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2 choices of study



**Earthwise**



**Earth Gospel**

"In wisdom you made them all, the earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number - living things both large and small... When you send your Spirit, they are created and you renew the earth."  
- Psalms 104:25,30.

PPC's Lenten offerings Calvin DeWitt's *Earthwise* and Sam Hamilton-Poore's *Earth Gospel: A Guide to Prayer for God's Creation*, echo the words God commanded to us. This Lenten season, let us focus our thoughts and prayers to God's amazing creation - the Earth, and all that is in it.

The groups meet weekly for six sessions from the week of February 26 through the week of April 1.

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# A message from Dr. Mark Smutny

Dear Friends,

If I could persuade you to read one book on multicultural ministry to help you gain a deeper understanding of how to build a more inclusive, multicultural community, it would be *The Wolf Shall Dwell with the Lamb: A Spirituality for Leadership in a Multicultural Community* by Eric Law. The book is a treasure trove of insights and practical tools for building a multicultural church.

No one ever said building an inclusive, multicultural church is easy. It's hard work that takes mutual forbearance, tolerance for ambiguity, prayer and empathy. Most of all it takes love. Some say the church would be best if would retreat into an enclave of mono-cultural exclusivity where everything is safe and predictable. I say that's boring. For those who still prefer vanilla ice cream with no sprinkles, I say such a world has passed you by. It no longer exists, certainly not in Pasadena nor in Los Angeles, two of the greatest global cities in our diverse, multicultural world. The choice is between denial and embracing the future. Treading water is no choice, the same as denial.

With greatest conviction, I believe PPC is the wave of the future. That makes us pioneers, adventurers in faith. We are entrepreneurs, experimenters, apostles—all words that suggest we are willing to embrace a new world of God's design.

Yes, building an inclusive, multicultural church is hard work. It's crazy making, foolish, wild, love poured out, a Spirit-filled way of doing church. It's not boring. It changes our lives in ways that stretch you and I beyond what we ever expected or sometimes wanted.

To do church in this inclusive, multicultural way means we need to grow and deepen in our understanding of how to build a more inclusive, multicultural church community. The best book I know for equipping us to do that is *The Wolf Shall Dwell with the Lamb*. You may pick up a copy at the Information Table on Sunday mornings, download a copy onto your favorite E-Book, or order a copy from the Episcopal Center Bookstore by calling 1-800-366-1536 ext 228. I promise you, it will be a good read that you will keep going back to over and over again.

Faithfully yours,

Dr. Mark Smutny

# Adult Education Sundays at 11:20

## Love the Creator, Care for Creation

This four-week series is an outgrowth of the *Brave New Planet* conference held in Claremont in late October. The class will be followed by Lenten Small Groups using two books, *Earthwise* by Calvin B. DeWitt and *Earth Gospel* by Upper Room Books.

## Ash Wednesday Remembrance February 22, 2012

**Agape Meal 6:00 pm**  
**Worship 7:00 pm**

Join us for an Agape Meal at 6:00 pm in South Hall. Bring bread, cheese and fruit to share. The meal will be followed by Taize-style worship at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary and the imposition of ashes.



## For the Record

### Marriages

**Philip Alexander Burns** and **Patricia Lopez Guardado** were married in Guatemala on January 14. Phil is the son of Mark and Jean Burns, and sister of Allison Burns.

### Deaths

**Phyllis Hoge** died January 20.

**Ty Harmsen** died on January 23. A memorial service is scheduled for February 7 at 1 pm at PPC.

**Robert Prichard** died January 4, 2012. A memorial service will be held at PPC on Saturday, February 18, at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Prichard was organist and music director at PPC from 1955 to 1982.

## Tuesday, February 28 Boy's Choir Recital 7:30 PM

Norwegian boy's choir Vanse Guttekor returns to PPC, this year with Danish boy's choir Vor Frue Kirkes Dreng-og Mandskor. In addition to an eclectic offering of Norwegian, Danish and American treble-choir music, the program includes *Jonah - a liturgical drama*.

## Saturday, March 3 Pasadena Singers Concert 7:30 PM

Timothy Howard conducts PPC's small choral ensemble performing a program of secular choral music, including Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzes and the world premiere of three commissioned works by British composer Philip Lawson. Admission is free!

## Friday, April 6 Good Friday Devotional Concert 7:30 PM

The Kirk Choir, community singers, soloists and the Friends of Music Orchestra present this annual concert of music for Holy Week. The featured work will be John Rutter's *Requiem*.

## Pasadena Hosts Half Marathon Road Closures around PPC Sunday, February 19

The inaugural Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon will be held in Pasadena on Sunday, February 19. Beginning at 6:30 a.m., some roads along the Arroyo, Rose Bowl and Green Street (going as far east as Wilson Avenue) will be closed. Copies of the marathon route can be found at the Information Table, or check the website at [runrocknroll.competitor.com/Pasadena/road-closures](http://runrocknroll.competitor.com/Pasadena/road-closures).



## Earth Gospel A Guide to Prayer for God's Creation

How are Christians to respond as stewards of God's creation? Explore through prayer the interconnecting love that binds God, humankind, and creation — forming a sacred trust. Earth Gospel uses the power of prayer to encourage care of God's creation. Each devotional reading includes scripture, hymn texts, beautiful poems and reflections from sages across time, and blessings. Featured voices include Emily Dickinson, Wendell Berry, Mother Teresa, Martin Luther, e.e. cummings, Julia Esquivel, Annie Dillard, Henry David Thoreau, Catherine of Siena, and many others. Earth Gospel will deepen your appreciation and commitment to creation. Use it daily, and it will change your life.

