing local rent control laws; cities would have to take local action to change those.

Check these websites for more information about the election and voting guides:

<https://bluevoterguide.org/state/california>

<https://cavotes.org/ballot-measures/>

www.caasf.org/2024/09/caa-2024-voter-guide-for-november-2024

- If you mail or drop off your ballot before Election Day, don't forget to SIGN the back of the envelope!
- If you still need to register, the deadline is **October 19th**.
- If you haven't received your ballot, contact the SF Dept. of Elections, <https://sfelections.sfgov.org/>