



Sunday, September 15, 2024

### GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" arr. Victor Labenske  
"Praise Him! Praise Him!" arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP Leigh Henderson

Leader: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

**People: God's ways are just and merciful.**

Leader: Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.

**People: In all that they do, they prosper.**

Leader: Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

**People: Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice. AMEN.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God today! at the end of the call to worship

HYMN #305 "Come Sing O Church in Joy" DARWALL'S 148th

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON Rev. Erica Rader  
**Gracious God, we confess that our fears and doubt can override our hope and faith. When we lose sight of Your love, have mercy upon us, and grant us Your forgiveness through Christ our Lord, Who intercedes for us even today. Restore us and renew to us the joy of Your salvation, even as You establish our feet in the path of faith. These things we pray in the name of Jesus, our Risen Savior, Who promises fullness of life here and resurrection for the life to come. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE "I'm So Blessed" Worship Band

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Erica Rader

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Erin Heath

### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 16 Leigh Henderson

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING Rev. Erica Rader

OFFERTORY "You Shall Go Out with Joy" by Lloyd Larson

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 2:1-5

SERMON Fruit of the Spirit: Joy Rev. Dr. David Watermulder  
HYMN "Let Everything the Has Breath" Worship Band  
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Nooshin Farahtaj  
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 #611 "Joyful, Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"  
BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. David Watermulder  
POSTLUDE "Come, Christians Join to Sing" arr. Mark Hayes

**Keep in Your Prayer:** Joy: for Emily Barrett's successful pancreatic cancer surgery, recovering at home. Choe Hickman. Jennifer Baham's mother. The Bierly/Shaw families on the loss of a family member. Carolyn Randall's daughter Tiffany. Julie Clausen's cousin Tyler with cancer surgery. Rachel Larsen. John Sbrega. Jeff Yergler. Tony Bayne. Collette Lynner's Husband Doug. Gail Myers. Shirley Swallow. Sharon LeClaire. Judy Momrow. Kristy Cole. Gigi McNulty. Barbara Snyder's daughter, Terry. Pat Regan (son-in-law of Norma and George) recovering from heart attack. Deepika Tewari, traveling to India to support her father.

**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](mailto:jacklongley@rocketmail.com)

**How To Be a Christian in the Election:** Join Pastor Paul Watermulder for a 3 part series on the important topic of faith and politics. The class will meet on September 22, 29, and October 6rd, at 9am in the Fireside Room. All are welcome.

**New Members and Inquirers Class** Saturday October 12 8:00 a.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

**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](mailto: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](mailto:maryjhumphrey@comcast.net).

**Archaeology and the Bible:** Dr. Patrick Hunt is a Professor at Stanford University 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.

**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](mailto:erin.heath@pclg.org).

**PCLG Women's Retreat:** Deeper Faith, Deeper Friendships  
Over the years, PCLG's Women's Retreat has been a place of growth. During this annual getaway, many attendees have found that their Christian faith, their friendships with other women, and their relationship with God have all grown deeper.

At this year's retreat we'll explore an interesting new area of growth: the art of listening more deeply -- to ourselves, to others and to God. Our teacher will be the Rev. Dr. Jana Childers, award-winning author, inspiring speaker and professor emerita at San Francisco Theological Seminary.

The retreat will be held the weekend of Oct. 25-27, with a Saturday-only option, at the beautiful St. Francis Retreat Center near San Juan Bautista. To sign up, visit the retreat registration table during coffee hour after Sunday worship services this month. You may also register on the church website, [pclg.org](http://pclg.org). Registration and payment deadline is Sunday, Sept. 29.

**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](mailto: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.

**Grove Groups** Grove Groups are small groups that meet monthly and are starting up again. If you are not yet in a Grove Group, but would like to be in one, please email Lauren Froman at [lomfroman@yahoo.com](mailto:lomfroman@yahoo.com).

**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](mailto:JHLasher01@gmail.com) for info on our in-person meetings and hybrid zoom option. Our first meeting is Sept 5 with a welcome potluck brunch.

**Stephen Ministry** is not just about major life and death issues. Life is all about change; and changes, good or bad can be stressful. Maybe your concern is about a friend, family member, or even current events. Your Stephen Minister will meet with you confidentially an hour each week to listen to whatever is weighing on you. A Stephen Minister is not a counselor. Your Stephen Minister is a supportive listener who will offer you encouragement, not give you advice. [stephen.ministry@pclg.org](mailto:stephen.ministry@pclg.org) PCLG dedicated Stephen Ministry phone line 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 NOT meeting on the 8th of September as it is kick-off Sunday. We are meeting on **Sept. 22nd**. Questions? Contact Youngla Kwon ([youngla0707@gmail.com](mailto:youngla0707@gmail.com)).

**Bookends Book club** will meet on Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:30. You may join us in the Fireside room or zoom in. Our book is the unusual story Ella Minnow Pea by Mark Dunn. It's the tale of a fictitious island off the South Carolina coast. The island of Nollop is governed by a small group of folks. They manage to brainwash the community into believing some wild ideas. Will sanity prevail?

**Prayer Shawl and Sophia's Layette** knitting, crochet. Fridays 3-5pm in the Fireside Room. Questions ? Call Colleen Hattman 408-398-0651.

**The PW Morning Circle** We will begin the fall by meeting with the WOW ladies for 2 meetings Sept. 12 and Sept 26 at 10 am in the Fireside Room contact Ruth Fong at 1(408) 395-9342 or [ru.fong@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:minow@pclg.org)) to be added to the weekly invite.

## **Youth Update:**

Today is a regular Sunday. So that means: Middle School Sunday School meets in the Youth Center (YC) during worship - come meet all our teachers today. High School students stay in worship.

SNiFF (our Middle School Youth Group) meets in and around the YC from 5 to 6:15 p.m. tonight. YG (our High School Youth Group) meets in and around the YC from 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. tonight.

Silliness and seriousness to ensue.

For more info, contact Steve Fainer @ 408-472-0208 or [fainer@gmail.com](mailto:fainer@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:erin.heath@pclg.org)

**Giving Online** Please visit [www.pclg.org/online-giving](http://www.pclg.org/online-giving), 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 12	Inquirer's/New Members Class
October 20	Rend Collective Christian Concert 7 pm
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.*