



Chapel Chimes

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Dear Friends,

New Year's Day was a quiet contrast to the wonderful week-long visit I had with our daughters, Chelsea and Han-Bee, over the holidays. They came from Seattle to see me at Christmas while my husband Dwight remained in Virginia due to the raging Omicron variant and unpredictable air travel. We were all very sad not to be together. But the girls kept things merry and bright as we ate massive quantities of baked goods, went shopping, searched for the perfect ramen restaurant, FaceTimed with Dwight to open Christmas gifts, and ran some miles on the levee beside my condo. They flew home before New Year's, so I spent the first day of 2022 doing laundry and reminiscing about how fun it was to have a full house again.

I took a break from my rendezvous with Tide and dryer sheets to consider my hopes and plans for the new year. Being apart from Dwight for a time as we serve churches on opposite sides of the country has made me more aware of the need for self-care, not just with a soothing cup of tea, but with daily habits to promote wellness of body, mind, and spirit. In 2022 I intend to make these healthy habits a priority. So, I made a resolution to eat more bakery cake with buttercream frosting flowers. That's my go-to for enhanced well-being.

Another of my resolutions is to read Scripture every day for spiritual nourishment, not just sermon preparation. Years ago, when I met with a spiritual director for an initial session, she asked me, "When do you sense God's presence? What helps you connect with God?" I told her I feel close to God when I read or hear Scripture. But studying Scripture for a sermon is different than reading it devotionally. Sometimes, reading the Bible becomes one more thing I gotta do. Another chore to check off my list. My yearning for a closer walk with God turns into a trudge.

Starting each day in God's peaceful Presence refreshes and enlivens me. I long to be devoted to Jesus like his friend Mary, to sit and learn from Him, and deepen my relationship with God. Too often, I get distracted by my to-do list, or weighed down with unresolved issues. I miss my appointment with the Almighty to empty the dishwasher or the email inbox. Hence, my resolution to notice God's Presence everywhere, and specifically, to seek God's Presence in the morning, before the rush of the day begins. I'm looking for persistence with this rather than perfection. Ask me how it's going in a month.

What helps you sense God's presence? Knowing the ways that happens for you, and putting yourself in the place of opportunity where you are open to encounter God, will enrich your spiritual journey. There's a story about the child of a rabbi who used to wander in the woods. At first his father would let him wander, but over time he became concerned. The woods were dangerous. The father didn't know what lurked there. He decided to discuss the matter with his child. One day he took him aside and said, "You know, I have noticed that each day you walk into the woods. I wonder, why do you go there?" The boy said to his father, "I go there to find God." "That is a very good thing," the father replied gently. But, my child, don't you know that God is the same everywhere?" "Yes," the boy answered, "but I'm not." (David Wolpe in *Teaching Your Children About God*).

We are all created in God's image and made for a relationship with our Divine Companion. With God's help, we can do things to help us to receive God's love and guidance. Remember, it's God's Spirit in us Who encourages us to yearn

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for a closer relationship with God. So, where do you need to go, what do you need to do, what habits do you need to add to your daily life to experience God more deeply, more consistently, this New Year? And how can your church help?

Trusting God to Lead Us as We Journey Together,
Pastor Sarah

P.S. Many thanks again to Carla Hart, Maurine Huang, Haruko Sakakibara, and Donna Komure-Toyama for organizing the lovely Advent reception on Dec 19. At the event, holiday goodie bags were assembled and then delivered to homebound church members.

Pastor Sarah's Official Email Address

Pastor Sarah is here and excited to be in ministry at Parkview. Please use pastor@parkviewpc.org for all email communications with Pastor Sarah. Thank you!



Congregational Meeting Set for Jan 23

Our annual congregational meeting will take place on Sunday, Jan 23, after worship service. If you will be participating in person, please proceed to the social hall and observe all Covid protocols. If you will be participating online, please change your screen name to reflect the names of all voting members present in your screen. Hard copies of the annual report will be available at the church. An electronic copy will be available in an upcoming Friday email.



