



THE  
**NEIGHBORHOOD**  
**CHURCH** *of Palos Verdes*



**APRIL 21ST, 2024**

# The **Neighborhood Church** of *Palos Verdes*

APRIL 21, 2024 | GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

*10am Worship*

WELCOME & INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Rick Nelson

PRELUDE

*Now the Green Blade Rises*  
Neighborhood Brass Rings

Arr. Karissa Dennis

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER June Spilburg, Assisting Minister

Leader: We gather together to worship God,

**Community: The shepherd of our souls.**

Leader: The one who has created us, who sustains us, who redeems us;

**Community: Who walks beside us in good times and bad, and who calls us to follow.**

Leader: This is our God!

**Community: With joy, let us worship our shepherd God together!**

CHILDREN'S SONG

*Children are invited up front to the steps to sing together for our worship. Ellen will lead them, and we encourage all children to join in the fun! During the hymn that follows, they will be escorted from worship, if parents choose, and led safely over to the Ed Building for further friendship and learning.*

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*



1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow My ran - somed  
 3. Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With you, dear  
 5. You spread a ta - ble in my sight; Your sav - ing  
 6. And so through all the length of days Your good - ness



fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he's lead - ing, And where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me; And on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, Your rod and staff my  
 grace be - stow - ing; And O what trans - port  
 fails me nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I



I am his, And he is mine for ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow With food ce - les - tial feed - ing.  
 gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.  
 of de - light From your pure chal - ice flow - ing!  
 sing your praise With - in your house for ev - er.

Text: Psalm 23; Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877, alt.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: O Good Shepherd, you desire to guide us all into safety, refreshment, and peace.

**Meet us here today and fill us with your love, that we may look into your world with care and compassion.**

We offer our lives with your generosity as members of your flock.

**Open our eyes and ears that we might meet Jesus anew this day. Amen!**

## SCRIPTURE

PSALM 23 (NRSV UV)

Mickey Woodham

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

JOHN 10:11-18 (NRSV UV)

Jim Hendrickson

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

SERMON

*“A Shepherd We Need”*

Pastor Rick

HYMN

Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.  
2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.  
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;  
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.

In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.  
Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a-stray.  
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.  
Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

## AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We are not alone. We live in God's world, and are a part of his flock.**

**We believe in a resurrection God who has created and is creating; who has come in Jesus—the Word made flesh—to reconcile and make us new. Our God works in us and others by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**We trust God. We are called to be the Church; those who follow and listen to the Good Shepherd. As such, we are called to celebrate God, to live with respect as a part of creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil.; to proclaim Jesus—crucified, risen, and our source of hope and salvation.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God!**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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, and 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**

### THE CALL TO OFFERING

### THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING *We Sing the Mighty Power of God* Arr. Linda R. Lamb  
Neighborhood Brass Rings

### DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

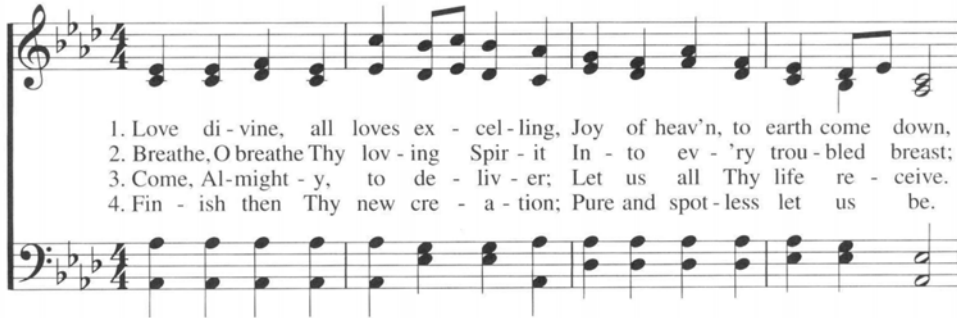
### PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(after gifts presented at altar)*

**Receive these gifts, O God. We offer them in response to your generosity in our lives, abundant mercy, and grace. Use them for the sake of your world, and in fulfillment of your mission. This we pray in the name of Jesus, amen.**

## COMMUNITY LIFE & MATTERS



## SENDING HYMN

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*


1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down,  
 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast;  
 3. Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us all Thy life re - ceive.  
 4. Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less let us be.



Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing; All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
 Let us all in Thee in - her - it; Let us find that prom - ised rest.  
 Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.  
 Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee—



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion; Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art.  
 Take a - way our bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be.  
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing— Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove,  
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry Till in heav'n we take our place,



Vis - it us with Thy sal - va - tion; En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 End of faith, as its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 Pray and praise Thee with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.  
 Till we cast our crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

## SENDING SENTENCES

Go now, encouraged, fed, and trusting the good shepherd;

**And let us love, not just in words, but in truth and action.**

Believe in Jesus and love one another, as Christ has loved us.

