

# THE WEEKLY RAG



*For the United Ministries  
of the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown and Donaldina Cameron House*

February 8, 2026

## This Sunday at PCC

**Sermon:** Join us this Sunday at 10:45 to celebrate the ordination and installation of Mark Fong as ruling elder. Please wear something red, symbolizing the Holy Spirit who has called Mark and leads all of us into our ministries in Christ's name. Pastor Don will preach a sermon drawing from 1 Corinthians 2 and Jesus' image of light in Matthew 5 and together we'll consider how God works through humility, vulnerability, and simple speech to reveal Christ. Join us as we explore how the Spirit transforms lives not just through good works, but through encounters with the living Word.

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## Next Sunday February 15: Guest Preacher

The Mission & Evangelism Committee has prepared and will lead a special service featuring John Brett, Chaplain from the SF Night Ministry. We will observe Transfiguration of Lord Sunday and hear the Word preached but we will also reflect on the themes of hunger and homelessness, as John Brett and the Night Ministry are focused on ministry to some of the most marginalized people in San Francisco. Following Worship stay for Tea Time fellowship to learn more about the work and impact of SF Night Ministry.

## Help Us Make Stone Soup on February 15!

Please join the M&E Committee in contributing an ingredient or two for a simple pot of soup. Please bring one cup of cut vegetables or cooked starch and drop off in the kitchen before the worship service. No need to go grocery shopping - bring whatever you have available in your refrigerator or pantry! Some suggestions:

- carrots, celery, onions, green beans, spinach, corn, canned beans and diced tomatoes
- rice, pasta, potatoes, barley (cooked)

If you have any questions, contact Jeanette Huie or Elliot Bernadel-Huey. **Please inform us of any food allergies.** The soup will be chicken-based.

Our inspiration for this meal comes from the storybook, Stone Soup. To refresh your memory or if you've never read the book, please view these short YouTube's before February 15th: [Stone Soup](#)     [Stone Soup with a Zen twist](#)

## Today's Hymns and Scripture Passages

### *Opening*

**God, You Give Us Recreation**

Tune to: There's a Wideness  
in God's Mercy

### *Meditation*

**Arise, Your Light Is Come**

744 in Glory to God

### *Closing*

**Today We Are All Called**

**To Be Disciples**

757 in Glory to God

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**I Corinthians 2: 1-12**

**Matthew 5: 13-20**  
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## Prayer List

Prayers of healing and comfort for the mother of **Chapman Szeto**, our long-time food pantry volunteer, and now staff person. His mother is recovering in the hospital.

Prayers of healing and comfort for **Mel Lum**, husband of Joanne Yee (Jo), who participated in the Cameron House program with Gordie Jeong and Garwood Gee, and others. Mel was diagnosed with cancer before Christmas, and is currently undergoing chemotherapy.

Prayers for strength for asylum-seeker **Jeremias**, who Clinton and Susie have supported in an IM4HI summer program, and has worshipped and shared with us at EWC teatime. He is now in detention in Arizona.

Prayers of strength and resilience for all those lost or harmed by ICE interactions in our cities. Prayers of thanksgiving for the return of 5-year-old Liam Cornejo Ramos and his father to Minnesota. Prayers for the well-being of all persons held in detention, and most especially for the children traumatized by separation from their families.

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## Good News for the Pews

The latest issue of our EWC newsletter, Good News from the Pews, is now available! This issue features several articles highlighting the need to spread the Gospel, introduction to new deacons and elders, and visits to China to discover ancestral villages. There's a link to it on the [blog](#) page, in the [news section](#) of the English home page and on the Who We Are page. Thank you to the Editors, Jackie Jew and Jeanine Lim.

## EWC 2026 Church Retreat

### Topic Survey

The Worship and Nurture Committee is preparing for the EWC Church retreat scheduled later this year. For more details, click on the link below and also complete the short survey to share your ideas for retreat topics.

[online survey](#)

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## School of Discipleship

Inspired by the sermon and Q&A session with Rev. Jorge Bautista last week, the School of Discipleship has decided to review the final report of the Truth Commission Assessing Race Equity. Linda Lee, a member of T-CARE and one of contributors to the Final Report will be co-leading our Study. The syllabus will be up on the [SoD Webpage](#) soon. If you haven't been to SoD in a while, or perhaps ever, here is an opportunity to check us out!

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## Teatime hosts are needed!

Click on the link below to sign up for 2026 Sundays. See Mary Wong Leong if you have questions.

[TEATIME SIGN UP](#)



## 2026 Mission Trips

The following dates are confirmed at Presbyterian Disaster Assistance sites to help re-build homes destroyed by wildfires:

**Oroville, CA - May 10-16**

**Maui - October 4-10**

Contact Scott Barlow if you would like to volunteer at one or both of these sites.



## **Courage in the Face of Authoritarianism: Historical Roots and Modern Responses**

**February 25th - 9:00am PST**

**[Register Here](#)**

What we are witnessing in the United States right now is chilling: the normalization of cruelty, the targeting of vulnerable communities, and the steady weakening of democratic safeguards that are meant to protect people from state abuse. As immigrant communities face ICE raids and dissent is increasingly treated as a threat, many Presbyterians are feeling grief, fear, and urgency, and asking what faithful courage looks like now.

Join us for a Presbyterian Advocacy Hour offering historical perspective, theological grounding, and practical next steps for faithful public witness. Together, we will explore how tactics of control and repression have long been used within the United States and abroad, and how they continue to shape life here through militarized policing, expanded surveillance, and efforts to silence dissent. We will also reflect on what disciplined nonviolence and protest can look like in this moment, rooted in community, solidarity, and moral clarity.

We will hear policy and historical analysis tracing how U.S. “national security” frameworks have expanded over time, shaping domestic policing, civil liberties, and the treatment of protest and dissent, and helping us understand the systems behind what many communities are experiencing right now.

We will also be anchored by theological reflection, revisiting the Barmen Declaration, a confession of faith written in resistance to authoritarian rule. We will explore how this historic witness can strengthen the church’s moral clarity today, and help Presbyterians discern what courageous discipleship requires in a time of rising repression.

Finally, we will learn from Presbyterian activists and organizers engaged in local public witness, who will share what faith-rooted organizing looks like on the ground, how communities build resilience under pressure, and what practical action can look like when the national picture feels overwhelming.





## **Righteousness and Justice:** Deepening Our Commitment to Dismantling Structural Racism

Presbytery of San Francisco & West Region Antiracism Group

**Saturday, February 28, 2026**

10:00 am ~ 2:30 pm • Lunch included  
Ingleside Presbyterian Church, S.F.

**Join us as we deepen our understanding of Matthew 25, the gospel of justice.** Learn from each other's journeys and hopes.

**Guest Speakers:** Rev. Laura Mariko Cheifetz (PSF) and Jessica Vazquez Torres (Crossroads Antiracism Organizing & Training)

**Learn about biblical underpinnings of antiracism and how to address structural racism.** Small group discussion included.



**[Click here to register](#)**

**Deadline is Feb 21st**

- In-person location is Ingleside Presbyterian Church at 1345 Ocean Street, San Francisco
- Limited street parking
- Public transit access on Ocean Ave
- Balboa Park BART station
- MUNI 29