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The Friends of Music of PPC presents

Namhee Han, organist

Saturday, January 23, 2010

7:30 P.M.

with
cellist *Lars Hoefs*



Namhee Han, resident organist at Westwood Presbyterian Church and holder of four advanced academic degrees from UCLA, will play a wide selection of music as part of her recital on Sat., Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. In this free recital — the next concert on the church's Friends of Music series — she will be joined by cellist Lars Hoefs.

A native of South Korea, Han began studying piano at age eight. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in English education from Seoul National University and came to UCLA for graduate studies in linguistics. While there, she fell in love with the organ and began studies with UCLA's University Organist Thomas Harmon. Ultimately she completed Master's and Doctoral degrees in organ study at UCLA, working with the school's current organist, Christoph Bull. She also holds a Master's and Ph.D. in applied linguistics from UCLA.

Han will open her January recital with three pieces by Johann Sebastian Bach and will also play works by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Charles-Marie Widor, Jean Langlais, Marcel Dupré and Gary Bovet. Her concluding work, "Variations sur un Noël" by Dupré, earned her a standing ovation when she played it at a Gala Concert of the International Symposium of Allen Organs.

During the recital, Han will join with Hoefs in pieces by Gabriel Fauré and Peter Mathews. Hoefs is cellist for the Los Angeles Blue Rose Trio, has performed quartets with violinist Midori at Walt Disney Concert Hall and has played with Camerata Pacifica. He has also toured with Chamber Music America founder Peter Marsh and collaborated with members of the Ysaÿe Quartet. He holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Northwestern University and a Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Southern California.

FREE ADMISSION

Come and hear this exciting young organist play PPC's magnificent Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ!

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DR. MARK K. SMUTNY

Dear Friends,

When I was a young boy, I remember going with my mother to a migrant labor camp to deliver Christmas food baskets from my home church's Board of Deacons. The dirt floors and other primitive conditions of the cinder block buildings in the middle of the winter horrified me. I could not believe that my small town treated human beings this way. Something inside me was both moved with compassion and seethed with a sense of injustice. I have never forgotten those feelings, nor do I want to. I refuse to accommodate to separatism and the inherent injustice that follows. I refuse to believe that God's peaceable kingdom will be built on mono-ethnic enclaves of privilege and deprivation.

As we begin a New Year, we as the people of God at PPC, are called to respond to a world that is groaning under the weight of injustice and broken relationships. It is a world that craves something better. Our differences and our interdependence are intended to be a source of strength and a gift from God to show the world who it is we say we follow. As people of faith, we know that in the encounter with the other, the very face of God is disclosed. Our hearts are transformed and we discover new attitudes and behaviors in relation to God, others, and ourselves marked by justice and compassion.

Nonetheless, choosing to embrace an inclusive vision of church and community requires a great deal of spiritual stamina. It requires a disciplined life of prayer and a commitment to build relationships across all the barriers that separate human beings one from another.

When from time to time we grow weary of the hard work of being a multicultural congregation, we need to recall how truly special our calling is. In building our inclusive, welcoming, multiethnic community, we need to be reminded that we exhibit the healing and the wholeness of God that the world craves.

Happy New Year!

Mark Smutny

**ADULT EDUCATION OFFERINGS
SUNDAYS AT 11:20 A.M.**

JANUARY 3

PASTOR'S FORUM

Come and dialogue with Dr. Mark Smutny about your issues and concerns, hopes and dreams for PPC for the coming year. South Hall

JANUARY 10

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOLLOWED BY
TOWN HALL MEETING**

JANUARY 17, 24, 31

**ADULT EDUCATION OFFERINGS
TO BE ANNOUNCED**

**FREE CONCERTS
WEDNESDAYS AT 12:10 PM**

January 6

Charles Gould, bassoonist
Erika Zador, pianist

January 13

Crown City String Quartet

January 20

Ruth Kasckow, flutist

January 27

Kim Kangwon, violinist

Lunch is available following
the concert for a \$6 donation.

MUSIC AT NOON



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

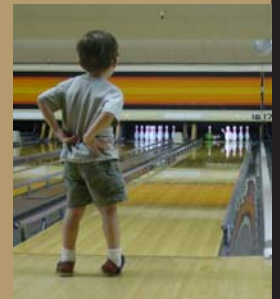
- Adopted a balanced 2010 Budget
- Invited The Reverend Dr. Dale Morgan to preach in the English language worship service on January 3 and 17, February 14 and 21, and March 7 and 21.
- Invited Elder Sterrett Collins to preach on January 31.

**LET'S GO BOWLING!
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7**



It's time to go bowling! So many PPC folks had such a great time last year at Montrose Bowl that the Congregational Life Committee has rented the entire bowling alley again this year. Set aside **Sunday, February 7 from 3 p.m.-6 p.m.** to roll that ball down the lanes.