**Amen, and thanks be to God!**

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Voluntary in G Major, Op. 5*

William Walond

Please see the flower dedication at the end of the bulletin.



## AN UPDATE ON LARA CURTIS

The healing power of *JESUS CHRIST!*

They have removed all oxygen equipment from Lara, she has only nourishment and hydration going into her system. Brain activity has been good, only a little blood that the brain will automatically absorb. The swelling in her right arm and hand has gone down.

*Hallelujah!*

Please continue praising and praying.



A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR  
*Michael Moorhead*

**Date:** Sunday April 28th

**Time:** 2pm

**Location:** 415 Paseo del Mar

A reception will be held after the service. We hope you will join us to celebrate.

*Judy has asked in lieu of flowers to please consider a donation to the church in Michael's name. There will be special memorial envelopes in the pews day of the service for convenience.*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MICHAEL  
MOORHEAD

*The service will be held at The  
Neighborhood Church Sunday April 28th,  
at 2pm. Followed by a reception at the  
church.*

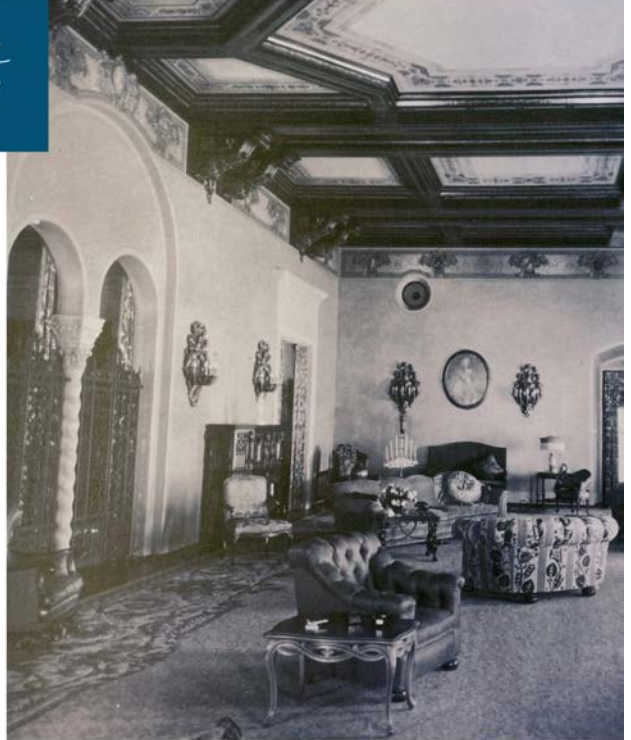
# Today After Service

Sunday April 21st

## DOCENT TOUR

Did you know-- the Neighborhood Church offers docent tours of the building and grounds? Join our docents for a tour and learn more about the Haggarty Estate and how the Church came to be at such a scenic location.

The tours are free and open to everyone -- no reservations are required. Meet on the terrace by the welcome flag around 11:15-- about 15 minutes after Worship has ended.



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*The Neighborhood Church Invites You To*

## *Mother's Day Tea by the Sea*

**Saturday Brunch, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Fellowship Hall

**\$25/Inspirational Woman**

*Please join us for brunch honoring mothers and all inspirational women, including aunts, daughters, sisters, grandmothers and other impactful women who have provided nurturing, guidance and loving during your life.*

**Please RSVP to Myra by Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

sundayschool@neighborhoodchurchpve.org / (310) 541-8485



2024

# **VACATION BIBLE CAMP**

**JUNE 24 - JUNE 28**  
**9AM - 12PM**

415 PASEO DEL MAR  
PALOS VERDES ESTATES



# *Women's Fellowship News and Announcements*

*All Women are invited to Share Ideas*  
**and Explore the Future of Women's Fellowship**



If you would like to join in that conversation and be part of the planning, you are invited to the home of Bea Walker

**Wednesday, May 8 - 7 PM**

Neighborhood Church is going through a very exciting transition. We are growing and welcoming many new faces in our congregation. Women's Fellowship has always been a mainstay of the church and offered great service and support to people and projects in need of assistance. We want to continue to do so, but we are in need of reviewing our role and reorganizing ourselves to be relevant to the changing times.

Our stated mission is to unite all the women of the church in Christian fellowship; to sponsor and support church activities and projects; to deepen spiritual life; to support and provide meaningful opportunities and pursuits for women; and to be of service to others and the broader community.

We are looking to revitalize how we organize and go about accomplishing these worthy goals.

If you are interested in attending this planning meeting, please contact Bea Walker for details at [womensfellowshipnc@gmail.com](mailto:womensfellowshipnc@gmail.com)

**You can also help us plan for the future by filing out the Interest survey.**

It can be emailed to [womensfellowshipnc@gmail.com](mailto:womensfellowshipnc@gmail.com)

Mailed to the church at 415 Paseo del Mar, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

Handed to Bea Walker or Grace Crofton.

