



# Magnolia Presbyterian Church

## The UpLook

### FEBRUARY 2026

**WORSHIP SERVICE** ~ Sundays @ 10:00am - in person and online  
**COMMUNION & DEACON OFFERING** ~ 1st Sunday of the month  
**CROSSWAYS BIBLE STUDY** ~ Meeting online Thursdays 7pm-8:45pm  
**TWO-CAN SUNDAY** ~ Feb. 8th - Food Donations collected for LSS  
**SCOUTS PANCAKE BRUNCH** ~ Feb. 8th following worship  
**JOINT YOUTH FOOTBALL EVENT @ CALVARY PRESBY.** ~ Feb. 8th, 3pm  
**BIG GAME POTLUCK @ The King's** ~ Feb. 8th ~ 3pm-7pm  
**ASH WEDNESDAY** ~ Feb. 18th 7pm Service; 6pm Soup Supper



### PASTOR'S PONDERING



*"...seek first the Kingdom of God and God's righteousness, and all you need will be given to you as well" ~Matthew 6:33*

On January 25th, my beloved Denver Broncos fell to the New England Patriots, and as a result, will not be playing in the Super Bowl this year. Did you know, I did not watch the entire second half of the game?

I was honored to be part of an Administrative Commission of Riverside Presbytery, that installed the Rev. Brian Symonds (who preached at MagPres on May 25 of last year) as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino. Our very own Ann Laudermilk, as Moderator of the Presbytery, oversaw the installation. It was a worship service that included a ritual beginning to Brian's pastorate.

About a third of the way through the worship service I began receiving text messages from many people, including some of you, who were offering their sympathies on the Broncos loss and I had to silence the notifications on my phone. I was doing my best to be present for this important moment in the life of the Church, the life of First San Bernardino, and for Brian. Football games happen often, even conference championships happen every year, but this moment, the installation of a pastor, was important and I wanted to be fully present for it.

This reminds me of an impressive couple in our congregation, whose favorite football team (the Green Bay Packers) often plays at 10am. Yet, this couple still comes to church (and records the game to watch after church, with the benefit of fast-forwarding through commercials) because, as they communicate it, church is more important. In fact, you probably know who I am talking about, and like me, have been trained by them not to share the results of the game with them, because they watch it after the fact. I am impressed by their piety and their fandom. They are able to seek God first, even before football.

What takes priority in your life? Are there things that you prioritize over your faith community and your relationship with God? I hope you will be encouraged by my one-time example, and the faithful example of this couple, in putting God first, even over things that we deem super important.

Your seeking God's kin-dom first pastor,  
 Paul

# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

## February 2026

*February's Uplook is always a bit challenging to write, as Session didn't meet in January until the 27<sup>th</sup>, so I try to keep it a little more general. Recently, Pastor Paul spoke about resolutions and how we can switch the focus to helping others.*

*Most resolutions involve something we want to change within/about ourselves (eat better, lose weight, stop bad habits, etc.).*

*Resolutions for your Elders on Session can focus on their individual committee visions and projects, but as a whole, Session will be focused on community involvement: through outreach, fellowship opportunities, Christian Education and youth programs, Endowment funding, and worship experiences.*

*"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." Philippians 2:4*

**Melanie Nelson**  
**Clerk of Session**



# FAMILY PROMISE of RIVERSIDE

## 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Family Promise is so grateful to Mag Pres for all the prayers and support that allowed us to move 28 families into housing in 2025!!

We celebrate together the successes our families have accomplished through their hard work with the incredible support provided by Family Promise staff, volunteers, partner congregations, community groups and donors.

Mag Pres has been blessed to participate alongside Family Promise at several fun activities on our campus in 2025, including a Thank You Volunteer Taco Dinner, End of Summer Party, and Holiday Event. Family Promise families had a great time at Mag Pres' Halloween Seat-N-Treat.

Mag Pres Deacons provided food boxes that were very much appreciated for all the Family Promise graduate families.

