

# THE WEEKLY RAG



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

April 13, 2025

## Palm Sunday

Join us this Sunday  
as we journey with Jesus  
into Jerusalem—between



the shouts of the crowd and the silence that follows. We'll reflect  
on what it means to raise our voices, to listen deeply, and to walk  
faithfully through the week ahead.  
Come as you are. All are welcome.

## Easter Sunday Service - April 20, 11:00 am

Join the English and Cantonese worshipping communities on  
Easter Sunday will a special bilingual service beginning at  
11:00am in the sanctuary and online. Following our celebration of  
our Risen Christ, stay for fellowship as the two worshipping  
communities share a meal and build connections. .

## Maundy Thursday - 7:00 pm

Join the English Worshipping Community for a special Maundy  
Thursday service on April 17 at 7:00pm. With communities all  
over the world we with gather to reflect on meaning of the Last  
Supper: not a royal banquet but instead time of intimacy and  
caring. Recalling Jesus actions, we will adapt them for a traditional  
handwashing as an holy act.

## REGISTER NOW for the Retreat!

It's time to register for the June English Worship Retreat:  
Living into Matthew 25! Our retreat facilitator will be Rev.  
Joann Lee from Calvary Presbyterian Church. Please use this  
[link](#) and register now! Contact Diane Go if you have  
questions. More information on page 3

## Opportunities to Worship on Good Friday

Calvary Presbyterian Church: Death Café at 5pm;  
Good Friday Worship at 7:00 <https://www.calvarypresbyterian.org/>  
Covenant Presbyterian Church (on Taraval)  
Soup and Salad Supper at 4:00pm followed by Good Friday Worship  
Seventh Avenue Presbyterian Church: Good Friday Service 7:30pm  
<https://www.seventhavenuechurch.org/>

## Today's Hymns and Scripture Passages

### Opening

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna  
197 in Glory to God

### Meditation

Oh Love, How Deep,  
How Broad, How High  
618 in Glory to God

### Closing

All Glory, Laud and Honor  
196 in Glory to God

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Psalm 118: 19-29 /  
Luke 19: 29-40  
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## Service Opportunities

### FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS:

[Saturday Pantry](#)

### THURSDAY PANTRY:

10:15-11:45am.

Email [foodpantry@pccsf.org](mailto:foodpantry@pccsf.org)  
if you can volunteer. Location:  
Cameron House parking lot.

### To Host Teatime:

[TEATIME SIGN UP](#)



## If You Really Listen...

In the city you'll hear horns, the clatter of the subway, mothers calling to their children, saying, "Take my hand before we cross the street." You'll hear church bells, Salvation Army bells, people asking for spare change, while others ask for directions. You'll hear the whistle from the traffic cop, the exhaust from the bus, that a train is arriving in two minutes. You'll hear mothers selling fresh mango, theater kids selling tickets, and religious groups selling ideas. But even with all that shouting, even with all that noise, the birds still sing. Against all odds, thanks be to God, the birds still sing.

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## Prayer List

Continued prayers for Mike Sofinowski, Diane Go's brother-in-law, as doctors figure out the cause for his temporary lost of consciousness while driving.

Prayers for healing and recovery for Lesley Kraechan's father, David, who is recovering from heart surgery, and for continued peace in their homes during this time.

Prayers of healing and recovery for Richard Jann as he rests at home following a short stay in the hospital.

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## Lenten Series Feedback

Pastor Don and the Worship team need your input! This Lent we have used a series developed by *A Sanctified Art*. The team needs your feedback on this series specifically so that we can plan on future worship. Please fill out the online [survey](#) or if you come to church, paper surveys will be available.

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## One Great Hour of Sharing

Today's highlight for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be on the **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)**. The PDA is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

It enables congregations and mission partners to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic event. Matthew 25 continues to be a guiding force in the work of PDA; such as, supporting the eradication of poverty through grants to vulnerable populations; working to end systemic racism through centering Black, indigenous and communities of color and refugees in grant-making; promoting congregational vitality through volunteer work

teams, spiritual and emotional care for pastors and grants to help congregations respond in their own communities; and addressing climate change, militarism and other forms of oppression. Brochures and OGHS offering envelopes are available outside the sanctuary and on the table outside the fellowship hall. If you would like more information, please click into the [pcusa.org/oghs](http://pcusa.org/oghs) website. Please give generously through the PCC-English online donation or writing a check to PCC-English with One Great Hour of Sharing or OGHS showing in remarks.

