

# Connections



March 10, 2024

TODAY PLEASE WELCOME

**Guest Preacher**

**The Rev. Dr. Anne Stewart**

**Mark 8:27-30 "Revealed"**

The Rev. Dr. Anne Stewart is the Executive Vice President of Princeton Seminary and Project Director of Iron Sharpening Iron. She is a proud alumna of Smith College, Princeton Seminary (MDiv), and Emory University (PhD, Old Testament). She combines these experiences through the Iron Sharpening Iron program, which joins women's education with service to the church and a name that comes from the Old Testament. Dr. Stewart is a Presbyterian minister and the author of *Poetic Ethics in Proverbs: Wisdom Literature and the Shaping of the Moral Self*.

Join us after Worship in the Oak Room  
from 11:11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

## God in the Old Testament: The Character and Emotions of God

Presented by The Rev. Dr. Anne Stewart

The portrait of God in the Old Testament is rich and complex and has puzzled people of faith for generations. The witness of Scripture makes known God's character not only by what God thinks but by what God feels: including love, anger, grief, and delight. In this class we will seek to better know the mind and the heart of God



in the Old Testament through exploring some of the Bible's most interesting and vexing texts about God's emotions. Together we will seek to better understand God and ourselves, people made to think and feel in God's own image.

**All are welcome. No registration required.**

## HOLY WEEK & Easter



**Palm Sunday, March 24**

Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday, March 28**

Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.

**Good Friday, March 29**

Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.

**Easter Sunday, March 31**

Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m.

Worship Services at 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church

**PALM SUNDAY  
EGG HUNT**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**March 24**  
11am-12:30pm

**FREE EVENT**  
games, treats  
& lots of fun

## Palm Sunday Egg Hunt

March 24 after Worship

Join us for this well-loved annual tradition. There will be age-appropriate egg hunts, breakfast/dessert bites, live music, arts and crafts, games, and a lot of fun! This is a free event to the community, and all are welcome!

Register at [lopc.org/registrations](https://lopc.org/registrations).

If you would like to serve as a volunteer at this event, or if you have any questions, please contact Michelle Browning at [michelle@lopc.org](mailto:michelle@lopc.org).

## Pastors

Peter Whitelock, Head of Staff • Jaime Polson, Care & Executive Leadership  
Lauren Gully, Mission & Outreach • Chris Baldwin, Community & Formation

# mission

## Warm Clothing Drive for Trinity Center

Warm men's clothing is needed including jackets, hoodies, sweaters, jeans/pants, and shirts.

**Drop off ONLY on Saturday, March 16 from 9:30–11:00 a.m. If you are able to volunteer, please email Jim Olufson at [jimolufson@comcast.net](mailto:jimolufson@comcast.net).**

## Follow the Adult Trip to India

LOPC volunteers will be sharing about their travel and activities at Children of Faith Missions from now through March 5.

Follow along at [lopc.org/service-learning](http://lopc.org/service-learning).

# care

## Savvy Caregiver Workshop

Thursdays, April 18–May 23, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Go beyond the basics with Savvy Caregiver, an evidence-based dementia family caregiver training program. Savvy Caregiver distills core principles and insights from gerontology, nursing and occupational therapy for the family caregiver. This 6-week course provides 12 hours of in-depth knowledge, skills training, and mastery to support you and the person with dementia as you navigate the journey together.

To pre-register or for more information, please contact Cathy Scheve at [cathy@lopc.org](mailto:cathy@lopc.org). A brief phone screening with the instructor is required to see if the class will meet your needs. There is a fee of \$50 to cover the cost of supplies.

## Widow/Widower's Grief Support

Wednesdays, April 3–June 5, 3:00–5:00 p.m.

Have you or someone you know experienced the death of a spouse recently or within the last few years? Sharing our experiences during this 10-week class is extremely helpful to our healing process. Course is open to all Widows and Widowers. Pre-registration required. The workbook is \$20.

To register or for more information, contact Cathy Scheve at [cathy@lopc.org](mailto:cathy@lopc.org).

## Dementia Caregivers Support Group

March 20 at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom

Join this one-hour support group for those caring for someone with dementia. The group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

To join, please contact Linda Fodrini-Johnson at [linda620@outlook.com](mailto:linda620@outlook.com).

