



## Worship with Whittier First Friends Church November 22, 2020



### Church Announcements

*Your financial contributions are vital to the life of the meeting. Please consider offerings through mail or the Donate Now button on the church's website.*

*If you have prayer needs or spiritual concerns, please call or email the pastors, Micah Bales and Faith Kelley, or any member of Ministry and Council.*

**Today, at 11:00 AM- Worship with Whittier First Friends Church** with speaker Vanessa Julye, Nurturing Ministries Coordinator, Ministry on Racism and Youth Ministries Programs at Friends General Conference

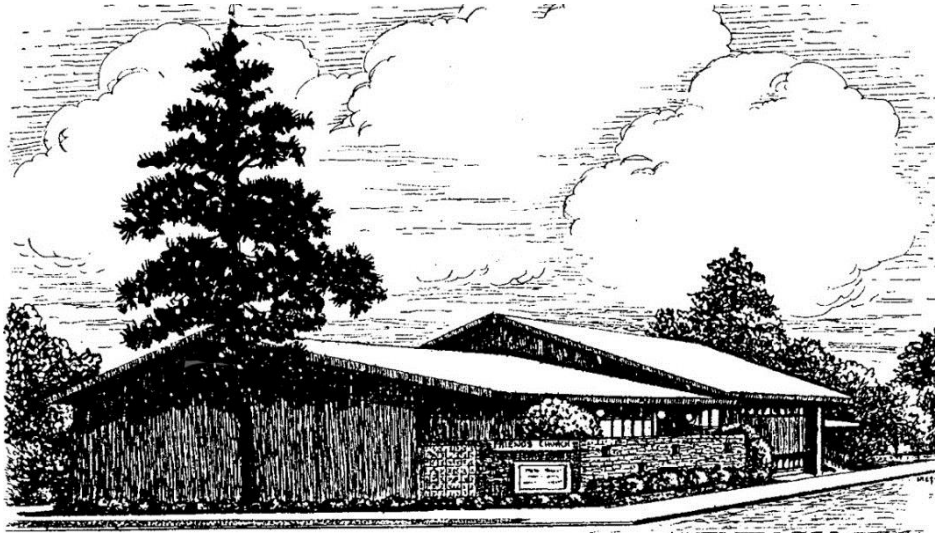
**Bible Study** starts 7:30 PM on Tuesdays via Zoom. We are discussing David Johnson's book, "Jesus, Christ and Servant of God: Meditations on the Gospel According to John." You do not need to have read or have a copy of the book available as we read a discussion and then discuss.

**Gathered and Grateful on Thanksgiving Thursday November 26 at 10:00 AM.** Now moved online to Zoom due to increased Covid restrictions. We will gather for 30 minutes of prayer and waiting worship together in gratitude to God on Thanksgiving morning. Start your holiday focused on thanking our creator and redeemer for all we have been given. Zoom link will be in the weekly newsletter and on the website.

**Casting Call: We need you!** BFC is putting on an intergenerational Christmas pageant, "Do Not Be Afraid." We are looking for actors of all ages to record a short scene with members of their household or bubble. The recording will be played during worship on Sunday December 20. Reach out to Faith Kelley with questions or fill out [the interest form](#).

**Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 PM on December 24** on Zoom. Engage with the Christmas story, sing songs and rejoice that God with us and so we fear not! A time for people of all ages as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Keep up with BFC throughout the week. Join the announcement listserv by emailing Faith at [pastor@berkeleyfriendschurch.org](mailto:pastor@berkeleyfriendschurch.org) and follow us on Facebook.



## Praises and Petitions of Berkeley Friends Church November 22, 2020

- We **thank you for the light of your son, Jesus Christ**, who boldly bids us care for each other and become those who would bring good news of peace for all.
- We pray for **loved ones** in our circles of care: All those diagnosed with, suffering from, or recovering from serious illnesses including **Liz's classmate Allie, Joe Williams, Dianna's friend Sebastian, Robbie Williams, Marilyn's friend Bruce, Faith's cousin Vicki, Veneita Porter and Stanley Chagala Ngesa.**
- We ask for God's presence with **Friends not able to be with us: Julie Rowlette, Charles Blue, Janice Wells and Joe Williams.**
- We pray for **all those who are currently sick with COVID-19.** Give their doctors and nurses wisdom on treatments. Comfort the family who can't be with them. Provide the resources that are needed to care for them well and safely. We particularly remember **Faith's spiritual director Charity Sandstrom and her family.** We grieve all those who have died and ask for an end to this pandemic.
- We pray for the **peaceful transition of presidential leadership in our country.** Surround our president with people who are wise and who will guide him rightly. Make clear the electoral processes, make sure that votes are counted and results are respected.
- We ask that you would give us wisdom to be **receptive and attentive to the responsibilities** that we are given, within our spheres of competence. You have given us all work to do in your kingdom. May we be faithful in our part.
- We pray for **Donna Bales** as she awaits surgery for breast cancer. That the surge in Covid cases has meant that the surgery must be delayed at least three months is hard to accept. Keep the cancer from growing as she waits. May doctors be able to address all her health issues through telemedicine so that she may remain healthy enough for the surgery when the time comes.
- We pray for **racial justice and healing** in our country. Make us as a community devoted to the work against racism. Give us a vision of how to dismantle the systems that keep us in chains and estranged from each other.

- We ask that you **bring your dazzling light into our hearts and spirits** that we might see opportunities we have to serve you. Help us to see that following your mandate to feed the hungry, bring nourishment to those who thirst, offer clothing to those in need, visit the sick and those who are imprisoned, welcome the stranger as an act of great privilege and joy.

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