

# Connections



April 13, 2025

## PALM SUNDAY EGG HUNT

All are welcome  
for games,  
treats, and fun!

TODAY at 11:00 a.m.

### Palm Sunday Egg Hunt

TODAY, April 13, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
in Fellowship Hall

Join us after worship today for LOPC's annual Palm Sunday Event & Egg Hunt! There will be three age-appropriate egg hunts for children ages infant–4th grade. Come for breakfast bites, games, arts & crafts, and a ton of fun! All are welcome!

### Easter Special Offering

Every Easter, LOPC has a tradition of raising funds for one or more mission partners. This year's Easter Special Offering is focused on supporting at-risk youth both locally and internationally. Our goal for this Easter Special Offering is to raise \$20,000 for both organizations. Thank you for your generosity!

#### Supporting Monument Crisis Center's

**Youth Programs:** MCC provides essential resources that help at-risk children thrive. Donations directly impact local families by funding necessities like food, transportation, and educational supplies.

**Monument  
CrisisCenter**



**Supporting Vulnerable Children in the Congo:** The Congo Presbyterian Church partners with local communities and churches to place vulnerable children in foster homes and reunite them with relatives. Donations fund essential training, transportation, and resources to protect these children.

Write "Easter Offering" on a pew envelope or your check memo line. To give online or learn more, visit [lopc.org/specialoffering](https://lopc.org/specialoffering).

## Holy Week & EASTER

Palm Sunday, April 13

Worship Service at 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 17

Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18

Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday  
April 20

Sunrise Service at  
6:30 a.m.

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



### LOPC Visiting Scholar Dr. Ki Joo (KC) Choi - May 3 & 4

Please join us this May as we celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month and welcome special guest theologian and preacher, Dr. Ki Joo (KC) Choi. Dr. Choi, Princeton Theological Seminary professor of theological ethics and an expert in Asian American theology, will share his insights on faith and identity throughout the weekend:

- May 3, 6:00 p.m. potluck event: Can Art be Prophetic in a Polarized Society? (RSVP required)
- May 4, 11:11: What if God were Asian? Why Asian American Theology Matters.

Don't miss these inspiring events as we honor the rich contributions of the AAPI community and welcome Dr. Choi to LOPC! For more information and to RSVP for May 3, visit [lopc.org/registrations](https://lopc.org/registrations).



## Pastors

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



# CHAPEL WORSHIP

Renew Refresh  
Revive

SUNDAYS AT  
8:30 A.M.  
NO SERVICE  
EASTER SUNDAY

## children & youth

### Youth Ministry

**Youth Alive**, our Sunday morning youth Bible study for 5th – 8th graders, at 10:00 a.m. in CLC Room 201.

**By The Way (BTW)** For high school youth. Sundays from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Optional pizza dinner at 5:45 p.m. in the Davies Room is \$5.

**April 27: Senior Night.**

#### Youth on Wednesdays (YOW)

For middle school youth. Wednesdays from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Optional pizza dinner at 5:30 p.m. is \$5.

**Questions? Contact Cynthia Purvis at [cynthia@lopc.org](mailto:cynthia@lopc.org). To sign up for the youth newsletter, contact Robin Freeberg at [robin@lopc.org](mailto:robin@lopc.org).**

### 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.

### Children's Ministry

#### The Garden

Sundays during Worship

- Children 6 months–toddlers in CLC Nursery\* & Toddler Rooms
- Pre-K–1st in CLC Room 204
- 2nd–4th in CLC Room 205

Kid-friendly time for growing friendship with Jesus and with one another. \* limited space

### High School Summer Service-Learning Trip

July 6 - 11 in Raleigh, NC for 8th-12th graders

LOPC youth will join Youth Mission Co., a justice-centered and biblically based mission that provides opportunities to explore the hidden needs and struggles of those who are living on the margins.

**For more information and to register, visit [lopc.org/service-learning](http://lopc.org/service-learning). Cost is \$900. Financial assistance is available. Questions? Email Cynthia Purvis at [cynthia@lopc.org](mailto:cynthia@lopc.org).**

### Summer Service Squad

June 9 - 13, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. for 5th-7th graders

Each day, youth will serve with a different East Bay mission partner.

For more information about activities, visit [lopc.org/service-learning](http://lopc.org/service-learning). Cost is \$260. Registration is full - to join the waitlist, email Cynthia Purvis at [cynthia@lopc.org](mailto:cynthia@lopc.org).

### Calling all Camp Volunteers!

Vacation Bible Camp volunteers are essential for providing leadership for our campers. Some of the needed roles for VB Camp are crew leaders, rotation leaders, hospitality helpers, and more. **If you have any availability June 9-13, please sign up at [lopc.org/vbcamp](http://lopc.org/vbcamp) to register for a role. It is not necessary to volunteer everyday. Job sharing is welcome. Questions? Contact Susan Wentworth at [susan@lopc.org](mailto:susan@lopc.org).**

**Vacation Bible Camp**  
**June 9 - 13**  
**2:00 - 5:00 p.m.**  
Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church  
[www.lopc.org/vbcamp](http://www.lopc.org/vbcamp)

**TRUE NORTH**  
Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

REGISTER HERE!





