



Sunday Worship Services

Sanctuary 9:00 am
Online 9:30 am
Chapel 10:30 am

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Holiday Office Closures

Thanksgiving: Nov 27-28
Christmas: Dec 25-26
New Years' Day: Jan 1



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Our Vision

Loving everyone to LIFE with everything we have.

Our Mission

Through authentic community, we seek to *experience* Jesus, *journey* into deeper faith, *strengthen* the Church, and *transform* our world.

Values

We are a good home.
We are intergenerational.
We inspire engagement.

A note from Pastor Karla

November marks the beginning of the giving season here at the church. While God invites us to give ourselves to his purposes on a daily basis, it is also important that we set aside time (sacred time) to remember and commit to God's work in this world through his church. For Christ-followers, **the decision to give is not primarily financial in nature.** It is rooted in the nature of God and in our relationship with Him. The familiar verse of John 3:16 reminds that "God so loved the world that he gave..." This isn't simply a declaration, it isn't only a verse meant to lead people to Christ, nor is it simply a catch-phrase to be scrawled on poster boards for football games. This verse is a revelation that exposes the heart of God. It also gives meaning to our lives. If there is one thing the Bible teaches us it is that God is love and those of us who claim to follow him ought to love others as God has loved us. The message of John 3:16 is that **love gives.** This is the spiritual basis for Christian giving.

As we continue to live into our Divine Design this year as a church, and as we affirm that Divine Design in others let us acknowledge then the gifts of sacrifice and generosity which God has breathed into us. If we were to take an honest look at our lives, we will discover three inescapable truths. **The first truth being that we belong to God and we have much to celebrate in that belonging.** Part of that celebration includes being part of the family of faith. We are called to take care of that family. **The second truth is that we have received much.** While some of us may struggle more than others, the wealth of resources we have (time, talent, and treasure) far outweighs most of the world. In our season of giving we have the opportunity to take an inventory of our wealth and give thanks. **And the final truth is that money matters.** Jesus discussed money more than any other topic for a reason. Holding onto it too tightly, whether you have too much or too little, is what prevents our spiritual growth. We are invited to release for the sake of our souls.

May this time leading up to Advent be a time of joy and thanksgiving as we continue to exhibit our love of God through our love of one another.



CHURCH NEWS

WE ARE ALL
**DIVINELY
DESIGNED**

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN 2026

We are in our season of giving.

This year's theme, We Are All Divinely Designed, reminds us that God created each of us to reflect His goodness in the world—to multiply, fill the earth, and faithfully steward His gifts. Would you help us live out that divine design by giving to Point Loma Church this year?

Scan the QR code to fill out your commitment card!

Learn more at:
pointlomachurch.org/annualcampaign



ADVENT IN NARNIA

Advent Sermon Series | Nov 30-Dec 2

Advent is a time of great anticipation as we await the Christ-child entering our world at Christmas. This year, through the imagination of C.S. Lewis and his book *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, join us on Sunday mornings as we uncover the story of the birth of Christ in a new way. If you have never read the book or if it has been a while, we invite you to read it in the coming weeks! There are a few copies in the church office.

Christmas Eve | Dec 24

- 10am | Chapel Service
- 4pm | Children's Musical | Sanctuary & Livestream
- 7pm | Candlelight Service | Sanctuary & Livestream
- 9pm | Candlelight Service | Sanctuary

Special Advent Offerings

Narnia Movie Night | Dec 5, 5pm | Chapel

Watch *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* on our giant 20-foot screen! Pizza and drinks at 5pm, movie starts at 5:30pm. Bring a blanket or sleeping bag to lounge on the floor—or grab a chair. Sign up so we can plan for food!

Quiet Day | Dec 6, 9:00am-2:00pm

This Advent quiet day invites us to pause and, once again, prepare our hearts and make room for the Babe in the Manger! All are welcome. It just might be the best present you can give yourself this season!

Blue Christmas | Dec 21, 5pm

A service of hope, light and remembrance for anyone who is grieving a loss or feeling lost themselves during this season.



