

In Loving Memory of Pastor Jerrell Walls

We gather in gratitude for the life and ministry of Pastor Jerrell Walls, who went home to be with the Lord on January 18, 2026, following a brief illness. A beloved pastor and compassionate servant of God, his life was marked by deep faith, courage, and an unwavering commitment to love and serve all people.



Raised in Northwest Texas by pastor parents, Jerrell felt called to ministry at an early age. Even as a child, his gifts were evident—teaching Bible lessons to neighborhood children at just ten years old and demonstrating a lifelong passion for sharing God's love. In 1992, he founded Christ Chapel of the Valley, creating a spiritual home rooted in grace, truth, and radical welcome. Through prayer and faith, Jerrell followed God's calling to minister especially to those who had often felt excluded from the church, offering healing, acceptance, and belonging to countless individuals.

Born on May 29, 1959, Pastor Walls dedicated his life to ministry and learning. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies from L.I.F.E. Pacific College in 1982 and devoted more than four decades to pastoral ministry, including 34 years leading Christ Chapel of the Valley. Under his leadership, the church grew from a small apartment Bible study into a vibrant congregation known throughout the region as a place of hope, healing, and spiritual belonging.

Pastor Walls was also a respected interfaith and civic leader across the Los Angeles area. Through service with community organizations, the LAPD Community Police Advisory Board, and the LA Queer Interfaith Clergy Council, he worked tirelessly to build bridges between faith communities, civic leaders, and those seeking justice, understanding, and reconciliation.

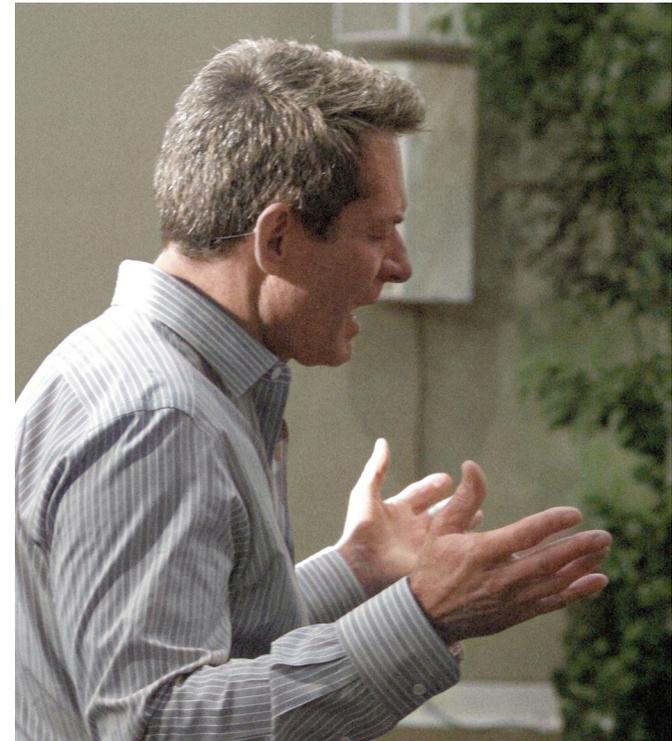
Pastor Jerrell often shared a simple hope for how he would be remembered: as a person of integrity, someone who loved the entire community, and someone faithful to his calling. Those who knew him affirm that he lived those values every day—with humility, courage, and deep compassion.

Pastor Jerrell Walls leaves behind a lasting legacy of love, faith, and radical welcome that will continue to inspire all who were blessed to know him.

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MAY 29, 1959 - JANUARY 18, 2026



SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026, 2:00PM

First Christian Church of North Hollywood
4390 Colfax Avenue, Studio City

Officiants

Pastor Leo Jimenez - *Pastor, Iglesia Renovados Por El Poder De Dios*
Reverend Lillian Lobb - *Pastor Emeritus, Christ Chapel Orange County*

Order of Service

Prelude	Andreu Diport
Welcome	Rev. Lillian Lobb
Opening Prayer	Pastor Leo Jimenez
Scripture Reading, <i>Ephesians 2:4-10</i>	Elijah Cornelius
Duet, " <i>I Can Only Imagine</i> "	Rev. Robert Nguyen & Clifton Burns
Memories of Pastor Jerrell	Rev. Candice Satomi, guitar solo
Celebration of Life	Rev. Lillian Lobb
Celebration of Family	John Reiss, <i>Pastor Jerrell's partner</i> Jeanetta Smiley, <i>Pastor Jerrell's sister</i>
Celebration of Christ Chapel of the Valley Church Family	Rev. Candice Satomi Rev. Sammy Parnell Andre Jacinto Sheri Armstrong
Solo, " <i>Amazing Grace</i> "	Jessica Gerhardt
Celebration of Friends	Rev. Joe Elvis Alway-Baker <i>Good Shepherd Lutheran, ELCA</i> Rev. Robert Nguyen <i>Pastor, Christ Chapel Orange County</i> Pastor Maria Caruana <i>Associate Pastor, City of Refuge UCC</i>

Celebration of Community

Captain Warner Castillo
LAPD: Police Advisory Board
Rev. Dr. Pat Langlois
*Senior Pastor, MCCUCCV; Co-Chair,
LA Queer Interfaith Clergy Council*
Vincent J. Roth, Esq.
Writer, Director, Actor, Surge of Power
Rev. Dr. Michael Woodcock
*Pastor, First Baptist Church
of North Hollywood*

Celebration of Hope

Pastor Leo Jimenez

Solo, "*It Is Well With My Soul*"

Clifton Burns

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dismissal

Rev. Lillian Lobb

Closing Music

Andreu Diport



Thank you for being here today and being a part of Pastor Jerrell's life.

Special thanks to the many volunteers and generous donors whose time, care, and contributions made Pastor Jerrell's Celebration of Life service possible.

Your kindness and support are deeply appreciated.

May the Lord bless you as you reflect on your memories of Pastor Jerrell and the many ways he touched your life.



*In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to **Christ Chapel of the Valley** (www.christchapel.com), the church Pastor Jerrell faithfully led and loved, and the **Human Rights Campaign** (www.hrc.org), an organization reflecting his lifelong commitment to dignity, inclusion, and equality for all.*