Thank you Mag Pres from Family Promise!



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FAMILY PROMISE OF RIVERSIDE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20 | 11AM-9PM

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Family Promise  
of Riverside  
7200 Magnolia Ave.  
Riverside CA  
92504



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3555 Riverside Plaza Dr. Suite 100  
Riverside, CA 92506



\*For Habit Team Member only

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Family Promise of Riverside

TICKETS

# 4TH ANNUAL KARAOKE FUNDRAISER

OPPORTUNITY DRAWINGS  
FUN SILENT AUCTION FOOD

## MARCH 27 ~ 6PM TO 11PM

\$40 EARLY BIRD (THRU 2/28)  
\$50 (3/1 - 3/27)  
\$55 AT THE DOOR

**READY TO TAKE THE STAGE & UNLEASH YOUR INNER SUPERSTAR?**

Join us for our **4th Annual Karaoke Fundraiser**. Grab the mic, gather your crew, and belt out your favorite hits as we raise money to support unhoused children and their families.



**ROUTE 30 BREWING | 11620 STERLING AVE, STE C RIVERSIDE**

MAGPRES  
HAPPENING'S  
FEB. 8th



TWO-CAN  
SUNDAY  
Feb. 8th

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Scout Sunday  
Pancake Breakfast



FEB. 8th  
3pm-7pm

**BIG GAME  
POTLUCK**  
MEET-UP @  
The King's



**BIG GAME  
WATCH PARTY**

Good Friends • Big Screens • Great Energy

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH | 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
4495 MAGNOLIA AVE, RIVERSIDE, CA 92501

**NFC CHAMP VS AFC CHAMP**  
BRING A FOOD ITEM TO SHARE



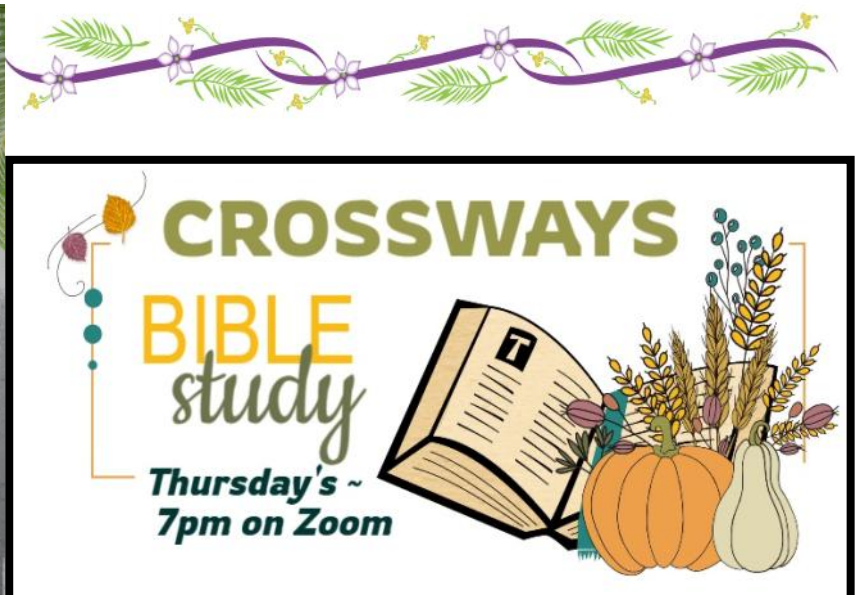
## Deacons Desk

I have been thinking about time. I hear that time is relative. They say that time flies also make the most of your time. There are songs written about time, stories, and movies about time travel. There is your lifetime and then you run out of time. February is the shortest month so not a lot of time to do things.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what was planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sow; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.”

During these times of political unrest, it seems that it is the time to embrace, love, speak and find peace. If we believe in what Jesus taught, we must strive for a better world. Time is on our side.