Financial Report as of December 31, 2021:

	December	Total Yr 2021
Income:	\$25,048.57	\$147,706.60
Expenses:	\$15,906.37	\$149,117.79
Difference:		(\$1,411.19)

Updated Covid Protocol

Starting Jan 23, worshipers aged twelve and over will be required to show proof of vaccination.

Worshippers may begin emailing a copy of their vaccination card today to vaccine@parkviewpc.org. Please include your telephone number. Once the office has received proof of vaccination and telephone number, worshipers will not need to sign in or show proof of vaccination every time.

Email information by Thursday 9 am to be included on the vaccination list for the following Sunday. Please observe all other Covid protocols already in place.

Unvaccinated worshipers are welcome to worship with Parkview online. Go to <https://parkviewpc.org/worship-with-us/>.

Report from Session

At the Dec 9, 2021 meeting, the following actions were taken:

- *2022 Budget.* The proposed budget was approved and will be presented to the congregation at the congregational meeting in January. The proposed budget reflects an anticipated deficit because of increased operational expenses and loss of income sources.
- *Gereja Kristen Indonesia.* GKI will worship at a different church starting Jan 2022. Pastor Sarah will communicate our thanks and appreciation for our long relationship.
- *Buildings & Grounds Committee and Personnel Committee.* These committees have openings for additional members.
- *Nominating Committee.* The Nominating Committee reported that Patti Hashimoto and William Yee have agreed to continue another three-year term on the session.
- *Parkview Bylaws.* Work on drafting bylaws will be done by Irene Uno, Donna Komure-Toyama and William Yee.

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Volunteer Spotlight: Nancy Arata-Fong

Parkview is fueled by its volunteers, many of whom work behind the scenes to keep the church going.

An intrepid member of our wonderful tech team, Nancy has begun to train new team members. Without our tech team members, we would not be able to bring the worship service to online worshippers. Thanks, Nancy, for all you do!



Volunteer Opportunities

Are you looking for a way to contribute to the Parkview community? There are some committee openings as well as other opportunities. Email officemanager@parkviewpc.org with your specific interest, and your email will be forwarded to the appropriate person.



- *Buildings & Grounds Committee.* More members sought. Specific skills not necessary. Willingness to arrange, schedule, and supervise repairs helpful.
- *Personnel Committee.* More members sought. Members meet occasionally, evaluate staff, and make personnel recommendations to the Session.
- *Litter Pick-Up.* Volunteers needed to pick up the litter around the perimeter of the church. Saturday or Sunday before service is best, but time is flexible.
- *Secure Church After Service.* Volunteers needed to lock up the church after service. Turn off lights, lock gates and doors, be the last person to leave.
- *Worship Prep.* Help the office manager get the church ready for service. Wipe down surfaces, fold bulletins, etc. Thurs between 10-11 am. Duties usually take less than 30 minutes to complete.

Thank you for your support of Parkview!

Thank you so much for your kind and generous donations. Acknowledgment letters and postings in the *Chapel Chimes* may be in reverse order. Thank you for your patience. Contact officemanager@parkviewpc.org with any questions.

Special Offerings: Anonymous (3x), Paula Higashi, Jennifer Nishizaki-Ngo, Titus & Donna (Komure) Toyama

In Memory of Eiko Fujiwara: Joyce Fujiwara & Timothy Paulson

In Memory of George & Muriel Kubo: Wayne & Choon Ok Kubo

In Memory of Carney Ouye, Sr.: Carey Yamanaka

Thanksgiving Offerings: Glenn & Evelyn Kubota, Jane Matsuoka, Randy & Lily Shiroi, Lynn Yamamoto

Christmas Offerings: Ian & Mieko Davis, Betsy Eskridge & Lois Van Beers, Joyce Fujiwara & Timothy Paulson, Paula Fujiwara, Brian & Leah Kanegawa, Wayne & Choon Ok Kubo, Jane Matsuoka, Dave McGill, Cathy Nishizaki, Ken Okawara, Jonathan & Haruko Sakakibara, Yoshiko Sanbongi, Daisy Seto, Randy & Lily Shiroi, Miyeko Takechi, Wade Tambara, Lynn Yamamoto, Carey Yamanaka, William & Judy Yee, Gary & Diane Younglove

New Year Offerings: Ken Okawara.



