



Magnolia Presbyterian Church

The UpLook

Pastor's Pondering -- Easter Images

"I assure you that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it can only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit." - John 12:24 (CEB)

"When you put a seed into the ground, it doesn't come back to life unless it dies. What you put in the ground doesn't have the shape that it will have, but it's a bare grain of wheat or some other seed. God gives it the sort of shape that God chooses, and gives each of the seeds its own shape." 1 Corinthians 15:36b-38 (CEB, adapted)

What is your favorite image of Easter? The bunny? The egg? The lily? Hot cross buns or resurrection rolls? The butterfly?

I will admit, as a child, I loved the Easter Bunny because of the myth that the Easter Bunny brought chocolate eggs, which I quite enjoyed. But today, the image of Easter that resonates most with me, probably because of Adrien Lowery's message on March 20th, is the seed. Think about the last time you ate a watermelon and those little black things you spit out; or when you carved a pumpkin and took out those flat white things; or the last time you blew a dandelion and all those little white puffs blew all over the place. Somehow, when those seeds get buried, they resurrect. It is transformed and breaks through the ground as a vibrant new plant. A new life that bears new seed, creating more new life. Think of all those poppies that are in bloom right now in the Inland Empire.



About 2,000 years ago, Jesus was buried for three days, and was resurrected. Jesus broke through the barrier of death and offers new life to all.

I really like the image of the seed.



For over two years now, we've been buried. And now Easter is here. What form will we take? How has God transformed you over the last two years? What ways will we be bearers of new life? What a great image. Happy Easter!

Your buried, but ready to break out Co-Pastor,

Paul

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Deacons Corner What's your purpose?

Dear MagPres loved ones,

As a new deacon, it is my turn to share with you a piece of my spiritual journey. The one devotion that stands out over all the rest through the years is this one by Oswald Chambers. I need to be reminded of this often, that what we may think is a spiritual process to a goal is often the actual goal itself.

Love, Holly Goulet Perez

We tend to think that if Jesus Christ compels us to do something and we are obedient to Him, He will lead us to great success. We should never have the thought that our dreams of success are God's purpose for us. In fact, His purpose may be exactly the opposite. We have the idea that God is leading us toward a particular end or a desired goal, but He is not. What we see as only the process of reaching a particular end, God sees as the goal itself.

What is my vision of God's purpose for me? Whatever it may be, His purpose is for me to depend on Him and on His power *now*. If I can stay calm, faithful, and unconfused while in the middle of the turmoil of life, the goal of the purpose of God is being accomplished in me. God is not working toward a particular finish— His purpose is the process itself. What He desires for me is that I see "Him walking on the sea" with no shore, no success, nor goal in sight, but simply having the absolute certainty that everything is all right because I see "Him walking on the sea" (Mark 6:49). It is the process, not the outcome, that is glorifying to God.



God's training is for now, not later. His purpose is for this very minute, not for sometime in the future.

God's purpose is to enable me to see that He can walk on the storms of my life right now. If we have a further goal in mind, we are not paying enough attention to the present time. However, if we realize that moment-by-moment obedience is the goal, then each moment as it comes is precious.

ACCESS WORSHIP ONLINE

You can participate in worship by going to magpres.com/watch or by visiting our Facebook page (facebook.com/magpres). Services are archived for you to watch later (or again!)

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16, 3 pm.

Fun for little kids! Crafts for bigger kids.

Photo op for all.

Church kids - your grandkids - neighbor kids - all are invited.

Can you support this activity with some easy shopping? We need plastic Easter eggs and/or wrapped candy, with filled eggs being ideal. Eggs can be dropped off on Sundays or during office hours.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Dear Church Family,

The Christian Education Committee is seeking volunteers to teach Sunday School. It can be for one week at a time or more.

WHO: individuals / couples or friends / youth under the age of 18. Contact Christian Education Committee Chair, Zach Gipson, at zachwgipson@gmail.com or the church office.

Thank you all for your prayerful consideration.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for children in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade is offered in-person & Via Zoom during our 10am worship service. In-person will meet in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to connect on zoom, please use the link below.

