## This Sunday, April 6, 2025 Guest Preacher: Rev. Mike Eller



Rev. Mike Eller is a minister, preacher, pastoral musician, and public theologian living in New York City. Mike earned a Master of Sacred Theology degree from Union Theological Seminary in 2024.

Additionally, he holds a bachelor's degree and master's degree in Music (Church Music and Choral Conducting) from Baylor University and the Master of Divinity degree from Truett Theological Seminary.

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Since moving to NYC in the Fall of 2019, Mike has served Presbyterian, Baptist, and Non-denominational congregations, most recently serving as Pastor of Worship and Spiritual Formation at River Church NYC in midtown. Prior to moving to NYC, he spent more than a decade directing large-scale music and arts ministries in Texas and North Carolina churches where he implemented intergenerational programs featuring a variety of choral, arts, and instrumental groups.

When life as a minister allows, Mike enjoys doing freelance graphic design and staying active by playing tennis and running. Of the many hats he wears these days, perhaps none is as important as being Dad to twins, Elsa and Lavender. Originally a native of Virginia, Mike, along with his wife Katie, live with their girls in Harlem..

Worship is at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary with a livestream on Facebook. We hold Sunday School for

children and youth at 9:30 upstairs; Adult Bible Study at 9:30; and Activity Period for grades 4 and younger following the Children's Sermon.

Be well and enjoy the early Spring weather, Pat Major, PCL Church Administrator



**Coming Up at PCL** 

### **PASTORAL TRANSITION**

The Interim search committee has done introductory interviews with four candidates and narrowed it down to two. We will be meeting with them in person over the next few weeks before a final decision. Please keep the process in your prayers as we finalize our selection.

<u>WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</u> meets at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays and is in person and also on Zoom. Join for the study of Matthew at this link: <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86166063706?">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86166063706?</a> pwd=y7nbfwjZp1TaYUBC2aU9uXBh69aExa.1

**ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASSES** have started and meet weekly. For information go to learnenglishinleonia.org.

Your generous <u>Easter bulb orders</u> help to beautiful the church on Easter Sunday. This year we are ordering smaller plants for a cost savings to you. To order, fill out a form found on the Ark and place it in the offering plate or email Pat Major at the church office with your information or see Linda McGarry for further information.

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT AT PCL** Join us for *Movie Night on Saturday*, *April 5*, for a showing of the much acclaimed "Flow," winner of a 2025 Oscar for best animated film. Arrive by 6:45 PM for a 7:00 screening. Some light refreshments will be available, but feel free to bring your favorite movie snacks/beverages to share with others!

**FAMILY HIKE** Mark your calendars for a PCL Congregation Hike on Sunday, May 4th, following worship (Rain date: Sunday, May 18th). All ages are welcome for this beginner-friendly, flat-path walk through the Palisades. We encourage you to invite friends and neighbors—it's a great opportunity to connect and get to know our church community. Be sure to bring your lunch. Meet-up details to follow.

If you have ideas for activities to engage our church family, please pass them along to Cory and Nicole— <a href="mailto:cory.lehnbeuter@gmail.com">cory.lehnbeuter@gmail.com</a> / <a href="mailto:nlehnbeuter@gmail.com">nlehnbeuter@gmail.com</a>.



# From Our Deacons...

<u>PASTORAL CARE</u> In this transitional time for our church, the Deacons are prepared to respond to pastoral care needs. You may email <u>Deacons@leoniapres.org</u> or in an emergency, call Deacon Vicky Li at 201-790-5474 or Deacon Linda McGarry at 201-575-1465.

Today We Pray

#### PRAYERS FOR BLESSINGS:

For Tara Coleman and Sebastian Lehnbeuter who celebrate birthdays this week. (If you would like your church family to acknowledge your birthday, please send that information to Vicky Li and we will include it in Breeze and on the church calendar.)

### **PRAYERS FOR:**

Lindsey Austen, Curran and Miles Connor as they await the arrival of a baby brother for Miles.