# Scott Laird Associate Pastor Annual Report 2021

I serve primarily in three areas of the church: Worship, PCFKids and Sunday Morning Classes.

## **Sunday Morning Classes**

Our classes were put on hold for about a year and a half. This gave us a chance to rethink their importance.

- We decided that the discipleship they offer is a top priority.
- We realized that our small groups also offer a great opportunity for discipleship.
- We came to view our Sunday morning classes as small groups aimed primarily at people who cannot make it to another small group during the week.

This approach both underlines the value of discipleship and makes discipleship more accessable to everyone in the church.

With this in mind, we were happy to be able to reboot our 9AM classes this fall. We started with the Pastors and Elders leading a church Membership Class and with David Kays teaching the Acts to Revelation series we had started before COVID. Kathy Wypij also taught a spiritual gifts class. For kids classes, John and Lori Camiolo brought back their grades 7-9 class, while younger kids were cared for by the Camiolo and Loos family helpers. Thank-You to everyone for getting our Sunday morning classes going again!

#### **PCFKIds**

We all know that kids are the future of the church, so investing in the spiritual growth of the next generation is essential to the church's survival.

Though PCFKids was put on hold for awhile, I am happy to report it's alive and well. During the break, we felt the Lord leading us to take the best of Sunday School and Kids church and combine them into a new form during the sermon.

PCFKids would not be possible without our leaders and helpers. Our leaders are faithful and dedicated, serving two Sundays every month. I want to thank Dawson Gallagher and Rich and Rhonda Howe for teaching the ages 7-11 class, Gerry and Joyce Koch and Julie Conner for teaching the ages 4-6 class, and Eileen Brittain and Makayla Gallagher for teaching the ages 2-3 class. Thanks also to Emily Nichols for overseeing the nursery volunteers and thanks to our other helpers who have served as subs or support helpers for our various age groups.

In addition to our weekly program, PCF Kids had two other highlights in 2021:

One was getting back to doing our in person VBS this summer. Our Mountain Adventure theme took us on a hiking tour through some of the great mountains of the Bible. It was another record breaking year, bringing in over 100 kids and almost \$4,000 for the Rehema Home orphanage in Africa!

A second highlight of PCFKids this year was Joyce Sampson and crew starting to gear up for the Kids Musical again after waiting for almost two years.

We are praying that we will be able to both continue and increase our PCFKids ministries in the days to come.

### Worship

In uncertain times like the ones we've been going through, worship helps us stay focused on the Unchangeable, Unshakeable God.

In divisive times like the ones we've been going through, worship helps draw us together, as we focus on the one thing we can all agree on: God is worthy of our praise.

It is my heart that God will always be worshiped and glorified in this place and that PCF will always be a place marked by his presence.

After going through a time of having online services only, outdoor services and two smaller services, it's been great to be back in one worship service together.

This year we've been able to add a few more people back into the worship team rotation. Currently I have 24 people making worship possible each week. Many thanks to all of them for their great dedication to this ministry.

In addition to our in person worship service, our online services have continued to be a blessing to many people. When we first started this it was almost a novelty, but now if you look through our services on Youtube you will see that most of them have over 100 views. That represents hundreds of people watching online. Because this is a ministry that's not going away any time soon, we've done a few things this year to improve the quality of our online services. New stage lights and a new camera have made a difference, and in the coming year we are looking at trying some other things to continue to improve the sound and video quality of our online services without letting it become a hindrance or distraction to our in house worship.

### In closing

I want to thank God for giving me the privilege of serving and the strength to serve this year. Thanks also to my wife and family, its been a challenging year them, but they have continued to be my support team. And finally thanks to all of you for making PCF such a great place to serve!