Session Highlights

OCTOBER 2025 MEETING | JOHN SPAFFORD, CLERK

The Session welcomed Deacon Jen Moser, who presented the Deacon's Handbook with recent edits. The updated handbook was approved, and the Session offered a prayer of thanksgiving for Jen and the Deacons. After discussing helpful comments from a church member, the Session agreed to review the 2018 Emergency Plan.

Finance Lead Elder Amy Radonich led an extended discussion on church finances, considering impacts from Preschool changes, the renovation, seasonal expenses, trends in giving, and the careful control of expenses. The discussion closed with a prayer of gratitude that, despite complicated challenges, our church finances remain as Pastor Karla said, "in good shape."

A contract to install solar panels was reviewed, and the Session also reviewed the 2026 annual giving brochure. A proposal to print a new church directory was approved, and a new Discipleship Task Force, chaired by Elder Whitney Skala, was established.

EXPERIENCE JESUS



The Compassionate Life Sermon Series This November

Just as God had compassion for us, we are invited to have compassion for those around us--no matter our differences. In this brief series, let us explore together what it looks like to live compassionate lives. If we really saw the image of God in every person, how might that change our world?



Holiday Traditions Online Event | Dec 15, 6:30pm

Back again this year, we will get to see more holiday traditions from families in our community. Come together on zoom on Tuesday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m. to get a sneak peak on a few treasured recipes and crafts! RSVP for the zoom link.



Come and enjoy Christmas music performed by a chamber orchestra with members from the San Diego Symphony, children and adult choirs, bells, worship band, and piano at Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church's annual Christmas Concert! This concert is free and is open to all ages. Cookie Reception between concerts. Nursery Care provided at both concerts. Kids & Youth Activities for grades K-8 during the 5:00pm concert. The 5:00pm concert will also be available via livestream.

JOURNEY INTO DEEPER FAITH

Youth

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Youth Volunteer Appreciation Dinner • Nov 16, 4:30-6:30pm in the FLC

Join us for the 3rd Annual Volunteer appreciation dinner! There will be games, activities and of course prizes for all the amazing volunteers that have helped make youth group so great this past year! Bring the whole family for an amazing night!



Youth Christmas Party

December 14, 4:30-6:30pm • Youth Room

6th-12th graders are invited to a festive night of fun! Enjoy games, Christmas crafts, and dinner! Bring a gift for the White Elephant Gift Exchange (limit \$15)! Don't miss this merry celebration!



Youth Winter Camp Registration

January 16-19, 2026

Join us as we head to winter camp for a weekend of fun, worship and getting to know Jesus. All students from 6-12 grade are invited to join!

Register at
pointlomachurch.org/youth
or scan the QR code!



children & family MINISTRY

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Family Bingo Night | Nov 14, 6:00pm

Everyone who knows their letters and numbers is invited to participate in Bingo night! Come for the ice cream, come for the prizes, come for the fun. Childcare is available for kids 3 and under. Register by Nov 6.



Red Brick Christmas | Dec 14, 3:00pm

Celebrate the season at our free annual Christmas party. Enjoy festive crafts, cookies, Christmas karaoke, photos with Santa, and fun for the whole family. This year's theme is Ugly Christmas Sweaters—so put on your most outrageous holiday look and join the fun!



Nursery and Childcare at The Christmas Concert!

Families are invited to celebrate the season with us at our Christmas concerts!

- Nursery care will be available at both performances
- Kids grades K-8 can enjoy Christmas-themed fun and games during the first concert

Next Meeting	Currently Reading: <i>Signal Fires</i> by Dani Shapiro
18 NOV	Location: Chapel
	Time: 6:30 - 8:00 PM

**Faith and Fiction Book Club
Nov 18, 6:30-8:00pm | Chapel**

In this book club we dive into fiction and explore connections to our faith. Whether you're a seasoned bookworm or a casual reader curious about exploring faith through the lens of fiction, everyone 18 and older is welcome! This month's book: *Signal Fires* by Dani Shapiro

ADVENT IN NARNIA

Debrief the Sermon

NOV 30-DEC 28
IN THE CHURCH OFFICE
AND ON ZOOM

SUNDAYS 10:30AM-11:15AM

**Debrief the Sermon
November 30-December 28**

Come for conversation and reflection as we unpack the sermon together. Join us November 30-December 28. We meet from 10:30-11:15 in a hybrid model of in-person in the Church Office or online through the zoom link in the chat after the online services. Come when you can, each session stands alone. Questions? Email Cheryl Louie at clouie3@gmail.com

