

## Life at PazNaz

### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

This 9-lesson class walks you through a practical approach to stewardship and financial freedom that can bring health in your finances and beyond. Register today at [paz.nz/FPU](http://paz.nz/FPU). Class begins Wednesday, January 9, in Room 249, Reed Hall. This class does have a cost, but if the price of the class is a barrier, please let us know. Contact Pastor Faith Romasco for more information at [fromasco@paznaz.org](mailto:fromasco@paznaz.org).

### GRIEF SUPPORT

If you are struggling with grief, along with the disappointments and chaos of life, you are invited to this Grief Support class. The study will be from the book *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* by Pete Scazzero. The group meets on Wednesdays starting January 9 at 6:30 pm in Room 247, Reed Hall. Contact Ginny Pedrotti for more information at 760.985.5171.

### PASADENA PRIMETIME

**Kick Off 2019** - It's time again for the Annual Kick Off Snack and Dessert Potluck on Thursday, January 17, at 7:00 pm in Gilmore Hall! If you're age 55 or better, come and hear about all the upcoming PrimeTime activities for 2019 including our trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Don't forget to invite a friend for a fun-filled evening and make sure to bring a snack or dessert to share. You can sign up at the Welcome Center on Sundays or contact Pastor Darwin Ng during the week at [dng@paznaz.org](mailto:dng@paznaz.org) or 626.351.2461.

### PAZNAZ'S AMAZON SMILE

Did you know that you can support PazNaz just by shopping on Amazon? You pay the same price, but Amazon will donate a portion of their profits to PazNaz. Go to [paz.nz/amazonsmile](http://paz.nz/amazonsmile) and then make sure to always shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). It's that easy!

### WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATES

If you would like to receive weekly email updates about the church or a weekly message from Pastor Tara Beth Leach, sign up by going to [www.paznaz.org](http://www.paznaz.org) and scroll down to the email sign-up section.

### PAZNAZ GIVING UPDATE

**Tithes and Offerings Year to Date**  
Received December 16—\$40,860  
Received Year-to-Date—\$1,508,359  
Budget Year-to-Date—\$1,643,050  
Difference—**(\$134,691)**

**Faith Promise/World Evangelism—Missions**  
Received December 16—\$5,395  
Received Year-to-Date—\$88,506  
Budget Year-to-Date—\$91,555  
Difference—**(\$3,049)**

The church fiscal year is from April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019



# ALL IN

Wednesdays  
January 9-February 27

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## Helpful Information

### Parking Lot Shuttle

A shuttle is available at the back ramps and on the patio for those in need of assistance. Call 626.351.9631 for service.

### Congregational Care Hotline

Your pastoral staff wants to join you in prayer and support when you or members of your family are in the hospital or in any other crisis. Please notify us directly at 626.351.2444.

### Guest Registration

Complete the information requested on the Connect Card in the pew rack in front of you.

### Today's Offering

If you are a guest, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. This is an opportunity for regular attendees who consider PazNaz their church home to support the ministries of the church.

### Listening Assistance Devices

These devices are available at all worship services. Ask an usher for assistance.

### Welcome Center

It's the central kiosk on the patio. Guests can stop by for a friendly hello and information.

### Mother's Room for Babies

A special room is available just off the main lobby equipped so that you'll be able to see and hear the service while tending to the needs of your child. Nurseries are also available with nursery attendants trained and screened to provide a safe environment. Ask an usher for assistance.

### Lost and Found

Lost and Found is located at the reception desk in the church office from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm during the week.

### Sunday Morning Messages

You can watch or listen to the Sunday morning messages online. Just go to [www.paznaz.org](http://www.paznaz.org) or look up PazNaz Weekly Sermons on iTunes.