Meeting ID: 259885602

Password: 7200

YOUTH GROUP is taking some time off, but if you have questions or want to keep connected, contact Eric Brandenberger at ebsouthernca@gmail.com.

CALLING ALL GRADS!

Will you or a loved one graduate from high school or a place of higher education in 2022?



If so, please send in a photo of the grad (.jpg works best) and description of their accomplishments - we'll publish them next month. church@magpres.com

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, April 10, 10 am

Procession with palms as Holy Week begins

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 14, 6 pm

The Fellowship, Outreach & Membership committee invites you to a soup supper on Maundy Thursday at 6 pm. We look forward to sharing a meal with you during this time of contemplation on the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior. If you would like to provide soup or help set up, please contact Heather Dickenson at 951.688.6582 or hdickenson61@gmail.com.

Meal followed by Maundy Thursday service at 7 pm, where communion will be served.

EASTER EGG HUNT, Saturday, April 16, 3 pm

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EASTER SUNDAY

Worship Service at 10 am

Bring fresh flowers for flowering of the cross.

Stay for Fellowship Hour.



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



As a sports fan, I have seen and experienced the ups and downs of amazing comebacks from teams or individuals determined to keep competing until the very end.

At Easter, we celebrate the greatest “comeback”: The Resurrection of Jesus Christ. His triumphant return brings hope, and the confidence that He is ‘the way and the truth and the life’.

A few of the Session activities making or hoping to make comebacks in the life of our church are:

- Soup Supper on Maundy Thursday
- Coffee fellowship after Sunday worship service
- In-Person Sunday School

Passing of the offering and Communion plates starting April 3

Easter Egg Hunt

Hiring of a Youth Leader to revitalize the youth-group program

- Vacation Bible School (possibly with Calvary)
- Habitat for Humanity Brush for Kindness
- CROP Walk took place in March
- And many more to follow...

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3

Melanie Nelson, Clerk of Session

Session Meetings and Minutes:

Session meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday* of every month at 7 pm via Zoom. These meetings are open, so if you would like to attend and listen to the conversation, you are most welcome. Copies of all session minutes are available in the office, or by request. *Adjustments made for holidays.



THANK YOU, CROP WALK WALKERS!
 Thank You, MagPres Members

Results of the CROP Walk, March 2022
 MagPres Walkers: Over 20 (Tops in Riverside)

MagPres Contributions: \$3890 (Tops in Riverside)

BROUGHT TO YOU BY Mission Interpretation Team

There's a committee that needs YOU. Contact a pastor to find your match.

Session 2022 Committee Assignments	
Buildings and Grounds	Ann Lauder milk, Chair John Reinhardt
Christian Education	Zach Gipson, Chair Kayla Crossen
FOM (Fellowship, Outreach, Membership)	Linda Bingham, Chair Melissa Holden
Mission Interpretation	David King, Chair Candy Bowman
Stewardship and Finance	Dick Kirby, Chair Jaeson Robinson
Worship	Eric Brandenberger, Chair

Scout Corner, April 2022

We have had campouts in January & February and are looking forward to another one at the end of April. This one will be specifically designed to provide opportunities to a shoot a variety of firearms and learn the safety protocols for each. This is a District sponsored event at Raahagees Shooting Enterprise in Corona.

In March we had our Spring Court of Honor and had two scouts obtain the 1st Class Rank: Patrick Russell and Bryce Hardy. David Rodriguez, is awaiting his Eagle Board of Review, his final step for the Eagle Rank. Travis Kissam took his Eagle Board this week and now is an Eagle Scout. Several Merit Badges were awarded. New Scout David Ryan was Master of Ceremony thereby completing a requirement for the Communications Merit Badge that is required for later Eagle rank.

Several Scouts obtained Service Hours by helping out at the Family Promise Movie Night activity in the church's parking lot at the end of March.

The Troop meets Wednesdays at 7pm and all are welcome.

Tim Lewis
 Charter Organization Representative

TWO-CAN Sunday Report

Thanks for your contribution of 146 food items! Many will be blessed by your thoughtfulness. Can we get 200 items in April? TWO CAN SUNDAY IS ALWAYS ON THE 2nd Sunday. Next one: April 10.

REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Every Thursday at 7 pm, make a joyful noise! Interested in joining the choir? Talk to John Wright – music@magpres.com

WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

A relaxing time to delve into Scripture, have prayer, and fellowship.

Where: Church Library (if you need Zoom, please contact the office ahead of time)

Time: 9:30 AM to 11:00AM

Zoom Community Group link: 259885602 Password: 7200

Contact Laurie Mordue, luluherndes@msn.com. Or the office for more info.

TROOP 16 meets every Wednesday night at 7 pm. Our Charter Organization Rep is Tim Lewis (webelewis@gmail.com).



STANDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

On each 2nd Sunday, we bring 2 Cans or Boxes of food for TWO-CAN Sunday.

You may purchase Stater Bros gift cards in the church office--

Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 3:00pm.

Buy in \$25, \$50, and \$100 cards and the church receives 6%!

☎ Directories are available in the church office, or you can have one mailed to you.

☎ OR - visit www.magpres.com/people (call the office for the password).

Always - if your address, phone, or email changes, notify church@magpres.com

The first Sunday of every month, we collect the DEACONS DOOR OFFERING. This is a dedicated offering to help friends and family of MagPres members experiencing hardship. Your gift, large or small is a gift of kindness.

Our Daily Bread quarterly booklets are available in the Worship Center foyer and in the church office. Pick one up for yourself - and for a friend or stranger.

BLESSING BAGS

Under the direction of our Mission Interpretation Team (who supplied the materials), MagPres assembled 50 "Blessing Bags." Members took the bags to spread good news to people who need a little lift. There are a couple still left in the office.

- 1 water
- 1 chapstick
- 2 granola bars
- 1 tooth brush with small tooth paste
- 1 packet of "Always Pray and never give up" Kleenex
- 1 Ritz cheese crackers
- 1 Slim Jim
- Hard candies



[Who's Who at MagPres?]

Board of Deacons		
Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Danielle Good	Anna Brandenberger	Holly Goulet-Perez
Everal Hathaway	Carla Carrasco	Brenda Wynsma
Flora Livingstone	Lance Mordue	Judy O'Bier
Linda Welman	Laurie Mordue	
	Barb Johnson	

Session		
Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Zach Gipson	Linda Bingham	Candy Bowman
David King	Eric Brandenberger	Kayla Crossen
Richard Kirby	Melissa Holden	Jaeson Robinson
Jason Nicholson	Ann Laudermilk	
	John Reinhardt	
Melanie Nelson, Clerk of Session		

From the Stewardship and Finance Committee	
<u>YTD FINANCIAL SUMMARY</u>	
February 28, 2022	
Income:	63,294.22
Expenses	<u>69,524.40</u>
Balance	(6,230.18)

HOW TO GIVE

Please take advantage of these Giving Opportunities

- ◊ONLINE: Visit our website at www.magpres.com/give
- ◊MOBILE via text "magpres" to 77977
- ◊MOBILE via app -- Download our church app through the Apple App Store or Google Play. Search for "Magnolia Presbyterian Church"
- ◊U.S. MAIL

Send a check via US Mail to our mailing address:
7200 Magnolia Avenue | Riverside CA 92504



Birthdays & Anniversaries

April Birthdays

- Samuel Lee**, April 1
- John Jackson**, April 2
- David Josselyn**, April 4
- Kylee Stiffler**, April 6
- Timothy Lewis**, April 8
- Alene Ward**, April 8
- Joy Bower**, April 11
- Bill Megenney**, April 13
- Ramsey Sindaha**, April 13
- Brian Lauder milk**, April 16
- Aaron Cohen**, April 16
- Robert Lewis**, April 19
- Liberty Mabena**, April 20

- Dee Lacy**, April 21
- Lex Mabena**, April 21
- Addison Nicholson**, April 22
- Julianne Schlegel**, April 23
- Sydney Smith**, April 26
- Gwenyth Manley**, April 27
- Susan Simmons**, April 27

April Anniversaries

- Doshier**, Mike and Janet, April 4
- Smith**, Shawn and Robin, April 7
- Nicholson**, Jay and Katie, April 8
- Lacy**, Lowell and Dee, April 8
- Grant**, Gary and Edith, April 26

Family Promise of Riverside announces its FIRST EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Cordell Thomas joins Family Promise of Riverside as its first Executive Director.