## Earthwise

The care of God's creation is a way of life; to be a Christian is to care for God's creation. We will explore the caring processes of God in nature, and discover together the wonders, the recycling, and the rejuvenation of homeostatic creation. For the author, the Bible is a virtual "handbook of ecology" where the Psalms come alive. We will experience the richness and regularity of God's sustaining creation, and recognize the processes that are inhibited and even overturned by human machinations, as has happened geometrically in our modern era of science, technology, and unbridled economic growth.

Pick up your Lenten study brochure on the patio following worship and fill out the form insert located inside. Deadline to sign up is February 12. Call the church office for more information.

## Congregational Life takes you to the Pasadena Museum of California Art

It's right across the street from PPC, but the big blocky building remains a mystery to many. If you haven't yet visited the Pasadena Museum of California Art—or if you love the rotating displays and want to catch the latest—come along with Congregational Life on Sunday, February 12.

We will have a sandwich lunch after English language adult education, about 12:20 p.m., and then stroll over to the museum. Congregational Life is picking up the tab for the food, beverages, and admission. Whether you understand art or just "know what you like," join Congregational Life for a quick bite of lunch and culture.



## Thank You, Rose Parade Volunteers!

Once again, Pasadena Presbyterian Church welcomed some 600 visitors for the Rose Parade, providing them with a continental breakfast and indoor restrooms, as well as great seats for the show.

Congregational Life thanks all the many volunteers and staff members who made this possible. Their efforts go beyond just doing a job; they do it with joy and grace. Members of all three language ministries participate in this event, which is both a fundraiser and an opportunity to show hospitality to visitors from all over the country.

Some of our guests told us that the Rose Parade had been on their "bucket list" for some time, and PPC made it a great experience for them. One had lost her cell phone, and someone from PPC was kind enough to lend her one, so she could get in touch with the person who had found it.

Thank you for the time and effort you put in to make sure our guests felt the hospitality of Christ at PPC, and special thanks to the church administrative and maintenance staff.

## Friends of Music Presents Organist John Weaver Saturday, February 4

When the Presbyterian Church (USA) decided to produce a new hymnal in the 1980s (the one with the blue cover we now use at PPC), one of the people selected for the committee was John Weaver; in fact, a good deal of his communion and service music is in the back of The Presbyterian Hymnal (Nos. 565-571).



John Weaver will be the featured artist on the next Friends of Music at PPC on **Saturday, February 4, at 7:30 p.m.** He will be leading a hymn festival playing many of his organ pieces based on hymn tunes and the congregation will sing the hymns accompanied by the Kirk Choir.

Dr. Weaver, who served for 35 years as Director of Music and Organist at Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church in New York City, has been considered the dean of Presbyterian church musicians for many years. He was also chairman of the organ department at The Juilliard School from 1967-2004.

Weaver traces his love for the “King of Instruments” back to his childhood. His formal musical studies began at the age of six in Baltimore’s Peabody Conservatory when it was discovered that he had perfect pitch. At age 14, he became organist of a Baltimore church and played his first organ recital. His undergraduate study was at The Curtis Institute from which he graduated in 1959. Dr. Weaver was appointed Director of Music at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in New York City, a post he held for 11 years. During this time he also spent two years in the Army as organist/choir-director of the Post Chapel at the United States Military Academy at West Point, and earned a Master of Sacred Music degree from Union Theological Seminary, studying with Robert Baker.

He has written numerous articles for organ and church-music magazines, has served as President of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians. The American Organist magazine named him among the 101 most notable organists of the 20th century.

This is your chance to experience the artistry of a Presbyterian Church legend — the concert is free, so come and invite your friends!

## Visions of Multiculturalism in the Bible

The L.I.F.T. Bible Study is continuing on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 7-8:30pm in Parish House 201. We invite young(er) adults from Pasadena Presbyterian Church



and the surrounding community to join us for an ongoing topic that we are finding exciting and challenging. That topic is “Visions of Multiculturalism in the Bible.” We are exploring scripture passages of great multicultural vision along with stories of inclusion and exclusion.

We are utilizing the Kaleidoscope Bible Study methods with questions for exploration and mutual invitation. We invite young adults from a variety of cultural backgrounds! We look forward to continued conversation.



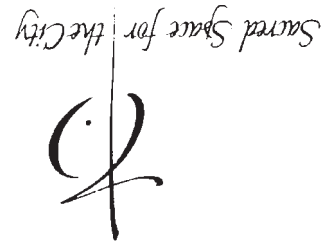
## Friendship Sunday!!!

English-language Ministry invites you and your friends to a special focus and celebration in worship on Sunday, February 12th: Friendship Sunday!

Hmm. . . What’s Friendship Sunday? We invite you to bring a good friend or two to worship on Sunday, February 12th where we will celebrate the gift of friendship during worship through scripture, song, and sermon! And we will have a litany to bless friendship in the coming year. Is there a person you would like to honor on Friendship Sunday - a person who has taught you, nurtured you, loved you, valued you, sat with you in difficult times, or laughed with you?

Please invite them to join us in worship for this day. We look forward to sharing this time together!





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7:30 p.m.

## **Organist John Weaver**

Director of Music and Organist Emeritus of New York's Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church and former Chair of the Organ Department at The Juilliard School, Dr. Weaver leads a Hymn Festival using some of his many organ and choral compositions. Don't miss this opportunity to hear the dean of Presbyterian Church (USA) musicians on PPC's magnificent Aeolian-Skinner sanctuary organ.



Free admission  
Voluntary offering