

July 2007

Dear Artist:

You have been blessed by God with artistic talents. We are inviting you to share these gifts in worship. Beginning in the fall, I will be preaching a year-long sermon series, *Stories We Can't Live Without: Proclaiming Christ's Message Today*. In conjunction with our first core mission, "Proclaim Christ's Message," we would like to enhance this sermon series with artistic expressions of God's story.

We would be honored to have you partner with our worship leaders in telling the stories of the Bible through all forms of artistic media, i.e., painting, sculpture, music performance or composition, pottery, dance, ceramics, fiber and textile arts, and more. Your efforts to introduce us to other artists with whom we are not familiar will be appreciated.

We envision artistic expressions of Biblical stories being part of worship services as well as forming a yearlong exhibit in the Church. Our touchstones are:

- . Select topic from a list of Bible stories that form the outline of the year-long sermon series and the media in which to work (see attached);
- . Collaborate with Reverend Chakoian on the selected story and the artistic vision to bring it to life;
- . Work will be signed, titled and displayed in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall as well as other areas of the building;
- . Work will be part of the worship service when the chosen Bible story is being preached and thus know that date as the completion date;
- . Work (if possible given the medium) will be on display in the church for one year.
- . Works will be returned to artists at the close of the sermon series in fall 2008.

This is an exciting journey and one we hope will interest you. To indicate your participation, the Bible story that you choose to use as inspiration and the medium in which you work, please reply by email to: kspera@firstchurchlf.org.

God's Blessings!

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Reverend Christine Chakoian

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2007 – 2008 Preaching & Worship Schedule
“Stories We Can’t Live Without: Proclaiming Christ’s Message Today”

SERIES: GOD CREATES AND CALLS US			
date	theme	scripture	artist
September 9	Creation & the Fall:	Genesis 1-4	Kim Glennon Liturgical Dance
September 16	Noah & Babel:	Genesis 6-11	
September 23	Abraham & Sarah:	Genesis 12-22	
September 30	Isaac & Jacob:	Genesis 24-35	
October 7	Joseph:	Genesis 37-50	
SERIES: GOD FORMS US INTO A PEOPLE			
October 14	Moses & the Exodus:	Exodus 1-15	
October 21	In the Wilderness:	Exodus 16-40	
October 28	Joshua & Judges	Joshua & Judges	
November 4	Samuel, Saul & David:	I & II Samuel	
November 11	A House Divides, Israel Falls, Judah is Warned:	I-Kgs. - II Kgs. 17 ; Jonah, Amos, Hosea, I Isaiah, Micah	
November 18	Judah Reforms but Falls:	II Kgs. 18-25; Isaiah, Nahum, Zephaniah, Jeremiah, Habakkuk, Ezekiel	
November 25	Exile & Restoration:	Ezra-Nehemiah; II Isaiah, Haggai, Zechariah; Esther	
SERIES: GOD PROMISES US THE MESSIAH			
December 2	The Promised Messiah	Isaiah 58	
December 9	The Promised Messiah	Malachi 3	
December 16	The Promised Messiah	Zechariah 9:9ff	
December 23	Lessons & Carols		
SERIES: GOD APPEARS IN THE LIFE OF JESUS			
December 30	The Birth of Jesus		
January 6	The Visit of the Magi:	Matthew 2:1-12	
January 13	The Flight to Egypt:	Matthew 2:13-23	
January 20	Jesus is Baptized:	Matthew 3:1-17	
January 27	Jesus is Tempted in the Wilderness:	Matthew 4:1-11	
February 3	Jesus Begins His Ministry:	Matthew 4:12-25	
SERIES FOR LENT: THE MISSION OF JESUS			
February 10	Jesus’ Life: teaching through parables:	Matthew 13:1-23	
February 17	Jesus’ Life: feeding the five thousand:	Matthew 14:13-22	
February 24	Jesus’ Life: healing the sick:	Matthew 15: 21-31	
March 2	Jesus’ Life: the Transfiguration:	Matthew 17:1-13	

SERIES FOR LENT: THE MISSION OF JESUS (CONTINUED)			
March 9	Jesus' Life: riches and the kingdom:	Matthew 19:16-30	
March 16	<i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i>		
March 23	Jesus is Raised:	Matthew 28:1-10	
March 30	Jesus Gives the Great Commission:	Matthew 28:16-20	
SERIES: JESUS TEACHES US HOW TO LIVE (THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT)			
April 6	The Beatitudes:	Matthew 5:1-12	
April 13	The Light of the World; Love your Enemies:	Matthew 5:13-16; 43-48	
April 20	The Lord's Prayer:	Matthew 6:1-18	
April 27	The Lilies of the Field:	Matthew 6:19-34	
May 4	Do Unto Others:	Matthew 7:1-12	
SERIES: GOD THE EARLY CHURCH: ITS CREATION AND CONTROVERSIES			
May 11	Pentecost:	Acts 2:1-47; Joel 2:27-32	
May 18	Leaders for the Church:	Acts 6:1-7; I Cor.	
May 25	Paul's Conversion:	Acts 9:1-19	
June 1	The Controversy Over the Gentiles, Pt. I:	Acts 10:1-48; 11:1-18	
June 8	The Controversy Over the Gentiles, Pt. II	Galatians 2:1-15	
SERIES: THE INFLUENCE OF PAUL			
June 15	Paul's Teaching on Humility & Joy:	Philippians 2 & 4	
June 22	Paul's Teaching on Suffering:	Romans 8	
June 29	Paul's Teaching on Helping Others:		
SERIES: OTHER EARLY CHRISTIAN VOICES			
July 6		James	
July 13		Hebrews	
July 20		Peter	
July 27		John/Revelation	
SERIES: OTHER FAVORITE STORIES – CONGREGATION'S CHOICE!			
August 3		To be announced	
August 10		To be announced	
August 17		To be announced	
August 24		To be announced	

**Resources for Liturgical Arts Ministry
available at the church:**

Vestments for All Seasons Barbara Dee Baumgarten

The Creative Life Alice Bass

Portraits of the Word Timothy R. Botts

Art and Soul Hilary Brand and Adrienne Chapman

It Was Good Making Art to the Glory of GodNed Bustard editor

Scribbling in the Sand Michael Card

The Creative Call Janice Elsheimer

Walking on Water Madeleine L'Engle

Passing the Colors: Chris Stoffel Overvoorde
Engaging Visual Culture in the 21st Century

Art for God's Sake Philip Graham Ryken

Imagine..... Steve Turner