Brought to the Church Office and put in the Women's Fellowship mail box.

Folded and put in the offering plate ~ it will make it to the right place.

# WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

## SPRING 2024

Please check any area that might interest you.

\_\_\_ I would be interested in serving on a committee to review the future of Women's Fellowship and to find ways in which to serve women, the Neighborhood Church, and those in need in the future. This may require reorganization of Women's Fellowship.

\_\_\_ I will attend the Wednesday, May 8 meeting Bea Walker's house at 7 PM. RSVP [beawalkerpv@gmail.com](mailto:beawalkerpv@gmail.com)

\_\_\_ Circle meetings    \_\_\_ Sunday Vineyard Potluck (3rd Sunday each month)  
                                 \_\_\_ Prefer luncheon meetings 1pm after church  
                                 \_\_\_ Prefer evening meetings 5/5:30  
                                 \_\_\_ Flexible time ok – lunch or dinner

\_\_\_ I would be interested in an evening meeting during the week. Circle best M T W Th

\_\_\_ I would be interested in a daytime meeting. Circle best days: Su M Tu W Th F Sa

I would be interested in participating in the following activities that WF may sponsor:

- \_\_\_ Women's luncheons
- \_\_\_ All church potlucks
- \_\_\_ Field Trips TBD
- \_\_\_ Game gatherings (circle interest) mahjonn g bridge other \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ WF sponsored concert
- \_\_\_ Book discussions
- \_\_\_ Flower Guild (make arrangements for Sunday Service several times a year)
- \_\_\_ Christmas Caroling event
- \_\_\_ Christmas Pageant volunteering (many different options)
- \_\_\_ Charitable Projects
- \_\_\_ Bake Sale
- \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

To return your response to this survey:

You may email the survey to [womensfellowshipnc@gmail.com](mailto:womensfellowshipnc@gmail.com)

Put in in the Women's Fellowship mail box in the church office.

Fold it and put it in the offering plate at church.

Send it or hand it to Grace Crofton or Bea Walker.

Bring it to the Steering Committee meeting on May 8.

Please add any ideas you might have for Women's Fellowship:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



*Save the Date!*



*Saturday*  
June 1st,  
2024

# CHURCH CLEAN UP

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION

Do you have time to help us maintain our beautiful church grounds? We would love to see you there!



THE NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH

# UPCOMING CONCERTS

SAVE THE DATES

25th Anniversary Organ Concert - Sunday June 9th 4 PM

Summer Sunday Sounds - Sunday June 30th, July 21, August 18th

Piano Concert with Timothy Yang Sunday August 11 4:00PM

A free will offering can be made for any of these concerts.

Stay tuned for more  
information

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## ORGAN PRESERVATION PROJECT



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# CELEBRATING 25 YEARS WITH UPDATES AND REQUIRED MAINTENANCE

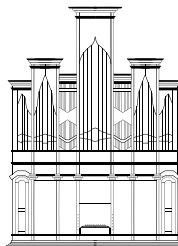


Our organ has been a cornerstone of our worship experience for decades, filling our sanctuary with beautiful melodies and uplifting our spirits during gatherings.

Like any cherished instrument, our organ requires maintenance and updates to ensure its continued functionality and resonance. We are thrilled to announce that we have embarked on a project to update and restore our organ, ensuring its vitality for years to come.

The project will cost \$130,000. To accomplish this important endeavor, we are reaching out to our congregation for support. Your generous donations will play a vital role in funding this project, allowing us to preserve this integral part of our worship tradition. Every contribution, no matter the size, brings us closer to our goal.

TO DONATE



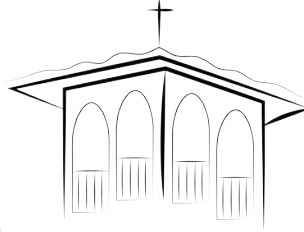
To learn more, and see photos before the installation, visit our site at: <https://www.ncpve.org/the-organ-project>

# FLOWER DEDICATION



*The flower arrangement for worship was  
donated by Jack Peterson in memory of his  
beautiful wife Kathleen.*

*The flowers were arranged by a member of  
the Flower Guild*



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*OFFICE HOURS*

Tuesday - Thursday, 10AM-3PM

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*Staff*

Rev. Dr. Richard A. Nelson  
*Interim Senior Minister*

Michael Moorhead  
*Licensed Minister*

David P. Sateren  
*Director of Music*

Dr. Hyunju Hwang  
*Organist*

Ellen Steinmetz  
*Children's Choir*

Myra Ghabrial  
*Director, Children's Ministry*

Anne Smith  
*Director of Communications*

Setta Lytle  
*Director of Operations*

Allison Schmitz  
*Youth Director*  
*Mommy & Me Coordinator*