

EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest

Spring Meeting Announcement and Registration

May 18-19, 2023 (Thursday and Friday)

Seventeenth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest



Host Church: First Presbyterian Church of Fresno
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We invite you to join us in-person for our Spring Meeting in Fresno (or Fres-yes as the locals seem to prefer) and enjoy the warm hospitality of the members of First Presbyterian Church. The meeting will begin at **1:00 pm on Thursday, May 18th** and conclude at **5:00 pm on Friday, May 19th**. The planned agenda includes examination of incoming teaching elders and candidates, as well as continuation of regional discussions on church planting and other opportunities to work together and support one another in ministry. Also included in the schedule is a repeat of the Clerk of Session Training, for those who were unable to attend in January, and a special presentation on *“Being Salt and Light in A Polarized Culture”* by Joel Landis, Ph.D. (see below).

The Thursday/Friday format may allow you the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the southern Sierra (including Yosemite, King’s Canyon, or Sequoia National Park) on Saturday before returning home.

Special Presentation: – *“Being Salt and Light in a Polarized Culture”*

The US is currently suffering from a tragic combination of divisions—partisan, cultural, racial and economic—each serving to reinforce and inflame the others. Christians are faced with the temptation to fully join a side or to try and escape our cultural battles altogether. By better understanding our divisions, we can see how the Gospel provides unique resources to help us respond in both truth and love.

Joel Landis is a political scientist specializing in political parties and the history of political thought. He has taught a variety of courses in Political Theory and American Politics at UC Davis, where he received his Ph.D. in 2019. He currently serves as a deacon at Fremont Presbyterian Church in Sacramento, CA.





Meeting Registration

Meeting registration and meal reservations are all done using the on-line registration form. (PLEASE REMEMBER that making meal reservations means that the Presbytery is buying food for you.)

Note: Please use one form per attendee.

Registration Link: <https://epcpops.wufoo.com/forms/m1p0j9x605h2lh4/>

If you have any questions, contact the Registration Coordinator, Ataloo Woodin (awoodin@fpcfresno.org or 559-485-6460).

Meals: All meals will occur at the church. Registration is needed for Thursday dinner, Friday breakfast, and Friday lunch.

Lodging *(Hotels are approximately 5-15 minutes from the church)*

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| Hotels: | <p>✓ Best Western Plus Fresno Airport Hotel
1551 North Peach Avenue
Fresno, CA 93727
Reservations: 1-866-493-8481 or
Online: Register online
Group: Evangelical Presbyterian Church</p> <p>✓ Double Tree by Hilton
Fresno Convention Center
2233 Ventura St., Fresno, CA 93721
Reservations: 1-559-268-1000 or Register online.
Group Code "EPC"</p> | <p>\$120.00 per night for
King or 2 Queens
Rate deadline: 4/26</p> <p>\$169 + tax
King or 2 Double/Queen</p> |
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Host Housing: Host housing is not available for this meeting.

Transportation

No shuttle services will be provided. Carpooling or using a ride-sharing service (Uber or Lyft) for local travel is recommended. The nearest airport is Fresno Yosemite International Airport. It is approximately 11 minutes from the church.



Pre-meeting Events

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Presbytery Council	4:00 pm	
Pacific Women’s Link Dinner	7:00 pm	<i>All women are invited to join us as we gather to pray, connect and encourage women in the local church.</i>

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Care of Candidates Committee	8:00 am	
Pacific Women’s Link Brunch	10:00 am	
POPS Mission Home Team	11:30 am	<i>(Repeat of Wednesday evening program)</i>

Meeting Schedule (tentative)

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Stated Meeting	12:00 pm	Registration
	1:00	Meeting begins
	5:30	Dinner
	7:00	Worship

Friday, May 19, 2023

Stated Meeting	8:00 am	Registration/Breakfast
	9:00	Meeting begins
	12:15 pm	Lunch
	5:00 pm	Meeting adjourns

Session Minutes Review Schedule

Churches scheduled for Session Minutes Reviews at the May 2023 meeting:

Clayton Community Church, Clayton, CA
Community Presbyterian Church, Danville, CA
First Armenian Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA
First Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA
Fowler Presbyterian Church, Fowler, CA

Millbrook Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA
New Life Community Church, Covelo, CA
Saint John’s Assyrian Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA
San Ramon Presbyterian Church, San Ramon, CA
Sanger Community Church, Sanger, CA