# children & youth

## Youth Ministry

**Youth Alive TODAY** and every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in CLC 201 for 5th–8th graders. Join this weekly interactive Bible lesson with games and fun activities.

**By The Way (BTW)** TONIGHT at 6:00 p.m. for 9th–12th graders. Join this weekly youth group for activities including games, songs, a devotional, and small groups!

**Youth on Wednesdays (YOW)** March 13 at 6:00 p.m. The last YOW for the 23–24 year is March 20! Join this weekly group for 5th–8th graders for games, devotionals, and small groups. Optional pizza dinner at 5:30 p.m., \$5. GF available.

Please contact Directors Keris Dahlkamp or Junha Kim at [keris@lopc.org](mailto:keris@lopc.org) or [junha@lopc.org](mailto:junha@lopc.org).

## Children's Ministry

### The Garden

Sundays during Worship

- Pre-K–1st in CLC Room 204
- 2nd–4th in CLC Room 205

Ages 6 months–4th grade. Kid-friendly time for growing friendship with Jesus and with one another.

Contact Susan Wentworth at [susan@lopc.org](mailto:susan@lopc.org) with questions.

### Sunday Morning Infant Care

If your child is younger than one year old, please contact Susan Wentworth at [susan@lopc.org](mailto:susan@lopc.org) prior to attending on a Sunday to make special arrangements.

## LOPC Lost and Found

A few pieces of jewelry were recently found in the sanctuary.

If you think we may have your lost jewelry, please contact Elizabeth Ball at [elizabeth@lopc.org](mailto:elizabeth@lopc.org) to provide a description of the item.

## Hold in Prayer

Our prayers of comfort and peace go out to the family and friends of:

**Charlotte Huntley**, who passed January 2. A service will be held on April 6 at 1:00 p.m.

**Lois Salem**, who passed on February 6.

**Kaaren Rose**, who passed on February 27.

# community

## Fourth Monday Book Group

March 25 at 2:00 p.m. on Zoom

The group will discuss *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride.

Contact Jean Fiske at [jdfiske@gmail.com](mailto:jdfiske@gmail.com) to be added to the group.

## Fourth Friday Book Group

March 22 4:00 p.m. on Zoom (occasional in person gatherings to come):

The group will discuss *American Midnight: The Great War, a Violent Peace, and Democracy's Forgotten Crisis*, by Adam Hochschild (February's First Friday Forum speaker).

All are welcome. Email Catherine Coleman at [awaitingword@gmail.com](mailto:awaitingword@gmail.com) to join.

## First Friday Forum

April 5 at 1:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and on Livestream

Dr. William Jagust, professor of Public Health and Neuroscience at UCB speaks on "Untangling Alzheimer's." Dr. Jagust discusses the difference between dementia and Alzheimer's, the development of Alzheimer's in the brain, and the challenges in developing effective treatments.

Visit [lopc.org/first-friday-forum](https://lopc.org/first-friday-forum) for additional information.

## Update: LOPC's advocacy for the exoneration of the Port Chicago 50

Sponsored by LOPC's Racial Equity and Engagement Team and Mission Team

The Racial Equity and Engagement Team is pleased to announce that the Session of LOPC approved our motion to affirm support for the efforts urging the President, Congress of the United States, and Secretary of the Navy to take all necessary actions to restore honor to, and rectify the mistreatment by the United States Military of, any sailors who were unjustly blamed for and convicted of mutiny after the Port Chicago disaster, which occurred in the town of Port Chicago, California, in 1944. This approval by session came after an education event for the congregation led by LOPC member and attorney, Jonathan Lee on January 28, 2024. LOPC will now be listed as a supporter of the Port Chicago Task Force formed by the Contra Costa County Bar Association.

If you would like more information about this issue, please feel free to contact Jonathan at [jonathan.lee10@comcast.net](mailto:jonathan.lee10@comcast.net).

# worship

## Worship Hospitality Volunteers

The Worship Team is looking for new members to usher/greet on a monthly basis and for special services throughout the year. Duties include passing out bulletins, taking collections, and directing Communion. This is a wonderful way to meet new people and to connect with the Congregation.