How to Donate

- **By Mail.** Make checks out to Parkview Presbyterian Church. **Please do not send cash.**
- **Online.** Please go to <https://www.parkviewpc.org/> and click on the "Support Parkview" tab and select "General Fund." Use the Notes section to provide additional information about your donation, i.e. "in memory of" or "xx fund." You can use credit card or bank transfer, donate one time only or set up regular donations.
- **In Person.** You may drop off your donation during worship service.

Events, Etc.

Jan 9. Worship Service. 10 am in person/online.
Worship Leader - Kishwer Vikaas
Japanese Reader - Mieko Davis
Pianist - Wade Tambara
Tech Moderator - Judy Yee
Sound System - Tom Tambara
Parking - TBD
Usher - Maurine Huang
Greeters - Irene Uno, Lynn Yamamoto
Online Greeter - May Lee

Jan 11. Bible Study. 6:00 pm via Zoom.

Jan 11. Prayer Team Meeting. 7:15 pm via Zoom.

Jan 12. Choir Practice. 7 pm in the social hall.

Jan 13. Session Meeting. 1 pm via Zoom.

Jan 16. Worship Service. 10 am in person/online.
Worship Leader - Judy Fukuman
Japanese Reader - Miyo Uchida
Pianist - Haruko Sakakibara
Tech Moderator - Nancy Arata-Fong
Sound System - Cathy Nishizaki
Parking - TBD
Usher - Julie Chew
Greeters - Betsy Eskridge, Miyo Uchida
Online Greeter - May Lee

Jan 20. Book Club Meeting. 1:00 pm. *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Fredrik Backman. Email officemanager@parkviewpc.org for location details. Proof of vaccination required.

Jan 23. Worship Service. 10 am in person/online.
Worship Leader - Luda Wright
Japanese Reader - Michael Wright
Pianist - Wade Tambara
Tech Moderator - Lori Hart
Sound System - Titus Toyama
Parking - Russ Hart
Usher - Michael Wright
Greeters - Julie Howe, Wade Tambara
Online Greeter - May Lee

Jan 23. Congregational Meeting. After worship service. Please convene in the social hall.

Jan 30. Worship Service. 10 am in person/online.
Worship Leader - Phillip Chew
Japanese Reader - Haruko Sakakibara
Pianist - Nancy Arata-Fong
Tech Moderator - Lois Van Beers
Sound System - Jerry Champa
Parking - Phillip Chew
Usher - T. Fukuman
Greeters - Julie Howe, Wade Tambara
Online Greeter - May Lee

Feb 6. Worship Service. 10 am in person/online.
Worship Leader - Betsy Eskridge
Japanese Reader - Haruko Sakakibara
Pianist - Haruko Sakakibara
Tech Moderator - Judy Yee
Sound System - Cathy Nishizaki, J. Sakakibara
Parking - Gary Younglove
Usher - Judy Fukuman
Greeters - Mitch Lorens, Sue Lorens
Online Greeter - May Lee

Feb 6. Chapel Chimes Deadline. Send articles/photos to officemanager@parkviewpc.org by 5 pm.



Worship with Us In Person or Online:

Login info is available at <https://parkviewpc.org/worship-with-us/>. Worship programs are posted on our website.

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Request Prayers:

Use the prayer request form on our website, or send an email directly to prayer@parkviewpc.org.

Explore the Website:

Remember to visit our website at <https://www.parkviewpc.org/> to find all the information you need to stay connected with Parkview.