

# Laguna Presbyterian Church

*Welcoming everyone to live into God's story of hope and love.*

**9 AM Classic Service | April 19, 2026**

*The Great Fifty Days | Neighborhood Sunday*

*Andrea and David Galante give Chancel Flowers:*

*"In honor of their 34th wedding anniversary."*



## GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

Please remember to **SILENCE** your phone before the service begins. Thank you.

\* Asterisk indicates all who are able are invited to stand in body or in spirit. Words in **BOLD** are spoken or sung

PRELUDE: Come, Thou Almighty King, *arr. Hayes*

- Sookyung Bang, Organ

\* OPENING HYMN #404: THE SOLID ROCK, vs. 1, 2, 3

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand—*

**all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.** (ENDING: **AMEN!**)

**When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.** (REFRAIN)

**His oath, His covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.** (REFRAIN)

Author: Edward Mote | Tune: SOLID ROCK | Composer: William B. Bradbury

EASTER GREETING | OPENING PRAYER

- Beth Pinney

One: We proclaim the Good News of Easter: Christ is risen!

All: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen!**

CALL TO WORSHIP, inspired by Psalm 112

- Andrea Galante

One: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who delight in the Lord!

**All: We come to this place, where generations before us have gathered.**

One: Here we remember the light of God that shines in our lives.

**All: Here we allow God's light to shine through us.  
Happy are we who delight in the Lord!**

One: Let us worship our radiant God. Praise the Lord!

\* PRAISE GOD IN SINGING (Let us stand in body or in spirit)

\* PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY/JOYFUL, JOYFUL

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!**

**O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!**

**All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth.**

**Shelters thee under his wings and so gently sustaineth!**

**Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been granted in what he ordaineth.**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee.**

**Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee!**

**Ponder anew, what the Almighty can do, if with his love he befriend thee!**

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love.*

*Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.*

*Mortals join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began.*

*Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all within its span.*

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!**

**All that has life and breath come now with praises before him!**

**Let the Amen! sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him!**

Joachim Neander, Henry Van Dyke, Shane Barnard, Shane Everett | UBP CCLI 485741

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Spoken and Sung), based on Psalm 62

- Sarah Burge

***Rock of My Salvation*** (REFRAIN, SUNG 2X EACH TIME)



You are the rock of my sal-va - tion, you are the strength of my life.

Teresa Muller ©1982 Maranatha! Music | UBP CCLI #485741

(Moment for personal silent confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON, *inspired by Romans 9:34*

- Sarah Burge

One: Hear the good news! Before you turned to God, God was watching for you.

Before you remembered your sin, God extended redeeming grace.

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us;

Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, and Christ prays for us.

Friends believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

ANTHEM: Upon This Rock, *Chopin*

- Chancel Choir

Matt Smith & Bobbette Cameron, Percussion | Andrea Galante, Faulkner White, Soloists

*You are the Son of the living God. Upon this rock I'll build my church.  
I'll build my kingdom here upon this earth.*

*And we say, "You are the Christ, You are the Son of the living God.  
You are the first begotten Son, born from the love of heaven.  
And we are the church and we will serve and glorify.  
We are the church to be a living sacrifice, offered to you through all we are."  
And so our love for Christ will be the cause, the reason why  
we live our days to walk in faith in the rock, the solid rock.*

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 7:24-29, NRSV (See page 7 in the New Testament) - Steve Sweet  
One: The Word of the Lord.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE: **"LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION"** - Steve Sweet

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### OFFERING

***One Great Hour of Sharing:*** Please use the designated **One Great Hour** envelope for this special offering. Our gifts will be directed to the flood relief efforts in Hawaii through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.  
  
We invite you to place your morning offering for the **Ministry Budget of LPC** in the offering basket or scan the QR Code. **Thank you for your generous giving.**



[LagunaPresChurch.org/links](https://LagunaPresChurch.org/links)

OFFERTORY: All to Us, Tomlin - Praise Team

Precious cornerstone, sure foundation, you are faithful to the end.  
We are waiting on you, Jesus. We believe you're all to us. (X2)  
**Let the glory of your name be the passion of the Church.  
Let the righteousness of God be a holy flame that burns.  
Let the saving love of Christ be the measure of our lives.  
We believe you're all to us.**  
Only Son of God, sent from heaven, hope and mercy at the cross.  
You are everything; you're the promise. Jesus, you are all to us. (CHORUS 2X)  
When this passing world is over, we will see you face-to-face,  
and forever we will worship; Jesus, you are all to us, Jesus, you are all to us.  
All to Us," Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Matt Redman and Matt Maher  
© 2010 Rising Springs Music | Thankyou Music | Valley of Songs Music | worshiptogether.com songs UBP CCLI 485741

\* DOXOLOGY (Let us stand in body or in spirit)  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!**

\* OFFERING PRAYER - Beth Pinney

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) - Beth Pinney

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS (SEE SUNDAY CONNECTIONS INSERT)