Lance Mordue - Deacon



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

for children in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade is offered In-Person and via Zoom during our 10:00am. worship service. In-person children will meet in Rm 8 and Nursery in Rm 9 at 10:20am. To join the fun via Zoom simply sign in to Zoom and use the Meeting ID: 259885602 and the Password 7200.



Sunday School includes: Bible lessons, Songs, crafts, and play time.

### FEBRUARY MEMORY VERSE: LUKE 8:8

*“Still other seed landed on good soil. When it grew, it produced one hundred times more grain than was scattered.” As he said this, he called out, “Everyone who has ears should pay attention.”*

### SHORTENED PASSAGE:

*“Everyone who has ears should pay attention.”*



**Children  
and  
Youth  
Sunday**

FEBRUARY 22  
10:00 AM

### 2026 FLOWER SIGN-UP'S IN FIRESIDE ROOM



**SAVE THE DATE!!  
SUNDAY ~ MARCH 22nd ~ 1PM**

**ENDING  
HUNGER  
ONE STEP  
AT A TIME  
CROP HUNGER WALK**

# REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH

## CHILDREN / YOUTH PERMISSION FORMS

Do you have a child/youth? We are accepting updated Student Permission forms for the 2025-2026 school year. To download a form please visit [www.magpres.com/permission](http://www.magpres.com/permission)

Contact Michelle Knopf or Jason Robinson if you have any questions

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Meets Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the choir room

**SCOUT TROOP 16:** Meets Monday nights at 6:45pm in the Fireside Room. Our Charter Organization Rep is Tim Lewis ([webelewis@gmail.com](mailto:webelewis@gmail.com)).

**YOUTH GROUP:** meets on Sunday from 11:30-1:30 in the Youth Room.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday School for children in grades Kindergarten thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade is offered during our 10am worship service in-person in Room 8 and via Zoom. Nursery is in Room 9. If you would like to connect on zoom, please use this link: **Meeting ID 559885602 Password:7200**

**ACCESS WORSHIP ONLINE:** You can participate in worship by going to [magpres.com/watch](http://magpres.com/watch) or visiting our Facebook page ([facebook.com/magpres](https://facebook.com/magpres)). *Services are archived for you to watch later (or again!)*



# STANDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TWO-CAN SUNDAY:** On every 2nd Sunday of the month, we bring 2 Cans or Boxes of food to be donated to Lutheran Social Services of Southern California to help feed hungry neighbors in our community. Keep up the good work as we continue loving our neighbors who are hungry!

**STATER BROS. GIFT CARDS:** Gift cards in the amounts of \$25, \$50, and \$100 are available to purchase in the church office. Monday - Thursday, 9:00am - 3:00pm (closed 12-1pm). Whether you are buying as a gift or to do your weekly grocery shopping, the church receives 5% of every sale! How nice--give twice!

**CHURCH DIRECTORIES:** Instructions on downloading the app to our "Instant Church Directory" (great way to keep up with birthdays and anniversaries in our church family!)

**As always - if your address, phone, or email changes, let us know at [church@magpres.com](mailto:church@magpres.com)**

**DEACONS OFFERING:** The first Sunday of every month, we collect the DEACONS 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.

**COMMUNION:** First Sunday of every month, communion is served as a part of the worship service. For those worshipping via Zoom, feel free to gather your own "bread & cup" elements at home and join in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with the whole congregation.

**DAILY DEVOTIONAL:** *Our Daily Bread* quarterly booklets are available in the Worship Center foyer (on the Welcome Table) and in the church office. Pick one up for yourself and for a friend or neighbor.

