



Sunday, November 24, 2024
Pledge Dedication Sunday

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Victor Labenske
"Let All Things Now Living" arr. Cindy Berry

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP Amy Worden

Leader: From the journey of life, to a hope and a future, our God calls us to a life rooted in faith.

People: We join together in worship and praise, to show love and thanks for a true and faithful God.

Leader: So, let us rejoice dear friends, in the God of our hope and our salvation!

People: We rejoice in you, O God. For all that you have done, all that you are, and all that you have promised.

Leader: Let us worship together now, in praise and with thanksgiving!

HYMN #367 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON Rev. Erica Rader

Good and gracious God, thank you for being the faithful One that you are. Thank you for always providing our needs. Thank you for watching over us in the brightest of days and the darkest of nights. For the ways that we moved away from you in thought, word and deed, we confess today. We ask that you would forgive us and set us free. Help us to live as your thankful people, to let our gratitude for the gifts in our lives be evident in how we live. Amen

SONG OF PRAISE #647 "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" GIVE THANKS

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Erica Rader

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Erin Heath

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 100 Amy Worden

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING Rev. Erica Rader

OFFERTORY "Thanksgiving Canticle" by Mark Hayes
DOXOLOGY #606 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH
SCRIPTURE LESSON Thessalonians 5:12-22
SERMON "A Heart of Thanks" Rev. Dr. David Watermulder
HYMN #654 "In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful" IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL
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 #37 "Let All Things now Living" ASH GROVE
BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. David Watermulder
POSTLUDE "All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. Victor Labenske
Kirim Eom

Keep in Your Prayers: Family of Vickie Showman. Family of Mardie Dailey. Carolyn Randall on the passing of her daughter. David Moriarty's father, in the hospital this week. Kim Dellevet on the passing of her father. GFP assistant director Vanessa's mom Elvira health concerns. Pastor Erica's mother Karen. Micheal Taylor after the loss of his brother Monte. Tom Smith as he cares for Mildred in memory care. Gigi McNulty. Lisa McKibbin's daughter Addie. Kristy Cole. Emily Barrett. Joan and Willis Brown. The Bierly/Shaw families. Julie Clausen's cousin Tyler. Rachel Larsen. Jeff Yergler. Tony Bayne. Gail Myers. Shirley Swallow. Sharon LeClaire. Judy Momrow. Barbara Snyder's daughter, Terry. Rosemary Will. Susan Cherne and family.

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!

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 December 8th for this exciting series. Light lunch will be provided. Dr. Hunt's books will be available for purchase.

Mission Committee - Spreading Christmas Joy once again PCLG would like to bless our working brothers and sisters at Bridge Communities in East San Jose. This Christmas we will be providing 80 families with a \$100 Amazon Gift Card. You can help provide these blessings by donating, in any amount, towards our goal. There are three ways to participate: (1) On-line through the PCLG giving website (scroll to "Mission" and put "Christmas Gift Card" in the memo box). The QR code below will take you to the website; (2) By check or cash in the weekly offering (with "Christmas Gift Card" in the memo line); (3) At the Mission Committee room at the Advent Craft Faire.



O Come All Ye to the Christmas Tea

Start your holiday season on a festive note at PCLG's Christmas Tea, to be held Thursday, Dec. 5, at noon. Because of our chancel remodeling project, this year's Tea is being hosted by Shir Hadash, our neighbor on Cherry Blossom Lane.

The Tea will feature the beloved Mountain View High School Madrigal Choir, light lunch fare and an array of delicious homemade cookies. If you'd like to bake cookies or help with the event, please go to pclg.org and click on Volunteer & Sign Up.

Most of the Tea proceeds will go to two organizations: PCLG's Sophia's Layette, and Abrahamic Alliance International, which seeks to bring Christians, Jews and Muslims together to help build mutual understanding, alleviate poverty and work for peace. Tea tickets will be available during coffee hour after the worship service today, and in the office during the week. Each ticket costs \$25, cash or check. The Tea is sponsored by Presbyterian Women, and all PCLG'ers and their guests -- both women *and* men -- are welcome.

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.



Elf Squad We're going to put up the Christmas lights at PCLG on the Saturday just after Thanksgiving yet again this year. The date is Sat. Nov. 30th, 9am-11am. It's the day before the Advent Craft Faire, so we need helpers to make sure campus is extra festive for that event. Warm drinks and treats will be provided, and all ages are invited!

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.

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.

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

Front Door Communities lunches and distributes clothes to men and women in the downtown San Jose area. Over 80 people were served the other day and most of them sleep outside each night. There were many requests for sleeping bags now that the weather is turning colder. Do you have 1 or 2 sleeping bags that are no longer being used? The people served by FDC would greatly appreciate having a sleeping bag to keep warm at night. Please bring your sleeping bag donations to the church office anytime or bring them to the Advent Craft Faire on Dec 1st. Thank You!! Questions? Call Jeff Thompson 408-455-2784.

The mission committee would like to invite you to volunteer at Martha's Kitchen on December 4 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.

Theology on Tap Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 7-9 p.m. at Hapa's Brewing Company (114 S Santa Cruz Ave, Los Gatos). Please join Pastor Dave and others there for a theological discussion over a frosty beverage. 21+

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.

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 Have you lost someone close to you this year? We can remember them and light a candle for them on Dec 4, 2024 at our Blue Christmas service. Do your family holiday gatherings resemble a Norman Rockwell painting? Maybe, maybe not... Are current events stealing your peace? Stephen Ministry provides a supportive listener to offer you encouragement, not advice. They will meet with you confidentially for an hour each week to allow you to talk out whatever is weighing on you. stephen.ministry@pclg.org PCLG dedicated Stephen Ministry phone line 669-240-0857

The Worship Band is happy to welcome any musicians who enjoy playing guitar, bass, drums or singing. Please feel free to contact Rita@pclg.org for more information. Or find me on a Sunday morning. Blessings, Rita

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. For November, we are meeting every Sunday 11/3, 11/10, 11/17 & 11/24. And for December, we are meeting on 12/1 and Wednesday 12/4, Blue Christmas Service at 7pm, where we are invited to sign 'Silent Night, Holy Night'. Do you love sign language? Come and join us! Questions? Contact Youngla Kwon (youngla0707@gmail.com).

Las Cascabeles PCLG Bell Choir As we move toward Advent, we welcome new folks to join us. If you read music, we'll teach you the rest-- it's easy. We meet on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:30pm in the choir room. Some historic trivia: our name was suggested by Margaret Bath, a friend of Jean Slaght; *la cascabel* is the term for the bell on the kitty cat's collar, which seems appropriate for a bell choir from Los Gatos.

The PW Morning Circle The Thursday morning Bible study will be meeting at the Terraces. We meet once a month on the third Thursday of the month 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

This morning, we have Middle School Sunday school in the Youth Center during worship.

Today from **2 pm through dinnertime** (and beyond?), Middle School and High School students are invited to compete in PCLG's very own sport: Annyong! Show up at 2 pm as a free agent or a team of two and be ready to battle with pool noodle and balloon to the highest of heights! Parents...we'll keep you in the loop on how long the tournament will go. Depends on how many folks show up, of course. There won't be regular youth group tonight so come early **at 2 pm** and have fun!!

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

Dec. 1	Advent Craft Faire and Supper
Dec. 4	Blue Christmas service, 7pm
Dec. 5	Christmas Tea at noon hosted at Shir Hadash
Dec. 8	Dr. Patrick Hunt
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Services 4 pm and 10 pm

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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