

THE WEEKLY RAG

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

November 24, 2024

This Sunday and Beyond at PCC

Sermon Promo: Join us this Sunday as we celebrate Christ the King! We'll explore what it means to serve a different kind of king—one whose power is rooted in love, justice, and grace. Together, we'll reflect on how Christ's reign challenges the world's ideas of authority, calling us into a community shaped by compassion. Come be reminded of the hope we have in the One whose kingdom never fades.

Hanging of the Greens! It's time to decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas! This Sunday, after Cantonese worship, we'll gather in the sanctuary to prepare for the coming season. Members of the Cantonese and Mandarin Commissions have been invited to help, but we'd love anyone who is available to join in! Many hands make light work.

Pastor Don on Vacation: Pastor Don will be on vacation from Monday through Saturday, November 25-30, for the Thanksgiving holiday. He'll be back in worship on Sunday, December 1.

New Members Class: Pastor Don and the English Commission are hosting a New Members/Adult Confirmation class starting Sunday, December 8, during Fellowship time. If you worship here and have thought about becoming a member, please speak to Pastor Don and consider joining! The course will run for five Sundays.

School of Discipleship on Winter Break: The School of Discipleship has completed its study of the Book of Leviticus and will be on break until January. Watch for an upcoming announcement about our next study.

Christmas Gifts for Chinatown SRO Children

The Mission & Evangelism Committee invites you to bring some joy to the lives of families who live in a single room. We are collecting wrapped toys for ages 3-12 that will be distributed by Chinatown CDC during their annual holiday party in December. **Pick up a gift tag during Teatime today or email jeanette_huie@yahoo.com if you can contribute a gift!**

Today's Hymns and Scripture Passages

Opening

**Glorious Things of Thee
Are Spoken**

81 in Glory to God

Meditation

**Jesus Shall Reign Where'er
The Sun**

265 in Glory to God

Closing

Blessing and Honor

369 in Glory to God

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Revelation 1: 4b-8

John 18: 33-37

Prayer Concerns:

Prayers for Danny Lee's friend - **Mike Wise** -speedy recovery and safe transport for his upcoming surgery on 11/26.

Care packages were sent to church family college students who are studying hard away from home. The Deacons have received letters of gratitude for the goodies and prayers.

Send prayer concerns to prayers@pccsf.org.

Please note this new email address!



Opportunities at PCC

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS: [Saturday Pantry](#)

Thursday Pantry: 10:15-11:45am Email foodpantry@pccsf.org if you can volunteer. Location: Cameron House parking lot.

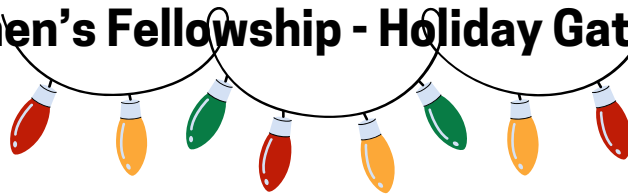
TEATIME HOSTS: [TEATIME SIGN UP](#)



PCC Thursday Pantry
featured on
SF-Marin Food Bank's
Facebook Page!

www.facebook.com/sfmfoodbank

Women's Fellowship - Holiday Gathering



Monday, December 16 - 1:00-4:00pm
The Sequoias - 1400 Geary Blvd.

For all women of PCC, RSVP with Mildred Hall - please bring your holiday spirit and finger food / desserts to share. We'll sing Christmas carols, play some icebreakers and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and catching up with each other!



Matthew 25 Activations with PCC EWC: reflecting on examples and planning through end of year

As you all know, PCC EWC has been working across our worshipping community to understand how we are already serving as a Matthew 25 church and reflecting on what, if anything else, we might want to do more of or differently.

In 2024, we prayed, discussed, and acted across all three Matthew 24 focus areas. To reflect and celebrate these efforts, please read a list of a few examples of Matthew 25 activations from throughout the year on the next page.

AN INVITE: Join us in November and December as we end the year in celebration of what we've learned and done and get ready to enter 2025 with more intentional Matthew 25 activation across our worshipping community (brought to you by the committees, Pastor Don, Pastor Greg (Parish Associate for Matthew 25 Engagement) and Whitney Tom (new elder elect and M&E committee member). You'll hear more about this in the November 24th worship service!

Matthew 25 activation examples in 2024

Timing	Matthew 25 Focus Area	Monthly Matthew 25 Moment (time in worship)	Example Activities
Q1 2024	<u>Focus #2:</u> Dismantling Structural Racism	N/A	Feb: West Bay Anti-racism Group (featuring our very own Clinton and Carole) Feb: Winter Shelter Meal with SF Interfaith Council March: Lions Club Vision Clinic at PCC
Q2 2024	<u>Focus #3:</u> Eradicating Systemic Poverty	April 7	April: M&E presenting on Matthew 25 framework using the food pantry an example of eradicating systemic poverty May-Aug: PCC EWC trainings to be an accompaniment team for asylum seekers with the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity (IM4HI)
Q3 2024	(all three!) <u>Focus #2:</u> Dismantling Structural Racism <u>Focus #1:</u> Congregational Vitality <u>Focus #3:</u> Eradicating Systemic Poverty	July 14 Sept. 1	July (#2): IM4HI pastor and guests during worship and tea time shared their stories and exemplified why we are taking on accompaniment for asylum seekers as fight for justice for immigrants Aug (#3): Prepared a community dinner for 100 adults at Old First hosted by SF Night Ministry Sept (#1): Greg led a worship service around Matthew 25 activation related to talents and money. Sept (#2) 20+ EWC members attended the Brad Onishi presentation on White Christian Nationalism and Project 2025 at Christ United PC Sept (#1 and #3): EWC agreed to take on the Cameron House Thursday Food Pantry
Q4 2024	<u>Focus #3:</u> Eradicating Systemic Poverty	Nov. 24 Dec. 15	Sept/October: EWC members participated in the rally for a pardon for Lam Le in Sacramento and vigils at his ICE check-ins. October 19-26: EWC Mission Trip November 10: Hunger and Homelessness (Worship) November 17: Living Water World Missions Mission Trip to Guatemala (Tea Time) December 1: Christmas gifts for 100 children living in Chinatown SROs