Contact Carol King at [caking53@pacbell.net](mailto:caking53@pacbell.net) to learn more.

## Kurth Memorial Garden

Kurth Memorial Garden (KMG) is looking forward to a refurbishment and expansion now beginning in May 2024. If you are interested in purchasing a niche or wall plaque from the current inventory, prices will stay in place until KMG is closed for construction. When KMG reopens, new pricing will go into effect.

For questions or to make a purchase, contact Lynn Trowbridge at [lynntr@comcast.net](mailto:lynntr@comcast.net).

## Thursday Fellowship

March 14 at 11:00 a.m.

Join us for activities, lunch, and entertainment. A speaker from the spectacular Ruth Bancroft Garden in Walnut Creek will present a slideshow featuring climate resilient plants from around the world.

If you have questions, please contact Julie Peterson at [julie@lopc.org](mailto:julie@lopc.org).

## Flower Sponsor Needed

For Palm Sunday

A sponsorship is available for this special Sunday. Sponsoring the flowers for a Sunday worship service is a beautiful way to celebrate or honor your loved ones. Your personal dedication will be published in the worship bulletin on the Sunday of your sponsorship.

Sign up now at [lopc.org/flowers](https://lopc.org/flowers) for Palm Sunday or your Sunday of choice for 2024.



# finance

## Microsoft Unknown Stock Donor

LOPC received 37 shares of MSFT in the LOPC Schwab account on 01/29/2024.

Please contact Farah, LOPC Accountant, at [farah@lopc.org](mailto:farah@lopc.org) if you are the donor of this gift, so we can properly record and thank you for your generosity.

## Giving at LOPC

One of the most practical ways you can help during times like these is through your financial support.



To give visit [lopc.org/giving](https://lopc.org/giving), or scan the code above on your mobile device.



## Calling all Vacation Bible Camp Volunteers

June 10–14, 2:00–5:00 p.m.

We are currently seeking volunteers to serve as Crew Leaders, Rotation Leaders and Assistants, Hospitality Helpers, and Pre-Camp support (you can even do it from the comfort of your own home!).

To sign up, please complete the volunteer form at [lopc.org/vbcamp](https://lopc.org/vbcamp) or contact Susan Wentworth at [susan@lopc.org](mailto:susan@lopc.org) with questions.

Camper registration will open on April 1, but volunteers get priority registration for their campers now!

## Seeking Upcycled items for VBC

To turn our Sanctuary and classroom spaces into an underwater oasis, we are seeking the following supplies to create coral, creatures, and more:

- Pool noodles (used or new)
- Egg cartons
- TP/ Paper towel rolls
- Streamers
- One old rowboat (email [emily@lopc.org](mailto:emily@lopc.org))
- Small plastic bowls (not disposable)

Please deliver all supplies, boat excepted, to the Ministry Center VBC box located directly behind reception through April 15. Thank you!

# special announcement

## LOPC's Statement on the Israel/Palestine Conflict

We live in a time when hostility and warfare between Israel/Palestine has created a state of crisis for people on both sides. LOPC's interfaith leadership, along with session's concurrence, has issued an official LOPC statement on the Israel/Palestine conflict.

Please visit LOPC's Interfaith Dialogue webpage [lopc.org/interfaith](https://lopc.org/interfaith) to see the following:

- LOPC statement on the Israel/Palestine conflict
- Presentation slides from Table Talk: Presbyterian Dialogue on Israel/Palestine
- Resources on Israel/Palestine War
- Call to Action letter template for U.S. politicians

We will continue to update you as additional information is available and further steps are taken to provide action items on the Israel/Palestine conflict.

# job opportunity

## Job Opening: Campus Operations Coordinator

The Campus Operations Coordinator functions as the primary resource for staff, members, and outside groups as meetings and events are scheduled and planned. This position also serves as administrative support to the Campus Operations Manager.

For more information, please read the full job description at [lopc.org/jobs](https://lopc.org/jobs). To apply, submit a cover letter and resume to Jaime Polson at [jaime@lopc.org](mailto:jaime@lopc.org).



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