



Sunday, October 13, 2024

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sophia Castellino

Leader: Welcome to worship today. Bring your joys and sorrows to the Lord.

People: We come from busy lives that are full of troubles and blessings.

Leader: Open your hearts and minds

People: We seek to find what God has in store for us

Leader: Come, let us worship our God today!

HYMN #435

"There's a Wideness"

IN BABILONE

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON

Rev. Erica Rader

O Lord, you have searched us and known us. You know when we rise up and when we lie down. You discern our thoughts from far away. We confess that at times this week our thoughts were far from you. We thought of ourselves and neglected our neighbors. We went our own way and walked away from you. Forgive us, we pray. By your loving-kindness, bring us home to you again. Set us free from the past. Help us to live as your forgiven people this week. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE "How Great is Our God"/"How Great Thou Art"

Worship Band

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Erica Rader

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 3:27-35

Sophia Castellino

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

OFFERTORY

"Higher Ground"

by Mark Hayes

DOXOLOGY #606 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Timothy 6:17-19

SERMON Fruit of the Spirit: Generosity and Goodness Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

HYMN "Goodness of God" Worship Band

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Elijah Obwaka, child of Lydia Sebiziga and Peter Akula

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN #546 "Lord Dismiss Us" SICILIAN MARINERS

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

POSTLUDE

Keep in Your Prayer: Pastor Erica's mother Karen. Ruth Fong recovery from gall bladder surgery. Kristy Cole. Chris Bollinger. Emily Barrett. Joan and Willis Brown. Choe Hickman. Jennifer Baham's mother. The Bierly/Shaw families. Carolyn Randall's daughter Tiffany. Julie Clausen's cousin Tyler. Rachel Larsen. John Sbrega. Jeff Yergler. Tony Bayne. Gail Myers. Shirley Swallow. Sharon LeClaire. Judy Momrow. Gigi McNulty. Barbara Snyder's daughter, Terry. Deepika Tewari, traveling to India to support her father. Rosemary Will. Susan Cherne and family.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) for Hurricane Helene Recovery

We have an opportunity to help folks that have been affected by the hurricanes. The Presbyterian Church USA, through the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, is on the ground responding to the many urgent needs following the destruction of Hurricane Helene. They will continue to be there for future disasters. If you would like to contribute, you can give to PCLG online in the mission box or give to the office noting "hurricane" and it will get to PDA.

Thank you for joining us for Worship in the Social Hall! Our Sanctuary building is currently being refurbished and remodeled, so we are temporarily holding our worship services in the Social Hall. We will keep you updated on construction progress and plans as things move forward. Thank you for your flexibility!

Starting the Journey with Jesus: Class for New(er) Believers Come, join our Parish Associate Rev. Jack Longley for four Sunday evenings to discuss what the Christian faith is all about...a four week gathering at Pastor Jack's home. These will be held, 5:00 P.M. on October 13, 20, & 27 and November 3, with each session lasting one hour. This will be open to the first eight responders. jacklongley@rocketmail.com

The mission committee would like to invite you to volunteer at Martha's Kitchen on October 16 from 3:15-5:15 for the indoor dining service for our neighbors in need. Any questions? E-mail peggy.heath@gmail.com. Ready to sign up? Use the URL below: https://marthaskitchen.galaxydigital.com/user/login/?return=/need/detail/?need_id=951924. *Day-of instructions:* Wear closed-toed shoes and a hat. If you can, please park on the street due to limited spaces in our shared parking lot. Enter through the office doors past the muraled cold box on the side of Martha's Kitchen. You will be greeted by staff and walked through the check-in process.

Archaeology and the Bible: Dr. Patrick Hunt is from Stanford and will be presenting a 3-part class on discoveries from ancient archeology and how it informs our faith and understanding. Dr. Hunt is an expert in his field, a best-selling author and a real-life Indiana Jones figure! Join us after worship on October 20th, November 3rd and December 8th for this exciting series. Light lunch will be provided. Dr. Hunt's books will be available for purchase.

Rend Collective Christian Music Concert *October 20, 7 p.m.* - Tickets are available online. please look for the link in the weekly email.

Come Sing With Us The choir has returned to worship and we would love to invite you to *Come Sing With Us*. If you've ever thought about singing with the choir, now is the perfect time to join us in musical fellowship. There's no audition and rehearsals are Thursday evenings 7:30 – 9:00pm. Making music is the perfect opportunity to joyfully refresh your creative spirit. It's also a lot of fun. For information contact Michael Taylor at michael.taylor@pclg.org.

Would you like to read the scripture in church? Each week, we have a different person read the scripture during the worship service. If you are interested in doing this, please contact Mary Jane Humphrey, maryjhumphrey@comcast.net.

