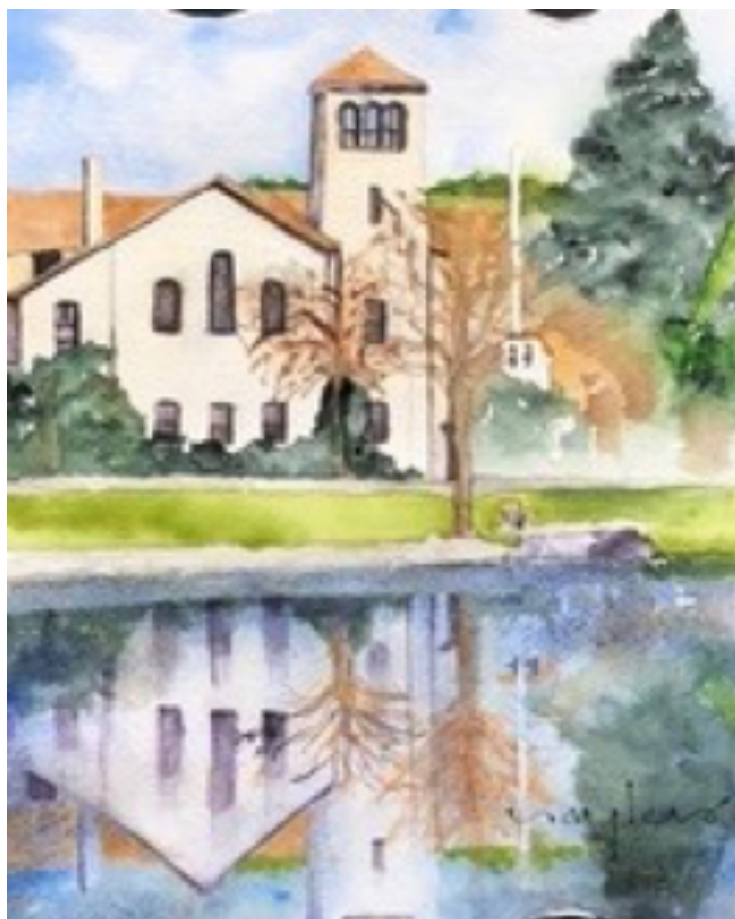


## Worship Announcements:

- 1.) Pastor's Contact Number: Pastor Joe's phone number and email address are as follows: 858-735-4461 and [joerock3712@gmail.com](mailto:joerock3712@gmail.com). If you have any questions about your faith or need spiritual counseling, please do not hesitate to contact him. Also, if you wish to receive prayer from the pastor, feel free to reach out at any time.
- 2.) If you have brought your Prayer Request Card, please give to Pastor Joe after worship.
- 3.) Thank you for those who continue to give of your tithes and offerings, they are greatly appreciated
- 4.) Please feel free to sign up for coffee hour sharing!
- 5.) Ukulele practice today after service!!!
- 6.) Thursday Bible study at 7 pm
- 7.) Brother Albert has moved to a new home last Tuesday.

El Estero Presbyterian Church  
February 4, 2024



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**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**      *Richard Marquez*

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Song:**      "Come Christians Join to Sing "

**Pastoral Prayer**      *Pastor Joe Park*

**Scripture Reading:**      *Pastor Joe Park*

**Matthew 18: 21-35**

**Message:**      **“Forgiveness Gives You Freedom”**

*Pastor Joe Park*

**Apostles Creed**      *Congregation*

**Communion**

**Hymns:**      “The Love of God is Greater Far”

**Benediction:**      *Pastor Joe Park*

**Fellowship Time**      *Richard Marquez*

**“Forgiveness Gives You Freedom”**

**(Matthew 18: 21-35)**

Among the teachings of our Lord Jesus, there is one theme He constantly addressed, and that is the theme of forgiveness. Why do we need to forgive, according to what Jesus teaches us through the passage from Matthew 18?

**1. If we don't forgive, we are essentially giving up our own freedom and paying the price to put ourselves in prison.**

**2. If we don't forgive, the residue of unforgiveness is passed down to the next generation.**

**3. If we don't forgive, our relationship with God is broken.**

**4. Then, how can we practice forgiveness?**

**It is by remembering the grace we have received. Forgiveness is not an act of emotion but an act of faith.**

**5. Questions for self-reflection and application:**

1. Do you have someone you haven't forgiven?

2. How much do you think is the value of the forgiveness you have received by believing in and receiving Jesus?

3. Is the forgiveness you received worth ten thousand talents? Or is it worth a hundred denarii?

4. Do you think of yourself as evil, or do you think of yourself as good?