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

Men's Fellowship

Men's Breakfast

First Wednesday of Every Month

7:00-8:30am in the Family Life Center
Men 15+

**Men's Breakfast | 1st Wed of the Month |
7:00-8:30am | FLC | Nov 5 and Dec 3**

On the first Wednesday of every month we will be gathering together in the FLC for fellowship, encouraging teaching time as well as a home cooked hearty breakfast! All men ages 15 and older are invited to join us! No registration needed. Just show up ready to eat!

MENS GIVING

NOVEMBER 17, 5:30-8:00PM

FELLOWSHIP • TEACHING • DINNER

Mensgiving | November 17, 5:30-8:00pm

Join us at the Portuguese Hall for an evening of fellowship and connection over a delicious dinner as we welcome the holiday season. This year we have a very special speaker to inspire us: Pastor Karla! Don't miss this opportunity to gather, grow, and connect with one another!



Support Groups



Parents of College Students Support Group

NOV 17
5:00-6:00PM

The graphic features a white background with a red border. On the left, there is a photograph of two hands holding a small black heart. The text is in a clean, sans-serif font.

Parents of College Students Support Group | Nov 17, 5:00-6:00pm | Parlor

When a child goes away to college, the whole family goes through an adjustment period. At this meeting, we will share joys and concerns, pray for our students and learn about our Deacon college outreach ministry. RSVP to elaine@pointlomachurch.org.



Surviving The Holidays
WORKSHOP & DINNER

NOVEMBER 12, 5:30-7:30PM

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The graphic has a dark green background with a red border. It features a photograph of lit red candles in a holder, with a bokeh light effect in the background. The text is white and red.

Surviving the Holidays Workshop Nov 12

The holidays are challenging when you are grieving a loss. Join us at this workshop to receive encouragement, support and learn practical ways to navigate the season. Workshop includes at 30 min video, discussion time and a pasta meal. Register online.



GriefShare[®]
SUPPORT GROUP

THURSDAYS, 1:00-3:00PM
JANUARY 15 - MARCH 19
JOIN AT ANY TIME

POINTLOMACHURCH.ORG/COMMUNITYCARE

The graphic has a dark blue background with a white border. It features the GriefShare logo and a small image of a church steeple. The text is white.

GriefShare | Thursdays, 1:00-3:00pm Jan 15 - Mar 19 | Parlor

GriefShare is a 10-week, in-person grief recovery group for individuals who have experienced the death of a loved one. Sessions involve watching a brief video, group discussion, and workbook exercises. The Christian curriculum helps you find hope and healing as you walk the journey of grief. Participants may join at any time.



JOIN US FOR THE
ADVENT FAIR

NOVEMBER 30, 9AM-12PM

SHOPPING • GIFT WRAPPING SERVICES • FELLOWSHIP

The graphic has a white background with a red, green, and white striped border. It features a small bow icon and the text is in red and black.

Advent Fair | Nov 30, 9am-12pm

Start your holiday shopping while supporting a meaningful cause. At this special holiday market, the bell choir will be selling baked goods; the prayer quilt ministry team will be offering hand sewn items; and the Boy Scouts will be offering gift wrapping services. Proceeds support each ministry. Stop by for a festive morning of shopping and fellowship.

Women's Fellowship



Women's Retreat | Jan 23-25, 2026

Life is full of transitions—some expected, some not. From career shifts and family changes to aging and letting go, the path forward can feel uncertain. Join us for a peaceful weekend of rest, renewal, and spiritual encouragement as we explore the theme Weathering Change: Seeking Peace Amid Life's Tough Transitions. Through Scripture, nature, and community, guest speaker Pastor Courtney Ellis will guide us in reconnecting with God's steady presence through life's storms.