- Anne Herzog

## BEARING GOD'S WORD IN THE WORLD

\* CHARGE AND BLESSING

- Steve Sweet

*(Please be seated for the Postlude)*

POSTLUDE: Lord of the Dance, arr. Forrest - Sookyung Bang, Organ / Bobbette Cameron, Piano

*Prayer ministers are here to pray with you following the postlude; they stand by the baptismal font.*

**Learn more about the Carson Trust on the patio!**

**Join in Neighborhood Sunday in Tankersley Hall! Enjoy Coffee by Jedidiah Coffee.**

### SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY

Jeff Nagel, Prayer Ministry | Andrea Galante, Sarah Burge, Liturgists

Sookyung Bang, Organist, Pianist

Crystal Stone, Director of Choirs | Chancel Choir | Bobbette Cameron, Piano/Percussion

Amanda Johnson, Worship Leader | Andrea Galante and Jeff Nagel, Praise Team

Hime Ikehara, Keyboard | Matt Smith, Drums, Congas | Jesse Hughes, Bass

Nathan Nguyen, Electric Guitar | Doug Miller, Violin

Thor Fay, Sound Engineer | Nathan Sweet, Livestream Videographer

Rev. Dr. Steve Sweet, Senior Pastor | Rev. Beth A. Pinney, Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Kathy Sizer and Rev. Jon Moore, Parish Associates

### CHILDREN'S AND STUDENT MINISTRY

Diane Babcock, Nursery | Maggie Craig, Gail Onodera and Rachel Stolk, Children's Ministry

Aaron Sweet, Director of Student Ministry | Anne Herzog, Director Laguna Presbyterian Preschool

For a complete listing of the staff of Laguna Presbyterian Church visit: [LagunaPresChurch.org](http://LagunaPresChurch.org)

### GENEROUS GIVING 2026

YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING (04/16/26): \$333,699

MINISTRY GOAL FOR APRIL 30, 2026: \$400,000

AMOUNT REMAINING TO REACH GOAL: \$66,301

*Thank you for your generous giving and partnership in the ministry and mission of Laguna Presbyterian Church.*

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THE  
IMPACT

*Joining God's Mission of Hope and Love!*

MINISTRY BUDGET 2026



\$1,717,000

Congregation-Affirmed (1/25/26)

**THERE IS FREE PARKING** in our Mermaid Lot & 3rd Street Lot. Street parking meter fees apply on Sundays. **Parking Permits** for Non-Residents of Laguna Beach, age 65+, are available from the city.

**AN ELEVATOR** is located in the Sanctuary's south transept and provides access to/from the church patio, Sanctuary and Youth Center.

**THERE IS A RESTROOM** located in the Sanctuary across from the elevator in the south transept and additional restrooms are located in Tankersley Hall.



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## SUNDAY CONNECTIONS

Receive our weekly 'CONNECTIONS' newsletter delivered every Friday by email.  
Contact the church office or visit [LagunaPresChurch.org](http://LagunaPresChurch.org) and subscribe.

### HAPPENING TODAY

#### NEIGHBORHOOD SUNDAY!

#### & PRESCHOOL SPRING SING (10:30 AM)

Enjoy a light breakfast provided by the deacons following the 9 AM service. Purchase a combo lunch from TK Burgers for \$13. Dessert provided by the deacons following the 10:30 AM service. Bounce house/slide for the children! *Everyone is invited!*

#### 9 AM CLASSIC SERVICE

[Nursery Care](#), [Nursery](#)

#### 10:30 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRESCHOOL SPRING SING

[Nursery Care](#), [Nursery](#)

[Children](#), [Middle/High School](#), [Start in Sanctuary](#)

#### 10:30 AM CHANCEL BELLS, Music Room

#### 12-1:30 PM, GRIEF GROUP, Brides' Room

*Everyone is welcome to join our Grief Support Group (now-May 24th). Donation of \$20 for materials.*

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK

*The church office is closed on Tuesday for a weekly staff meeting from 11 AM-NOON.*

#### MONDAY, APRIL 20

#### 3-5 PM, HOMEWORK CLUB

COST: \$15/CHILD/WEEK. [REGISTER ONLINE](#)

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 21

#### 12 PM, SEWING GROUP, Tankersley Hall

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

#### 9 AM, ADULT BIBLE STUDY, Youth Center/Zoom

EMAIL: [OFFICEMGR@LAGUNAPRECHURCH.ORG](mailto:OFFICEMGR@LAGUNAPRECHURCH.ORG) FOR LINK

#### 10 AM-4 PM, RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE TANKERSLEY HALL

APPOINTMENTS AT [REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG](http://REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG) (LAGUNAP)  
VOLUNTEER CONTACT [SANDYGRIM@ICLOUD.COM](mailto:SANDYGRIM@ICLOUD.COM)

#### 7 PM, CHANCEL CHOIR, Music Room

#### 7 PM, YOUTH GROUP, Youth Center

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 23

#### 9:15 AM, MOMCO, Tankersley Hall

[REGISTER AT LAGUNAPRECHURCH.ORG](#)

#### FRIDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 24-26

#### 43RD ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

*Tahquitz Pines, Idyllwild*

### COMING EVENTS

#### FAMILY FUN FIESTA NIGHT

#### 5 PM, SAT., MAY 2, TANKERSLEY HALL

Cinco De Mayo! Mexican Fiesta and Pizza.  
Bingo, Games and Bounce House!

