

Committee Meetings This Week
10:20AM Mar 12: Stewardship (Small Conf Rm)
7:00PM Mar 14: Christian Life (Conf Rm)

**Sign up for Easter Lilies
in Fellowship Hall after Worship**

Save the Date

We will have our annual church retreat on **April 28, 29 & 30** at **Zephyr Point** Presbyterian Conference Center near **Lake Tahoe**, with Rev. Rob Watkins speaking.

This is an awesome mountain lake setting which provides renewal & refreshment for those seeking to **grow as Christians**.

Cost: \$125.00 per adult/\$50.00 per child

BIBLE STUDIES

Mondays: 7:00-8:30pm @ 1631 Creekside #101, Folsom
Contact: Koos Prins 916-505-1744 “Final Words at the Cross”
by Adam Hamilton

Wednesdays: 10:00am @church office
Contact Gloria Davis (310)654-9359
“24 Hours That Changed the World” by Adam Hamilton

Newcomers welcome!

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**Jesus Mafa—Jesus and Nicodemus
Cameroon, 1973**

**Welcoming all people in the name of Christ
Expressing the love of God to the World
Trusting the Power of the Holy Spirit as
We serve the Kingdom of God**

**Worship 9:00 am March 12, 2017
Rev. Alison Messick-Watkins**

Today's Worship
"Welcome to Journey Church"
Sunday, March 12, 2017
2nd Sunday in Lent

"The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes."

***Call to Worship** Psalm 121 Janis Jonas

I will lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

God will not let your foot be moved.

God who keeps you will not slumber.

Let us worship God!

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"** #325

***Confession of Sin**

Great and giving God, we enter into the wilderness of this Lenten season with mixed feelings. We are drawn to the disciplines of Lent and the invitation for growth. We sense a stark, bare beauty to the days ahead. Yet we balk at our Lenten journey. One day we release to you that which separates us from you; the next day we grasp once again for control. We are content with relying upon sources of sustenance other than your presence. We are inclined to trust our own sense of direction and are reluctant to follow the leadings of your Spirit. Forgive us. Give us the will to journey far and to journey wide. May this Lenten journey be a season for the strengthening of our spirits so that we might follow Jesus even to the cross.

(Adapted From Chalice Worship, Disciples of Christ)

Moment for Silent Prayer

***Assurance of Pardon**

There is nothing which ultimately separates us from the Love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord -

no thought, no word, no action.

We separate ourselves from God but God remains present with us, waiting for us to return to the embrace of God's arms.

In Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven.

**Gloria Patri*

#142

**Passing of the Peace of Christ*

**Welcome and Opportunities
For Ministry and Service
Children's Message**

Rev. Alison Messick-Watkins

Scripture Old Testament Reading: Psalm 121
New Testament Reading: John 3: 1-21

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Giving it Up: Giving Up Our Need to Have
All the Answers"

Rev. Alison Messick-Watkins

Litany for Lent

***Hymn "Nicodemus Sought Out Jesus"** (on screen)

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offering

**Doxology*

#382

**Prayer of Dedication*

***Hymn "Song of Hope"**

***Charge and Benediction**

Go out into the world in peace.

Return no one evil for evil.

Strengthen the fainthearted and support the weak.

Honor every person.

Postlude: "Ballade #3 bay Chopin"

Sam Knight

**All who are able, please stand.*