Senior Adult MINISTRY

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SENIOR LUNCHEONS

THANKSGIVING SENIOR LUNCHEON FEATURING JEFFERSON SCHILDGEN

Tuesday, November 18, Family Life Center - \$7 at the door
Doors Open at 10:00am, Music at 11:00am, Lunch at 12:00pm

Join us for a festive Thanksgiving luncheon featuring the retro-cool sounds of Jefferson Schildgen of Rat Pack Reborn. Enjoy a menu of personal pot pies, salad and seasonal dessert. Make your reservation with Elaine by Friday, November 14.

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Tuesday, December 9, Family Life Center, \$7 at the door
Doors Open at 10:00am, Lunch at 12:00pm

Celebrate the Christmas season together at this festive luncheon. Menu & entertainment TBA.

SENIOR LECTURE

BREAKTHROUGHS IN HUMAN LONGEVITY AND CANCER TREATMENT

Wednesday, December 17, 11:00-12:30pm in the Family Life Center

Presentation by Dr. Gresham Bayne

S.D. M.O.M.'S
**CHRISTMAS
TOY STORE**
TOY DRIVE • NOV 3-DEC 8



**SD MOM's Toy Store Drive
Donate Toys Now Through Dec 7**

On December 13 we are hosting a Christmas toy store filled with toys donated throughout November for local military families through our mission partner MOMs (San Diego Military Outreach Ministries). Help bless families with this amazing toy store! Donate: Toys for children ages newborn to 12 years! New and unwrapped toys can be dropped off Sunday-Friday.

Contribute Now!

Scan the QR code to Venmo @point-loma-church, and put "MOMs Toy Store" in the description.



Serve!

We need help collecting toys on Sundays throughout November as well as with the store in December. Sign up at pointlomachurch.org/serving-opportunities or scan the QR code!



LIFE EVENTS

BIRTHS:

Eden Joy Brenes was born on September 23, 2025 to parents Aaron and Katie Brenes. Proud grandparents are Roger and Lana Brenes.

Mabel Louise Cleveland was born on October 2, 2025 to parents Trevor and Alicia (Moser) Cleveland. Proud grandparents are John and Jennifer Moser.

DEATHS:

Almarine Walker passed away on October 2, 2025. A memorial service will be held on November 15, 2025 in the Sanctuary at 10am. Rev. Dr. Chris Lenock will officiate. A reception will follow in the Family Life Center.

James Nickel passed away on October 8, 2025. A memorial service will be held on December 13, 2025 at 1pm in the Sanctuary. Karla Shaw will officiate.



NOVEMBER FLOWER DONATIONS

Each week, the Deacons deliver flowers in order to brighten days and bring cheer. We are so grateful to those who have donated to make this flower ministry possible. **The flowers this month are given...**

NOVEMBER 2

In loving memory of Ann and James Kelley by Elizabeth and James Kelley and Maureen and Eric Blackhall.

NOVEMBER 9

By Fritzi Johns in loving memory of her husband Ed, their son Edward Dillon Johns and their parents.

By Lana and Roger Brenes in loving memory of their parents, Clark and Beth Seagraves and Sam and Esther Brenes, their niece Megan Most and their brothers Phil Brenes and Tom Money.

NOVEMBER 16

By Bob and Jill Giesick in celebration of the Giesick and Senne November birthdays.

By Kathleen McKnight in joyful celebration of the birthday of her grandson Ari Loren McKnight.

NOVEMBER 23

In loving memory of our precious Cynthia Wootton from her husband (Alan Clark), Mom (Bette Wootton), best friend Liz, siblings, nieces and nephews and all.

NOVEMBER 30

By Diana and John Holman in memory of their previous spouses who are with the Lord: Marilyn Holman, Harriet Holman, and Bill Stephens.

By Pete and Don Griffith with thanksgiving for their 73rd Wedding Anniversary, loving family and wonderful church family.



COMING UP

A poster for a Christmas concert. The background is dark with bokeh lights and a red Christmas stocking at the bottom right. The text is white and green.

POINT LOMA COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DECEMBER 7
5:00PM SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM
7:00PM SANCTUARY

A poster for a Christmas event. The background is light gray with various Christmas sweaters and a Santa Claus figure at the bottom right. The text is red and green.

UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER

RED BRICK CHRISTMAS

December 14
3:00-5:00pm