



Sunday December 21, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Advent

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"The Holly and the Ivy"
"We Saw Three Ships"
"Coventry Carol"
"God Rest Ye Merry Gentle"
Brass

Arr Price
Arr Matthews
Arr Burkhart
Arr Everson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Schroeder Family (Tiffany, Ryan, Jackson, Bentley, and Mitchell)

Reader 1: O God, we light the fourth candle of Advent.

(With the first three candles burning, a family member lights the fourth candle.)

Reader 2: We hear your angel Gabriel and witness the faith of Mary. Fill us with your grace and light.

Reader 1: Mary was a young, strong, spiritual woman. Even though her life was not easy, she heard God's voice and said yes. Her song was a prayer that would uplift those who were downtrodden. Her lyrics shattered the proud and called the world to change. She would bear within her the promised child, Jesus, the Light of the World. This Advent, we respond to God's beckoning to us as well.

People : Revealing God, visit us and fill us with your Spirit.
Bring your good news to life within us. Give us
courage to carry your light into the injustices and
shadows of this world. Amen.

Reader 2: Come, let us worship the God who comes to us
with love!

HYMN #110

"Love Has Come"

BRING A TORCH

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON Rev. Erica Rader
Gracious and loving God, we pray to you today. We confess that we are eager to receive forgiveness but slow to offer it to others. We are at ease with our own broken places, but quick to judge the sins of those around us. In thought, word and deed this week, we have not lived up to our calling as your people. Forgive us, Lord! By your redeeming power, set us free from the ways of sin and help us live in the light of your love. In Christ we pray, Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE Light the Candle (Love) Worship Band

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Erica Rader

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Erin Heath

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 7:10-16 Diana Koch

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING Rev. Erica Rader

OFFERTORY "When He Comes to Our Land" by David Lantz III
Music Director, Michael Taylor, Chancel Choir, Katie Gueorguieva Organist

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 11:2-11

SERMON "Love: Nouns and Verbs" Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

HYMN "Jesus, Name Above All Names" / "O Come Let Us Adore Him" Worship Band

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 #119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" MENDELSSOHN

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

POSTLUDE "Good Christian Men Rejoice" Arr Burroughs
"We Wish You A Merry Christmas" Arr Price

Keep in Your Prayers: Pam Bancroft's family after her passing. Bill Slocum's family after his passing. C. Michael Traw's friends after his passing. Jeanne McCann. Karl Klemmer's family after his passing. Beth Barry. Ruth Wheaton. Jan Wilson's grandchild Blair's back surgery. John Cellar on the death of his wife, Barbara. Sarah Lee and family after the passing of her nephew. Ellen Graff and her family on the passing of her husband David. Joan Brown. Patty Kelly. Mikal Cox (Jack Longley's nephew) struggling with advanced cancer. Eleanor Gallmeister. Emily Barrett. Kristy Cole. Tony Bayne. Judy Momrow.

Matching Grant for Christmas Gift Cards for Families in Need

Good news! PCLG has received a matching grant of \$8,000 toward our Christmas gift card project to bless local low-income families from Bridge Communities. For every dollar given, it will be doubled! We are still seeking to raise funds for 80 \$100 gift cards - with this match, we will be able to gift \$200 gift cards to each family. You can donate to Mission Giving by going to www.pclg.org/online-giving and specify "Christmas gift cards" in the note field; or send a check with "Christmas gift cards" on the memo line. Track our progress each Sunday on the big Christmas tree in the Narthex!



Stewardship Please return your Pledge Cards for our Church Stewardship Season. Our church budget is based on financial pledges that we receive, thank you for being part of what God is doing! You can send it in by mail or in the offering plate today or go to <https://www.pclg.org/pledge/>.

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.



Year End Giving As the needs of the congregation and our community continue to grow, year-end gifts are a way to bless our church and allow our ministries to continue to flourish. If you plan to make an additional charitable contribution before the end of the year, please consider PCLG. You can go to PCLG.org to make a donation.