Bookends invites you to join us in the Fireside room on Sunday Oct 27th at 3pm for a discussion about Allen Brennart's book, Molokai. It is the journey of 3 generations of one family who are struck by leprosy. The book begins in 1891 and continues through 1970. Brennart is one of the writers for the TV series LA Law. This is our last meeting for 2024; we lapse during the holiday season. Our book for January is The Kitchen Front by Jennifer Ryan set in the UK during WWII.

Sunday School Volunteers We are blessed with a growing Children's Ministries program and we are looking for more volunteers to fill our classrooms. If you are interested in being a loving adult in the lives of the children of our church, please contact Erin Heath, Children's Ministries Director, at erin.heath@pclg.org.

Nursery Caretaker- Children's Ministries is in need of a regular nursery caretaker on Sunday mornings from 9:30-11:30am. This is a paid position with an opportunity for additional hours during special events. If you know anyone who is interested, please have them contact Erin Heath at erin.heath@pclg.org.

Pastor's Bible Study Join Pastor Dave for a mid-week study each Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

WOW The weekly drop in Bible study for all the women of PCLG (called WOW) meets Thursday mornings from 10 am to 11:30 in the Fireside Room and always welcomes new friends, so contact Julie Lasher at 408/656-8419 or JHLasher01@gmail.com for info on our in-person meetings.

Stephen Ministry Your Stephen Minister is a supportive listener to offer encouragement, not advice. In a recent sermon, the three points were: Look, Listen [don't fix], Leave room for God. This is the foundation of Stephen Ministry; to listen and not to fix and leave room for God. Their motto is: the Stephen Minister is the care giver; God is the cure giver. Not sure that Stephen ministry is for you? Give it a try for 3 weeks—meet for an hour each week with a Stephen Minister who will listen to whatever is weighing on you. PCLG Stephen Ministry [669] 240-0857

Sign Language Group We are learning sign language through worship songs. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday after worship service in Room 9 in Children's Wing. The dates are subject to change depending on church events. We are meeting on Oct. 13 and NOT meeting on Oct. 27th. Questions? Contact Youngla Kwon (youngla0707@gmail.com).

The PW Morning Circle The Thursday morning Bible study will begin meeting at the Terraces on Thursday, October 17 at 10:15 am in the 2nd floor Conference Room. Any questions? contact Ruth Fong at 1(408) 395-9342 or ru.fong@comcast.net.

MINOW Men's Bible Study: We have a men's study in person and via Zoom each Wednesday morning at 6:30 a.m. This group, called MINOW, Men In Need Of Wisdom, is, much like our Presbyterian church, run by its members! We take turns leading the weekly study, and when the current study topic nears completion, together we choose the next. Currently we are studying the book "Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus" and learning how the Jewishness of Jesus can transform your faith. Please reach out (minow@pclg.org) to be added to the weekly invite.

Youth Update:

It's a "regular" Sunday again!

Middle School students have Sunday School in the Youth Center after Passing of the Peace or Children's time. **SNIFF** for Middle Schoolers runs from 5 to 6:15 p.m. this evening. Sweet mercy, it won't be 97 degrees today!

High School **YG** runs from 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. tonight. Annyong not onions this week.

Tickets are still available for the Rend Collective Concert on Oct. 20.

High School students interested in making new friends should consider joining peers at LOG weekend in the Santa Cruz mountains, Nov. 15-17. Pizza, Jesus, Lasertag, Laughter, Catharsis. It's pretty good! Talk to Steve, Abby Hoelstra, Grace Crites or Sophia Castellino.

College care packages: the Deacons are planning on sending care packages to our college students as a way to remind them that their church family is thinking of them and sending some support their way. To accomplish this, we need your students' proper address. Please send to alexishoekstra@comcast.net by October 13 to have them included. Thank you from the Deacons.

Children's Ministry (Infant - 5th grade): Welcome Families! On Sundays our Nursery is available for children and infants - 2 1/2 years old. Preschool-1st grade will meet in our Preschool Ministry Wing, and 2nd-5th grade will meet in our Children's Ministry Wing. Please refer to the church calendar for special Sundays when Sunday School may not be available. Visiting families should walk their child back to Sunday School after the children's message so that teachers can meet the parents and know who they are dismissing the child to at pickup. Please reach out with any questions to Erin Heath the Director of Children's Ministry erin.heath@pclg.org

Giving Online Please visit www.pclg.org/online-giving, or use this QR code, to access our online giving tools. You can give a one-time gift or set up a recurring gift.



Dates To Remember

October 20	Rend Collective Christian Concert, 7 pm
October 20	Archaeology and the Bible by Dr. Hunt
Oct. 25-27	PCLG Women's Retreat, St. Francis Center

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We believe that everyone is created in the image of God and that we are all children of our loving God. We welcome you into the life of our church regardless of where you are on your faith journey. We welcome people of any race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation or gender identity. Simply put, we believe that God loves you and so do we.