We are limiting the number of bowlers to 70 this year to avoid crowding and enable more people to play. Admission will be **by ticket only**. Tickets go on sale January 17 on the patio after worship for \$5 per person with a \$15 per family cap. Once the tickets are sold out, no more spaces will be available.



Bring snacks and board games or puzzles for the tables.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

January 3	Dr. Dale Morgan
January 10	Dr. Mark Smutny
January 17	Dr. Dale Morgan
January 24	Dr. Mark Smutny
January 31	Sterrett Collins

FOR THE RECORD

Deaths

Earl Dietrich, a PPC member since 1963, died December 13. Earl served as both an Elder and a Deacon, and was a friendly advocate for PPC's music program. A memorial service was held at PPC on Monday, December 28.

Betty Cowan died December 14. She joined PPC in 1995, and was on the Board of Deacons. A memorial service was held December 18 at Forest Lawn Glendale.



KOREAN MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CELEBRATION FOR CHRISTMAS AND BAPTISM

The Sunday service of 20th of December was a big celebration for Korean Ministry. The service was a combination of Christmas celebration and Baptism. All generations, from babies to grandparents gathered and worshipped together. It was full of laughter and thanksgiving.



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January Calendar

Monday - 4
Adult Education

Tuesday - 5
Personnel

Wednesday - 6
Bibles & Bagels

Friday - 8
Second Friday Fellowship

Monday - 11
Women's Bible Study

Sunday - 17
English Ministry Deacons

Monday - 18
Martin Luther King Day
Campus Closed

Wednesday - 20
Bibles & Bagels

Thursday - 21
Presbyterian Women Circle

Saturday - 23
Friends of Music Concert

Monday - 25
Women's Bible Study

January - 30
Presbytery



Ongoing Activities

Sunday
English-language Worship 10:00 am
Spanish-Language Worship
Church School for Youth to Adults 11:20 am
Latino Ministries Brunch 11:20 am
Rainbow Choir and Carol Choir
Korean-language Worship 12:30 pm
Korean Ministry Meal 1:30 pm
Korean Ministry Trinity Choir 2:00 pm

Monday
Daily Prayer 5:30 am
Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm

Tuesday
Daily Prayer 5:30 am

Wednesday
Daily Prayer 5:30 am
Music at Noon 12:10 pm
Korean Bible Study 8:00 pm

Thursday
Daily Prayer 5:30 am
Food Distribution 11:00 pm
Handbell Choir 6:15 pm
Kirk Choir 7:30 pm

Friday
Daily Prayer 5:30 am
Friday Prayer 9:00 am
Korean Young Adult Fellowship 6:30 pm
Korean Singles 7:00 pm
Korean Praise Service 7:00 pm

Saturday
Daily Prayer 5:30 am
Korean Leadership Team 6:00 am
J-Tune Praise Band 2:00 pm

SELF-HELP GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous
Daily 6 am ; Sundays 6 pm; Thurs. 7 pm

Overeaters Anonymous
Mon. - Fri., Noon
Saturdays 8:30 am

Sexual Recovery Anonymous
Monday & Friday 7 pm

Debtors Anonymous
Fridays 7:30 pm

**SECOND FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP
FOR WOMEN
FRIDAY, JANUARY 8
6:00 P.M.
IN SOUTH HALL**

Bring your craft/hobby project (scrap booking, knitting, cross stitch, quilting, bead work, embroidery or whatever strikes your fancy) and the gift of gab for an evening of fellowship.



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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT-DEXTER AMEND

What are the first words that pop into mind when one thinks of Dexter Amend? Caring, dedicated, add fun, trustworthy and you have an all around great guy.

Dexter was born in Spokane, Washington. He joined the United States Air Force serving time in Germany during the Gulf War. He made his way down to southern California to the University of Southern California, receiving his clinical doctorate in physical therapy. He has been at PPC since 2001 teaching and leading the youth in Christian education and fellowship since his arrival.

When asked about Dex, a former youth group member said, “Dex is there when you need him to be there in ways that matter. He may not show up to everything, but if you have problems and need to talk to someone, Dex will always be there for that.”

In 2001, while working with a lively youth group, Dex became a friend and mentor to Gabriel Monteros and Phil Burns, young eighth graders. After the many challenges of adolescence, Dex was there for their graduations from Yale and Brown last May. As Laura Monteros says, “It was so incredibly loving that Dexter came out for Phil’s and Gabriel’s graduations. It was costly for him in both time and money, and it was such a treat to have him there to share in this significant time in their lives. I think that’s the most important thing to say about him. With all his quirks, he is there for our children, even though they are now adults.”

Next time you see Dexter, say “Hi, and thanks for your faithfulness!”

