



**Piedmont  
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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January 29, 2012

9 & 10:30 o'clock

**Prelude**

Music for oboe and organ

**For Your Reflection**

And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. — Ephesians 4:32

The glory of Christianity is to conquer by forgiveness. — William Black

Forgiveness is the key that unlocks the door of resentment and the handcuffs of hate. It is a power that breaks the chains of bitterness and the shackles of selfishness. — Corrie ten Boom

Forgiveness is man's deepest need and highest achievement. — Horace Bushnell

He that cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself; for every man has need to be forgiven. — Thomas Fuller

The only true forgiveness is that which is offered and extended even before the offender has apologized and sought it. — Soren Kierkegaard

Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive. — C.S. Lewis

**\*Church Bell** (\*The congregation is invited to stand)

**\*Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Lift up your voice! Shout from the tops of the mountains!

**People:** *Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Sing praise from the end of the earth!*

Liturgist: Let us give glory to the Lord and declare God's praise!

**\*Hymn 90** (10:30am) O for a thousand tongues to sing *Azmon*

**Prayer of Praise and Invocation**

**Silent Prayer**

**Prayer of Preparation and Confession**

*Forgiving God, you embrace all through your Son Jesus, and we still show partiality. In him you proclaim the joyful news of peace, and we still talk war. In him, you wish to reconcile the whole human race in love, and we still put up walls of mistrust and fear each other. Jesus healed the oppressed and freed the captives, and we still reject his invitation to new life. Have mercy upon us. Grant us the courage to pursue your way of love. Amen*

**Choral Response and Words of Assurance**

**Words of Christian Greeting**

**Pastoral Prayer and 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 for ever. Amen.*

**Anthem**

*O worship the Lord* G. F. Händel  
Christa Pfeiffer and Chris Evans, duet (1685-1759)  
Barbara Midney, oboe  
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. —Psalm 96:9

**Scripture Lesson**

Matthew 18:21-35 (Pew Bible p. 695)

*Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not*



- **PCC Mexico Missions trip 2012** applications must be received in either the church office or Youth Ministries office no later than **February 3** for adults and PCC members, and February 6th for all others. If you have any questions, contact Scott at 547-5700 or [scott@piedmontchurch.org](mailto:scott@piedmontchurch.org).

- **Got a Pre-Teen?** Thinking about what lies ahead as your child approaches adolescence? It can keep you up at night – remembering your own teenage experience or that of others. But it really doesn't have to be that daunting! To see why, please join communication consultant, Jamie Anderson, for a **3-part series: Preparing for the Teen Years – Staying Close, Staying Connected.** It will take place on **February 6, 13 and 27 from 6-8pm** in the Murdock Room. In each sessions, we will discuss basic communication skills and demonstrate how these skills can be used to keep the connection warm — so that as a parent you can be the kind of resource you want to be. Class size is limited, so please rsvp to [jean@piedmontchurch.org](mailto:jean@piedmontchurch.org) to reserve your space. Attending all sessions is recommended but not required. Suggested donation is \$10/session.

- **February Adult Fellowship** - Come celebrate Valentine's Day with your sweet PCC friends! Join us on **Friday, February 10th at 6:30 pm at Russ and Charly Taylor's, 1949 Asilomar Dr., Oakland.** Enjoy the company of friends and bring something red, or heart-shaped, or simply something from the heart to share in the dinner. Welcome also to all those getting acquainted with PCC. Please sign up to bring an appetizer, main dish, side/veg dish, salad or dessert and bring a beverage to sip and share. Sign up after church or contact [jean@piedmontchurch.org](mailto:jean@piedmontchurch.org) or 547-5700 and indicate what you'd like to bring. For questions please call Charly at 339-2247 or cell 612-2247.

- Signups for **Lodestar Memorial Weekend Family Camp (May 26-27)** will be coming in March! If you haven't made plans for Memorial Day weekend, **put this fun event on your calendar now!**

### Prayers

- Prayers of thanks for the birth of Claire Rowen Asbury, daughter of Robin and Jeffrey Asbury, born on January 22.
- Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Diane Violette, who passed from this life on January 24.

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, January 29

Rock/LiveWire Ski Retreat  
 9:00 am Worship service, Sanctuary  
 9:40 am Altar Guild, Staff Workroom  
 10:30 am Worship service, Sanctuary  
 10:30 am Sunday School preK - 12, CE Building  
 10:30 am Nursery care, Christian Education Building  
 11:30 am Adult Education, Kettlewell Room  
 5:00 pm PCC/Imani Joint Concert, Sanctuary  
 6:00 pm PCC/Imani Joint Fellowship Dinner, Guild Hall  
 7:00 pm Rock (HS youth), Youth Room

### Monday, January 30

10:30 am Piedmont Gardens Bible Study  
 4:30 pm Spiritual Formation Group, Guild Parlor  
 7:15 pm Garage Sale Team, Staff Workroom

### Tuesday, January 31

11:00 am Staff Meeting, Staff Workroom  
 PHS Lunch Break Rock Pizza Lunch  
 6:30 pm Handbell Ensemble, Clara Barton Room  
 7:00 pm Small Group Bible Study

### Wednesday, February 1

6:15 pm Youth Choir, Lindamood Choir Room  
 7:00 pm LiveWire (MS Youth), Youth Room  
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir, Lindamood Choir Room

### Thursday, February 2

9:45 am Women's Bible Study, Guild Parlor

### Friday, February 3

Mexico application deadline for PCC members

### Saturday, February 4

7:30 am Men's Bible Study, Founders' Room

### Sunday, February 5

9:00 am Worship service, Sanctuary  
 10:30 am Worship service, Sanctuary  
 10:30 am Sunday School preK - 12, CE Building  
 10:30 am Nursery care, Christian Education Building  
 11:30 am Adult Education, Kettlewell Room  
 7:00 pm Rock (HS youth) will not meet