Lost and Found We have a new lost and found bin in the church office. If you have lost something you can come into the office any Mon-Fri from 8am to 4 pm and Sunday after service to look for your item. We have eyeglasses, sunglasses, coats, car keys and more in the bin. The bin is located near the reception desk.

Welcome and Help Center We have a new welcome and help center in the church office. If you are looking for information on church programs, events, deacons, stewardship etc. you can find the information here. If you are looking for help with a few things such as needing a directory, needing to do a check request, coordinating an event or have a facilities concern, you can do that here also. Lost a name tag? You can request a new name tag. Want to make a calendar reservation? You can do that too! We also have daily devotionals available. Plus, there is some helpful resource information. Stop by and explore the welcome and help center, it is located near the front door in the church office.

Men's Grief Group Join Pastor Dave for a chance for conversation, connection and support among men who have lost a spouse. Wednesday January 21, 2026 at 11:00 am in the Creekside Lounge.

New Members and Inquirers Class Saturday Jan. 24 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Fireside Room - Childcare available with pre-registration. If you are considering making PCLG your church home or if you are curious to learn more, come to our new members and inquirers class led by Pastor Dave. We'll talk about what it means to focus on Jesus at our core, and we'll share about our theological heritage and how our church seeks to grow and serve together. It will be an interactive morning with plenty of time for questions and for getting to know each other.

For more info contact: members@pclg.org.

You can sign up here: <https://www.pclg.org/membership/>

Children's Ministry (Infant -5th grade) Welcome Families! On Sundays our Nursery is available for children and infants at the beginning of worship. Preschool-1st grade will meet in our Preschool Ministry Wing and 2nd-5th grade will meet in our Children's Ministry Wing. 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, at erin.heath@pclg.org.

Youth Update

Merry Christmas! It's a Christmas Miracles, today is a regular Sunday!

Sunday School in the YC during Worship

SNiFF at 5 p.m.

High School YG at 7:30 p.m.

Are these youth group gatherings Christmas parties? Yes. Does anyone need to bring a gift? No!

Youth Update for 12/28

Happy Christmastide! Today there are no youth happenings. Steve and team are off on vacations near and far. Peace and goodwill to all! See you next week!

Dates To Remember

December 24	Christmas Eve services 4 pm and 10 pm
January 24	Inquirers/New Members Class 9 am
January 25	Pancake Breakfast 11:00 am
February 1	Annual Congregational Meeting
Feb 7	Karl Klemmer Memorial Service, 2pm
Feb 28	David Graff Memorial Service, 2pm
March 7	Bill Slocum Memorial Service, 2pm
March 13-15	Men's Retreat with guest speaker Erik Khoobyarian

Recurring Group Meetings

Pastor's Bible Study – Wednesdays at 2:00 pm in the Fireside room. **We will not meet on Dec. 24 or Dec. 31. We will be back on Jan. 7.**

WOW – (*Women's Weekly Bible study*) Thursdays at 10:00 am in the Fireside room. contact: JHLasher01@gmail.com.

PW Morning Circle – (*Women's Monthly Bible study*) Third Thursday of each month from 10:00 am to noon at the Terraces in the Sunroom, located on the 2nd floor in the Assistant Living area.

MINOW Men's Bible Study - MINOW (Men In Need Of Wisdom) is a Men's Weekly Bible Study held on Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. And we are also on Zoom, if you can't make it to PCLG in the early morning. We are starting a new book this week, so now is a good time to join. Please reach out to minow@pclg.org to be added to the weekly email invite.

Bookends – (Monthly Book Club) – Bookends goes on hiatus for November and December. We'll begin again in January with the book *James* by Percival Everett.

Sign Language Group We are learning sign language through worship songs, and we meet on the **2nd and 4th Sunday** after the worship service in Room 9 in the Children's Wing. **Sign Language Group.** Join us as we learn sign language through worship songs! For December, please note we will have **a potluck on Dec. 21st** and there will be no ASL class in December. For further questions, please contact youngla0707@gmail.com.

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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.