...making fully formed followers of Jesus Christ

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

7200 Magnolia Avenue  
Riverside, CA 92504-3829  
Phone: 951-684-7200  
Email: church@magpres.com  
Website: www.magpres.com  
Worship Service 10am Sun.  
Church Office Hours  
Mon-Thurs 9:00am-3:00pm  
Closed 12-1pm Lunch  
Closed Friday



**Magnolia Presbyterian  
Church Staff**

The Rev. Paul Knopf  
Pastor

Lisa Gulino  
Administrative Assistant

John Wright  
Minister of Music

Cynthia Wright  
Pianist/Accompanist

Allison Robinson  
Nursery Attendant

Michelle Knopf  
CE Leader

Jaeson Robinson  
Youth Leader

Robbie Yates,  
Audio-Video Tech

Nicholas French  
Musician

Anna Tran  
Musician



**SUNDAY ~ FEBRUARY 8th**

Every 2nd Sunday of the month MagPres collects non-perishable food donations for Lutheran Social Services local food distribution.

***We donated 160 items in January!  
Thank you all for your generosity!***



Donations may be dropped off during Sunday Service or during the church office hours Mon-Thur.

# MagPres February 2026 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10am - Communion Sunday 10am - Deacon Offering 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Sunday School 11:15am - Annual Cong.Mtg	6:45pm - Scouts - Troop 16	6pm - CE Cmte. 6:30pm - FOM Cmte. 7pm - BaG Cmte. 7pm - Mission Cmte.	7pm - Choir Rehearsal	7pm - Crossways Bible Study	Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	9:30am - EEEAC
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10am - TWO-CAN Sunday 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Sunday School 11:15am - Scouts Pancake Brunch 3pm - Game Potluck @ the King's 3pm - Youth Event Calvary Presb.	6:45pm - Scouts - Troop 16	4pm - Worship Cmte 7pm - Stew_Fin Cmte	7pm - Choir Rehearsal	7pm - Crossways Bible Study	Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	9:30am - EEEAC 4pm - Path of Life Meal Prep
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Sunday School	Presidents' Day-Office Closed 6:45pm - Scouts - Troop 16 UpLook Mat'ls Due 9am	7pm - Deacon Meeting	Session Mat'ls Due 9am 6pm - Soup Supper 7pm - Ash Wednesday Service	7pm - Crssways Bible Study	Office Closed Fam. Prom. Habit Fundraiser 5pm - EEEAC	9:30am - EEEAC
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
10am - Worship-Children/Youth Sun	6:45pm - Scouts - Troop 16	7pm - Session Meeting	7pm - Choir Rehearsal	7pm - Crossways Bible Study	Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	9:30am - EEEAC

## FEBRUARY PRAYER CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 Riverside EMS	2 Tim & Diana Lewis	3 Flora Livingstone	4 Adrien Lowery	5 Ann Lowry	6 Jeff & Laurie Ludwig	7 Marge Ludwig
8 Missions Committee	9 Steven Lyons	10 The Mabena Family	11 Jody Macdonald	12 Craig & Lisa MacDougall	13 Adam Martine z	14 Melissa Mattz
15 Calvary Presbyterian Church	16 Steve & Jan McKee	17 The McLaughlin/ Sachs Family	18 Laura Medrano	19 Bobby & Kriss Menosky	20 Lance & Laurie Mordue	21 Monique Mowery
22 Salvation Army	23 The Na Family	24 Brian & Melanie Nelson	25 Makenzie Nelson	26 The Rev. Chris & Sherry Nettles	27 Ni Zach	28 The Nicholson Family

### ~ BIRTHDAYS ~

1st Sharon DeLeal  
5th Jan McKee  
6th Aaron Gettis  
7th Julie Hutchinson  
7th Paul Knopf (III)  
8th Christian Garcia  
8th John Wright  
10th Canon Sindaha  
15th Ann Laudermilk  
18th Abby Sindaha  
21st Karrie Brooks

21st Patty Hernandez  
23rd Tom Hutchinson  
23rd Anne Denham  
23rd Donna Nelson  
25th Claudia King  
26th Catelyn Garcia  
28th Sonia Campos  
29th Alyssa Timoschuk

### ~ ANNIVERSARIES ~

7th Richard & Jeanne Hood  
14th Mel & Rhonda Rehnke