## PazNaz Leadership

### Preaching Team

Tara Beth Leach, Senior Pastor  
Dr. Joe Watkins, Executive Pastor  
Dr. Brad Strawn, Teaching Pastor  
Faith Romasco, Pastor of Formation

### Pastoral Team

Mano Agulian, Armenian Ministries  
Marcos Canales, La Fuente Ministries  
Alan De Vries, Pastoral Care  
Ali Deckard, Creative Worship  
Sarah Hong, Cantonese Ministries  
Julie Keith, Family Life Ministries/Special Needs  
Timothy Lee, Korean Ministries  
Dave Myers, Student Ministries  
Darwin Ng, Congregational Care/Senior Adults  
Rosa Ramirez, Compassionate Ministries  
Ali Ravasdy, Early Childhood Ministries  
Janine Sagherian, Sunrise Preschool Director  
Emily Shnorhokian, Family Life Associate  
Min Xiao, Mandarin Ministries

## This Week at PazNaz

### Sunday, December 23

7:40 am Simply Prayer—Bride's Room, Lee Chapel  
8:00 am Morning Worship—Lee Chapel  
8:00 am Early Birds Childcare—228, Arms Hall  
8:30 am Church in the Park—Central Park  
9:15 am Early Childhood Classes—Arms Hall  
9:15 am Special Needs Children's Class—123, Arms Hall  
9:15 am La Fuente Ministries, Estudio Biblico—146, Reed Hall  
9:15 am 华语主日学 Mandarin Sunday School—149B, Reed Hall  
9:15 am Sunday School for children of all ages  
9:15 am Adult Sunday School Classes—various locations  
9:30 am 粵語主日學 Cantonese Sunday School—245, Lee Chapel  
10:15 am Simply Prayer—Sanctuary  
10:30 am Morning Worship—Sanctuary  
10:30 am Early Childhood Classes—Arms Hall  
10:30 am Children's Church—102, Lower Sanctuary  
10:30 am Special Needs Children—122 & 123, Arms Hall  
10:30 am Special Needs Youth Moderate to Severe — 115, Lower Sanctuary  
10:30 am 粵語崇拜 Cantonese Service—Lee Chapel  
10:30 am La Fuente Ministries—Meguiar Youth Center  
10:45 am Korean Service—249, Reed Hall  
10:50 am 华语崇拜 Mandarin Service—101, Lower Sanctuary  
12:15 pm 华语午餐团契 Mandarin Lunch—148, Reed Hall  
1:00 pm 华语体育活动 Mandarin Sports Fellowship—Gym  
5:00 pm New Ground Word & Table—Gilmore Hall, South  
6:00 pm Armenian Christian Outreach—Lee Chapel

### Monday, December 24

6:30 pm Christmas Eve Service—Sanctuary

### Tuesday, December 25

The church office will be closed for the holiday

### Wednesday, December 26

The church office will be closed for the holiday

### Thursday, December 27

The church office will be open from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