# community

## New Member Class

April 27, 11:10 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. in the Oak Room

Join Pastor Chris Baldwin to learn more about LOPC, the vision of the church, get plugged in with the Next Steps program, and meet other new folks like yourself! If you've been attending for a while and want to learn more about the church or are interested in becoming a member, this is your class!

Register at [lopc.org/registrations](http://lopc.org/registrations). Questions? Contact Chris Baldwin at [chris@lopc.org](mailto:chris@lopc.org).

## Men's Friday Fellowship

May 16, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. in the Oak Room

Calling all guys! Featured speakers will share about their faith and how it impacts their career, relationships, failures/successes, and more. Men's Friday Fellowship meets on the 3rd Friday of each month (Aug-May). Next meeting is May 16.

Register at [lopc.org/registrations](http://lopc.org/registrations). Questions? Contact Jeff Eyet at [jeff.eyet@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.eyet@gmail.com).

## First Friday Forum

May 2 at 1:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and online

Craig Clements, professor in the Wildfire Interdisciplinary Research Center SJSU on “**Improving Prediction of Extreme Wildfires and Their Behavior.**” Clements initiated the fire research center in 2007. His insights on the structure of a wildfire help explain how they become so powerful that they create their own weather.

For more information, and to view videos of the previous speakers, visit [lopc.org/first-friday-forum](http://lopc.org/first-friday-forum).

## Thursday Fellowship

### A Senior Ministry Program

April 17, 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Mike Kistner guitarist and vocalist will play our favorites as we sing along.

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

# mission

## Bikes Needed

### for the Extended Family Program (EFP)

EFP are in need of adult and children's used bikes with little to no repairs necessary.

**Bikes can be dropped off on Tuesdays only from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Walnut Creek Methodist Church at 1543 Sunnyvale Ave. Park in lower parking lot, descend a few steps to their Social Hall and you will find the volunteers to help you.**

## World Malaria Day

April 25, 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

The Congo Mission Team invites you to join healthcare leaders and advocates from Africa and the U.S. on World Malaria Day for a free webinar about life-saving malaria vaccines. The event, hosted by the Presbyterian Malaria Vaccine Advocacy Team (PMVAT), will feature Experts who will discuss how new vaccines are helping to fight malaria, which kills over 600,000 people each year—most of them children under five in Africa. In these turbulent times of our federal government cutting aid to third world countries, the Office of Public Witness will give us ways to advocate for support of vaccine funding. This online event is open to all.

To register, visit [worldmaliadaywebinar.eventbrite.com](http://worldmaliadaywebinar.eventbrite.com). For more information, contact PMVAT at [info@pmvat.org](mailto:info@pmvat.org).

## Hold in Prayer

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

**Bob Finertie**, who passed on February 7. A service will be held on April 26 at 11:00 a.m.

**Bill Hobbs**, who passed on March 11. He was predeceased by his wife, Joan, in 2012.

**Roger Freet**, who passed on March 18. A service will be held on May 3 at 11:00 a.m.

**Jim Hiatt**, who passed on March 28. A service will be held on May 31 at 1:00 p.m.

# music

## Join the "Hallelujah" Chorus!

On Easter Sunday, at the end of the 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. services, the congregation will be invited to join the choir in singing Handel's rousing "Hallelujah" Chorus. Everyone will be encouraged to take part in this joyous piece of music. If you want to prepare your part before Easter Sunday, you can hear the soprano, alto, tenor, and bass parts by watching a YouTube video posted on our website. There will also be a link to the score on that page, and copies will be available from the ushers on Easter morning.

Prepare your singing voices by visiting [lopc.org/music](http://lopc.org/music).



## LOPC Spring Concert

### Big Band playing Jazz and Swing Favorites!

Join LOPC's Music Ministry for an incredible evening of extraordinary talent with a full big band orchestra! Welcome Grammy-winning singer Jamie Davis & his orchestra along with special guest and LOPC favorite, Michelle Jordan.

All net proceeds will benefit the Monument Crisis Center.

Tickets are \$30 and can be reserved at [lopc.org/tickets](http://lopc.org/tickets).

Register Here  
to reserve your  
tickets!



## Sponsor the Easter Azaleas

This Easter, LOPC will continue its well-loved tradition of adorning the sanctuary with white azaleas. You can sign up on the plaza after worship TODAY and April 13, order online at [lopc.org/flowers](http://lopc.org/flowers), or mail or drop this form to the Ministry Center offices. All mailed requests must be received by April 13. A list of azalea dedications will be published in the Easter bulletins. Those who have donated azaleas may take their plant(s) home with them after the 10:30 a.m. Easter service, or they can be picked up from the Sanctuary narthex April 21 - 23.

## Easter Azaleas

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Paid by (circle) Cash Check

Azalea donations are \$20 each. Please make checks payable to LOPC.  
Please fill out this form and return to the Ministry Center Office by April 13.



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