#### WOW WOMEN'S HIGH TEA

#### 11:45 AM, SUN., MAY 3, FOREST ROOM

Sign up on the church patio today. Cost is \$15. There is no charge if you sign up to bring scones, tea sandwiches or fruit.  
Come as you are or wear your "Tea Attire."

*All single women are welcome!*

EMAIL [DANEEN WILDER AT NEEN7517@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DANEEN.WILDER@NEEN7517@GMAIL.COM)

#### LAGUNA BEACH CHAMBER SINGERS

"IT TAKES A VILLAGE"

#### 4 PM, SAT., MAY 9, SANCTUARY

GENERAL ADMISSION \$30 | SENIORS (65+)/STUDENTS \$20

#### LAGUNA PRES PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

"Light the Way to Play"

#### 6-9 PM, MON., MAY 18, WINE GALLERY

PURCHASE ONLINE \$100/PERSON

#### NEW MEMBERS CLASS

#### 10:30 AM, SUN., JUNE 14, FOREST ROOM

It's a great time to ask questions about the faith!  
*Walk-ins Welcome! Childcare provided by RSVP*  
RSVP to Gail at [gonodera@lagunapreschurch.org](mailto:gonodera@lagunapreschurch.org)

#### KONTRAPUNKTUS IN CONCERT

#### 7:30 PM, SAT., JUNE 20, SANCTUARY

*Concert is free for members of Laguna Presbyterian Church.*

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "Rainforest Falls"

#### 9 AM-NOON, JULY 13-17, CAMPUS-WIDE

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN.

(Open to children 3 years old through current 4th grade)

#### CLUB H2O SURF CAMP

#### 9 AM-2PM, AUGUST 10-13

(Open to incoming 4th through 6th grades)

#### CELEBRATION OF LIFE

MICHELE LUNA

#### 10 AM, SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026

*We invite everyone to wear purple in honor of  
Michele and the Alzheimer's foundation!*

*Sanctuary/Livestream*

*Reception to follow in Tankersley Hall*

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*"Life at the Beach"*  
**NEIGHBORHOOD SUNDAY**  
*Preschool Spring Sing*  
**APRIL 19**


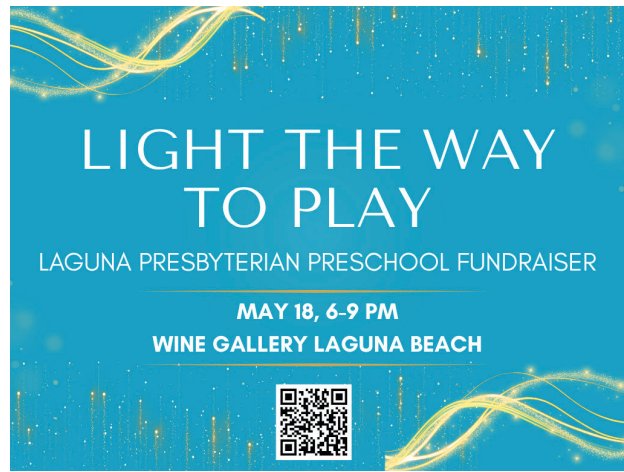


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**LIGHT THE WAY  
 TO PLAY**

LAGUNA PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

**MAY 18, 6-9 PM**  
**WINE GALLERY LAGUNA BEACH**

**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
**Give Blood**  
*Spring into Life.*



 **Wednesday, April 22**  
**10AM-4PM, Tankersley Hall**

**RedCrossBlood.org**  
 (Sponsor Code lagunap)

**Volunteers to serve!**  
 email [SandyGrim@iCloud.com](mailto:SandyGrim@iCloud.com)



**KONTRAPUNKTUS**  
 PRESENTS  
**CON FUOCO** **Laguna Presbyterian Church**  
*An Italian Opus* **June 20 | 7:30 PM**  
Admission is free for members of LPC.



*It's Almost High Tea Time!*

**SUNDAY, MAY 3, 11:45 AM**  
**FOREST ROOM**  
**ALL SINGLE WOMEN ARE WELCOME!**



**WOW**  
 Women of Welcome

**VBS 2016 coming**  
**July 13-17**

**Registration Now Open!**  
 3-year-olds to current 4th grade

**RAINFORST FALLS**  
 Exploring the Nature of God



**THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER**

*This Sunday, we begin our new sermon series, "The Upside Down Kingdom," as we enter Eastertide, the Great 50 Days spanning from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. As we celebrate Easter each Sunday, we will focus on Jesus' teaching about life in the Kingdom of God through the parables in Matthew's Gospel. The colors of Eastertide are white and gold. The Paschal Candle remains lit until Ascension of the Lord, Thursday, May 21st.*



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