### Friday, December 28

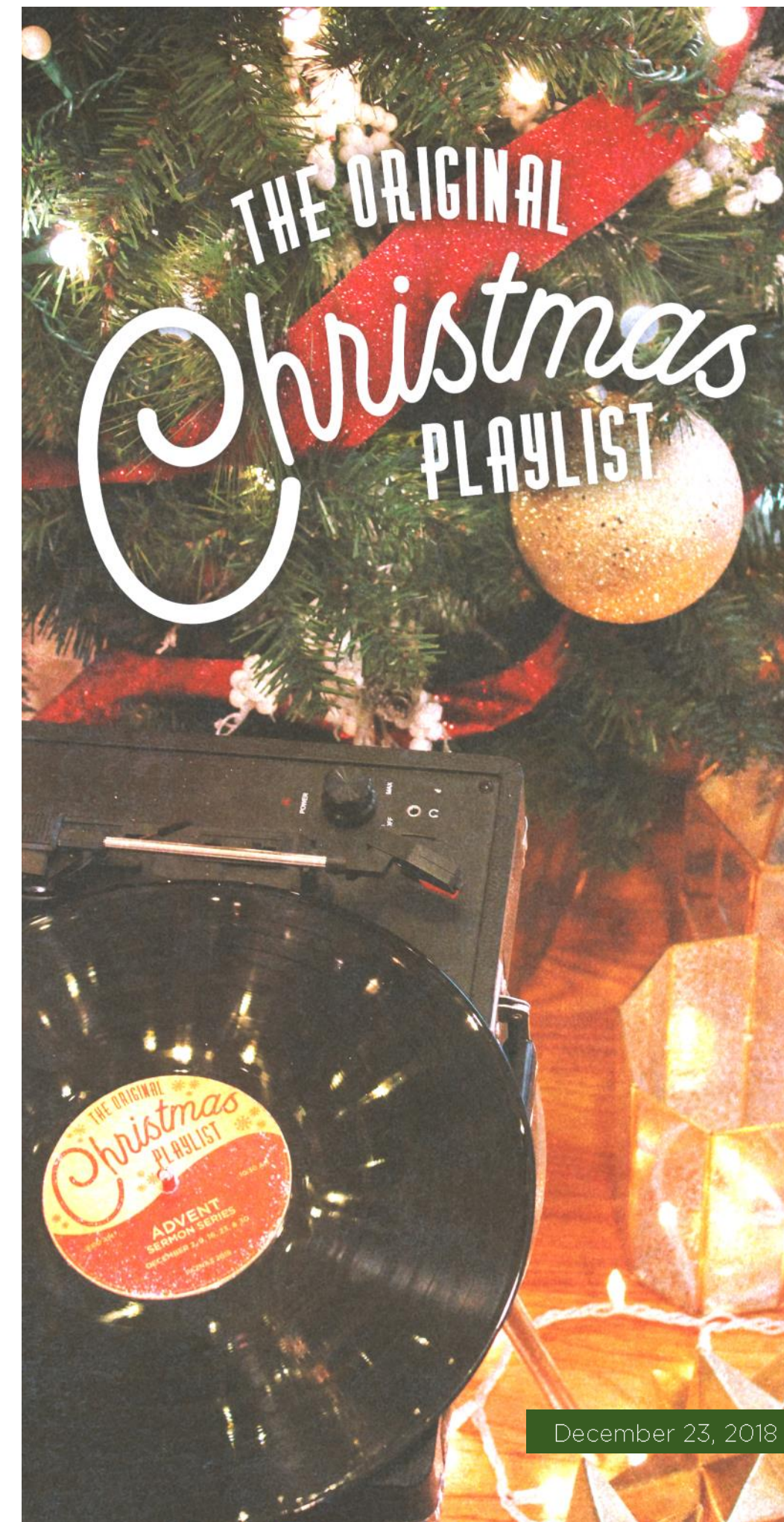
The church office will be open from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

### Saturday, December 29

No activities this day

### First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena

3700 East Sierra Madre Boulevard  
Pasadena, California 91107  
[www.paznaz.org](http://www.paznaz.org) | 626.351.9631



December 23, 2018



with Pastor Tara Beth Leach—Mary’s Song

**Sermon Text:**

*Luke 1:26-56 NIV*

In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail.”

“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”

And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has been mindful  
of the humble state of his servant.  
From now on all generations will call me blessed,  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me—  
holy is his name.  
His mercy extends to those who fear him,  
from generation to generation.  
He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;  
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.  
He has brought down rulers from their thrones  
but has lifted up the humble.  
He has filled the hungry with good things  
but has sent the rich away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel,  
remembering to be merciful  
to Abraham and his descendants forever,  
just as he promised our ancestors.”

Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

WOMEN'S **The WORD**

**Women’s Ministries Bible Study**  
Tuesdays from 9:00-11:30 am  
January 8-March 5 in Gilmore Hall

# Thriving tree

Part 2: Women of Peace

taught by *Natalia Kohn*

# Christmas at PazNaz

**Sunday, December 23 & 30**  
*Services at 8:00 & 10:30 am*  
Join us each week for *The Original Christmas Playlist* sermon series. A special time of fellowship at the **Sunrise Book + Coffee** will be available between services. Family Life Ministries will meet as regularly scheduled on December 23. Family Worship Sunday will be on December 30, so children older than two will be joining the 10:30 am service. Age-appropriate activity packets will be available.