He has lived in Riverside for 18 years and brings with him degrees in Psychology and Business Administration.

You can read more about this organization that has its roots right here at MagPres at www.facebook.com/familypromiseriv-erside or



Kind hearts are the gardens.
Kind thoughts are the roots.
Kind words are the flowers.
Kind deeds are the fruits.

Take care of your garden
and keep out the weeds.
Fill it with sunshine,
kind words and kind deeds.



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Closed Friday

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Magnolia Presbyterian Church

Staff

The Rev. Claire Schlegel
Co-Pastor

The Rev. Paul Knopf
Co-Pastor

Diana Lewis
Interim Admin. Asst.

James Walters
Music Director/Organist

Saw Shein
Contemporary Music Leader

John Wright, Choral Director

Cynthia Wright, Pianist

Allison Robinson, Nursery Attendant

Jeff Ludwig, Treasurer

[vacant] Youth Leader

April 2022



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>MagPres Master Calendar, April 2022 All times, dates, and locations are subject to change. Please view www.magpres.com/calendar for updates.</p>						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>Pastor Claire Vacation</p> <p>Kids' Sun. School 10am - Worship 12:30pm - Rooted 10pm - Deacon Door</p>	<p>9:30am - Women's</p>	<p>6pm - CE Cmte. 6pm - Mission Cmte. 6:30pm - FOM Cmte. 7pm - BaG Cmte.</p>	<p>3pm - Crossways #1 7pm - Crossways #2 7pm - Troop 16</p>	<p>6:30pm - Rooted #2 7pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>Office Closed</p>	<p>9:30am - EEEAC</p>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>Kids' Sun. School 10am - TWO-CAN 10am - Worship 5pm - Rooted</p>	<p>9:30am - Women's</p>	<p>6pm - Worship Cmte 7pm - Stew_Fin</p>	<p>7pm - Troop 16</p>	<p>6pm - Soup Supper 7pm - Maundy</p> 	<p>Office Closed</p>	<p>9:30am - EEEAC 3pm - Easter Egg</p> 
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>Easter Sunday</p> <p>Kids' Sun. School 10am - Worship</p> 	<p>9:30am - Women's</p>	<p>7pm - Deacon</p>	<p>7pm - Troop 16</p>	<p>7pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>Office Closed</p>	<p>9:30am - EEEAC</p>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>Kids' Sun. School 10am - Worship</p>	<p>9:30am - Women's</p>	<p>7pm - Session</p>	<p>3pm - Crossways #1 7pm - Crossways #2 7pm - Troop 16</p>	<p>7pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>Office Closed</p>	<p>9:30am - EEEAC</p>

April 2022



May 2022

Su	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mo	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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April 2022

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	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Magnolia Presbyterian Church			
3			Apr 1 Richard and Jeanie Hood	2 Tom and Julie Hutchinson
Troop 16, hosted by MagPres				
4				
John and Connie Jackson				
5				
Barbara Johnson				
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Dave and Mary Josslyn				
7				
Caitlin and Kay Keovilay, William				
8				
David and Claudia King				
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Dick and Bonnie Kirby				
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Young Life, hosted by MagPres				
11				
Paul and Michelle Knopf, Paul III and AJ				
12				
Lowell and Dee Lacey, Deanna				
13				
James and Ann Laudermilk				
14				
Marshall and Mary Lee				
15				
Bob and Lee Lewis				
16				
Timothy and Diana Lewis				
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Earth Day April 22 (www.earthday.org)				
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Flora Livingstone				
19				
Adrien Lowery				
20				
Mrs. Ann W. Lowry				
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Jeff and Laurie Ludwig				
22				
Marge Ludwig				
23				
Liberty and Andi Mabena; Precious and Lex				
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MagPres Musicians and Leaders				
25				
Jody Macdonald				
26				
Lisa and Craig MacDougall				
27				
Peter and Michelle Manley; Gavin, Allie, and Gwennyth				
28				
Adam Martinez				
29				
Steven and Jan McKee				
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Dorothy McLaughlin; Norah and Arlo				