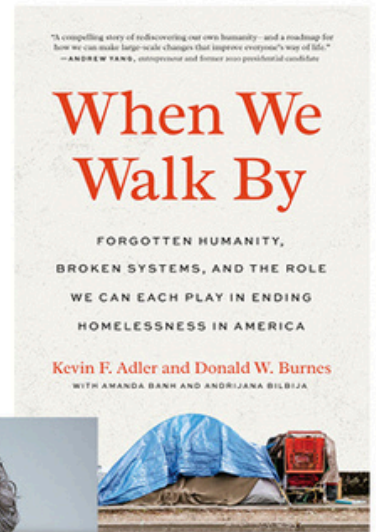
San Francisco Night Ministry Presents  
a collaborative celebration with Miracle Messages:

## When We Walk By: Panel Discussion & Book Event

featuring Kevin Adler

Old First Presbyterian Church | Wed. Apr. 30 | 7 - 9 pm  
Doors 6:30 pm | Panel 7 pm | light reception to follow

Kevin Adler is an award-winning author, sociologist, and founder of Miracle Messages, a non-profit that helps people experiencing homelessness rebuild their social support systems and financial security. Join us for this special evening of discussion and reflection on the care of homeless. We'll be sure to raise a glass in celebration of San Francisco Night Ministry's 60th anniversary, as well as Miracle Messages 10th anniversary.



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## Join Us for the 2025 June Retreat!

**June 13-15** | Siden Conference Center at Redwood Glen, 1430 Wurr Road, Loma Mar CA 94021

Let's build the Beloved Community—together.

Come away for a weekend of renewal, reflection, and recommitment at our June Retreat, grounded in the call of Matthew 25. Over three days, we'll gather as a church family to explore what it means to live as a Matthew 25 congregation—a people committed to congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty.

We are blessed to have engaged Rev. Joann Lee, Associate Pastor of Community Formation at Calvary Presbyterian Church to be our main facilitator. For an introduction to Pastor Joann, you can read her [bio](#).

Through worship, small group conversations, and interactive workshops, we'll deepen our understanding, strengthen our relationships, and discern where the Spirit is leading us next. Expect good food, meaningful dialogue, quiet moments, and bold visions.

Whether you've been at the heart of this work or are just beginning to explore, there's a place for you at the table. Please use this [link](#) and register now! Contact Diane Go if you have questions.

**Early bird deadline is Sunday, May 4, 2025**

Early bird rate is \$250 per person / Regular rate after May 4th is \$275

## Vigil to Stop ICE, April 16

IM4HI Invites us to join a vigil to stop ICE. It will be held at the Dublin Women's Prison April 16, 5:30-7:00 pm. FCI Dublin is a federal women's prison where countless survivors have bravely spoken out against abuse and harm. More info and RSVP [here](#).

Contact Clinton Huey if you're interested in going.

## Support Lam Le, April 21

Lam Le has a very important ICE check-in appointment on Monday, April 21, 1:45 pm, at 630 Sansome Street. Join us for a short program and prayer to support him before he goes in for his appointment. Let him know he is not forgotten!.



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## GUATEMALA, ONCE MORE

Last year's trip to Guatemala was so inspiring, Eunice Bejar-Lee and Georgette Huie are planning to go again this year. Eunice's company is sponsoring a water filtration system through Living Water World Missions (LWWM) and both Eunice and Georgette plan to raise another \$5,000 to cover the "soft" costs of the system: funds which will cover regular maintenance for the next three years. The system will be installed in Chichicastenango, one of Guatemala's most well-known towns. It is located in the scenic highlands of Guatemala, at an altitude above 6,000 feet. The population is largely indigenous Mayan, and boasts the largest open-air market of traditional textiles, crafts, foods, etc. It is because the indigenous Mayans have systematically been discriminated against that Eunice and Georgette felt compelled to install the clean water system [here](#).

If you are interested in joining this mission project, please contact Eunice ([eunicebejarlee@sbcglobal.net](mailto:eunicebejarlee@sbcglobal.net)) and Georgette Huie ([georgettehuie@prodigy.net](mailto:georgettehuie@prodigy.net)).

The dates are August 16-23, 2025. We will fly out on August 16 and return August 23. We can bring a team of up to twelve people. This is not a PCC-sponsored trip; Georgette is hoping a few young adults from her church (Chinese Congregational – UCC) will also participate.

The cost for our stay in Guatemala is \$800, which includes everything: hotel, food, ground transportation, tips). Roundtrip airfare from SFO is currently less than \$700.

If you wish to make a donation toward the "soft" costs of the system, you can write a check to PCC and earmark it for "Guatemala."