**Monday, December 24**  
*Christmas Eve Service | 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary*  
Celebrate this special time of year with your PazNaz family as we anticipate the birth of Jesus.

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**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

Celebrate Christmas Eve with your PazNaz family on Monday, December 24, at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary as we anticipate the birth of Jesus.

**FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAY**

Join us on Sunday, December 30, for a special service at 10:30 am for the whole family. This morning will feature age-specific activity packets to help children participate in the service. Pick yours up at the tables in the Sanctuary foyer. Childcare will be provided for birth through two.

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS AT PAZNAZ**

The church office will be closed on December 25 & 26 for Christmas and January 1 for New Years. On December 27, 28, & 31, the office will only be open from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

**PAZNAZ STAFF OFFERING**

During today’s services a special love offering will be received for the support, custodial, and director level church staff. Mark your contribution on an offering envelope as "Staff Christmas." Thank you for your generosity.

**FAREWELL TO JANINE SAGHERIAN**

PazNaz would like to share our appreciation for Janine Sagherian who has provided excellent leadership as the Director of Sunrise Preschool for over 4 years. Recently her husband, Calvin, accepted the call to pastor a church in San Francisco and they will be moving early next year. We invite your prayerful support for her and her family as they embark on this new chapter.

**VALUECARDS**

Do you have some shopping on your to-do list? Please consider supporting Women's Ministries in the process. Many ValueCards are in stock today! Just stop by the Women's Ministries' cart and purchase a ValueCard. There are over 100 vendors to choose from. This extra step can help Women's Ministries help others.

**HEALING ROOMS**

The Healing Rooms will next meet on Saturday, January 5, from 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Teams of 2 or 3 volunteers will pray with people for healing or any other personal needs. The Healing Rooms will be located in Room 112, Lower Sanctuary and will be available every first Saturday of the month. For more information, please contact Glendae Hauser at 626.388.0376 or Melody Bundy at [mbundy@paznaz.org](mailto:mbundy@paznaz.org) or 626.351.2425.

**MEN’S MINISTRIES**

**The Habit on Wednesdays**—You are invited to join this group of guys for fellowship and/or dinner at *The Habit* (3733 East Foothill Boulevard, Pasadena 91107) at 5:30 pm on Wednesdays ... and don't forget, you get free ice cream at the end. Contact Tom Calnon at 626.622.3872 for more information.

**All In** - You are one decision away from a totally different life. Join this group of men on Wednesdays, starting January 9, at 6:30 pm in Room 246, Reed Hall as they study Mark Batterson’s book, *All In*. Contact David Mimms for more information at [dmimms@paznaz.org](mailto:dmimms@paznaz.org).

**WOMEN’S MINISTRIES**

**Women in the Word** - On Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am in Gilmore Hall starting January 8, *Women in the Word* is a group of over 100 ladies who study the Bible together working through different themes. This winter the group will be working through the study *Thriving Tree - Part 2: Women of Peace*, taught by Natalia Kohn. The cost for materials is \$20 and scholarships are available. *Wee Ones in the Word*, a free children’s program, is available if you RSVP to Erin Miller at [emiller@paznaz.org](mailto:emiller@paznaz.org). For more information, contact Bonnie Jakeway at [bonniejakeway6@gmail.com](mailto:bonniejakeway6@gmail.com) or 626.422.7163.

**Girlfriend to Girlfriend** - Women of all ages are invited to gather on Wednesdays starting January 9 in Gilmore Hall from 6:30-8:00 pm and explore Mark Batterson’s book, *Whisper*, where you will learn how to hear the voice of God. There is a \$20 fee for materials, and books will be available the first day of class. Contact Debra Wilkens at [dwilkens@ix.netcom.com](mailto:dwilkens@ix.netcom.com) for more information.

**BASKETBALL REFEREES NEEDED**

PazNaz Sports’ winter basketball league is in need of referees for Saturday games starting January 11. Please contact [sports@paznaz.org](mailto:sports@paznaz.org) if you are interested.