



Sunday, March 2 2025
Growing Footprints Sunday

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP

Denice Torkelson, GFP Teacher

Leader: I will give you thanks with all my heart;

People: I will sing your praise before the heavenly beings.

Leader: I will bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to
your name for your constant love and truth.

People: You have exalted your name and your promise above everything else.

Leader: On the day I called, you answered me;

People: you increased strength within me.

Leader: God calls to us today. Come, let us worship God together!

HYMN #20 (vs 1&4)

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

ROYAL OAK

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON

Rev. Erica Rader

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

"House of the Lord"

Worship Band

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Erica Rader

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Vanessa Manrique, GFP Director

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Micah 6:6-8

Elena Celli-Marion, GFP Teacher
Kristina Cordero, GFP Teacher

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING

Rev. Erica Rader

OFFERTORY "My Savior Leads Me" arr. by David Lantz III
Music Director: Michael Taylor; Chancel Choir; Kirim Eom, accompanist

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 22:36-40

SERMON "The Hokey Pokey Gospel" Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: Rev. Dr. David Watermulder
Rev. Erica Rader

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

"The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise."

THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

THE WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION HYMN #525 "Let Us Break Bread Together" Worship Band
COMMUNION MUSIC "Everything is Sacred" 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 #37 "Let All Things Now Living" ASH GROVE

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

POSTLUDE

Keep in Your Prayers: Jo Ann Khoobyarian's family after her passing. Rachel Larsen. Willis Brown. Lee Toney's nephew. Patricia Caputo (Jean Ritchie's daughter). For the people affected by Southern California fires. The family of Jan black after her passing. GFP director Vanessa's mom. Kristy Cole. Emily Barrett. The Bierly/Shaw families. Julie Clausen's cousin Tyler. Tony Bayne. Gail Myers. Shirley Swallow. Sharon LeClaire. Judy Momrow. Barbara Snyder's daughter, Terry. Rosemary Will. Lily Meijer celebrating her 100th birthday!

Growing Footprints Preschool Sunday Today we welcome our preschool staff and preschool families as we celebrate the ministry of our Growing Footprints Preschool. We provide developmentally based learning that incorporates Christian values. We partner with parents from all faith backgrounds and traditions to nurture their child's development and their physical, mental and spiritual well-being. **Join us after church in the Growing Footprints school to meet the staff, see the classrooms and enjoy cake. Look for the signs leading from the courtyard and breezeway.**

Growing Footprints Summer Camp for TK/K students (age 4-6) from June 9-August 8 offered 9am-1pm, Monday through Friday. Come for one or all weeks, with different fun themes each week. Fee per week : \$305 for 4 days or \$345 for 5 days. See our flyer, or find more information at www.growingfootprints.org

Growing Footprints Preschool is now Enrolling! Did you know that the PCLG has a preschool and afterschool program right here on campus? We are now enrolling, and have a full time space available in our two year old program which boasts an incredible ratio of 1 to 6. We also have a full time space and few 3 day spaces available in our 3 year old classroom that has a 1 to 8 ratio. We have two 5 day slots in our afterschool program.

Theology on Tap Tuesday, March 4 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+

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner - March 4, 2025, 5:30 - 7:00pm - Pancakes for Dinner? What is Shrove Tuesday? Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday. Historically, shrove comes from the word shrive which means "to give absolution after hearing confession" and is a part of Lenten preparations. It was also an opportunity to use up the food that couldn't be eaten during Lent including eggs, fat, and milk, which is why it is also called "Fat Tuesday," or Mardi Gras. To continue our goal of creating community through meals together, we are celebrating Shrove Tuesday in the social hall on **March 4 at 5:30pm** and we hope you will come and join in the fun! We are starting a little early to make it easy for everyone to have some dinner and then get back to their typical evening schedule. Hope to see you there!

Men's Retreat - *March 14-16*. Men of the church are invited and encouraged to join us for a weekend away at St. Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Bautista. We will learn, connect, worship and fellowship together. The cost for the full weekend is \$400. There is a Saturday-only option as well for \$150. Scholarships may be available. Please go to www.pclg.org/mensretreat to sign up.

The Lord's Prayer: Do We Mean It?

"And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." We say this every time we recite the Lord's Prayer, but do we really mean what we say? One Christian author writes that this line "has made liars out of more people than any other line in human history." Although Jesus stressed forgiveness, many of us have difficulty fully forgiving others, especially when they've wronged us deeply. **Join us after worship on Sunday, March 9, when Pastor Paul Watermulder will lead the first of two Lenten classes on the topic of "Total Forgiveness."** We'll discuss why forgiveness is so important for Christians, and how we can put the words of the Lord's Prayer into practice in our lives. **A full lunch buffet for attendees will open at 11:15 in the Social Hall.** The class will start at 11:40 and end at 1 p.m. Childcare is available upon request; please send an email to Erin.Heath@pclg.org by Wednesday, March 5. The second forgiveness program is set for Sunday, April 6. Both classes are sponsored by PCLG's Adult Education Committee.

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.

Women's Camino May 2025 Do you want to join us? Pastor Erica Rader and Christina Hingle are leading a Women's Camino pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela starting May 16 returning home June 1. Women's Camino pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela starting May 16 returning home June 1. Contact Pastor Erica or see our website For more information visit our website

Caring Ministries Sunday – March 30th “Cultivating Connections” Support, Service, Listening, Prayer What is a Deacon? What is Caring Ministries? Please join us for Caring Ministries Sunday. This is an opportunity to meet your deacon after worship in the social hall and learn more about Stephen Ministry and Caring ministries support provided by the church. Come and meet your deacon. Hope to see you there!

Helping Hands for South Sudan is a nonprofit charity whose mission is to make education possible for South Sudan's refugee children. Your donation pays for scholarships, room and board, school supplies and uniforms. To learn more or to donate please visit <https://helpinghands4southsudan.org>. You may also donate through the PCLG online giving page. Select MISSION GIVING and then specify "Helping Hands for South Sudan" in the gift note field. Let your hands be Helping Hands!

Summer Camp! One powerful, important and FUN experience for children and youth is attending sleep away Christian Summer Camp. There are a variety of Christian summer camps, including Mount Hermon and Westminster Woods, that PCLG families have connected with. We have some scholarship funds available for either of those camps if it will help you get your kids to go. Please contact Erin Heath (Elementary School) or Steve Fainer (Middle or High School).

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.

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.

Bookends Thank you for your participation in our annual book sale. We raised \$360 for Mary Akiyo's ALWA Foundation. For March, we've taken an old favorite off the shelf, The Shell Seekers by Rosamunde Pilcher. It's the story of three generations of one family in Great Britain. For some of you, it'll be like reuniting with an old friend. We'll meet in the Fireside room on Sunday March 30th at 2:30, or you may zoom in

Youth Update

We are glad you're here! Today we've got our regular activities happening:

Middle School Sunday School during worship (SS will be off next week for the Mexico Mission Sunday)

SNiFF for Middle Schoolers @ 5 p.m.

YG for High School students @ 7:30 p.m.

The upcoming Love of God (LOG) retreat for High School and rising 9th graders will be March 28-30. Please contact Steve at fainer@gmail.com for more info!

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

Mar. 4	Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner 5:30 pm
Mar. 5	Ash Wednesday 7pm
Mar. 28	Jo Ann Khoobyarian's memorial
June 21-28	All Church Mexico Mission Trip

Regular Group meeting dates

Pastor's Bible Study meets every Wed 2pm Fireside room

WOW – weekly drop in Bible study meets every Thursday at 10 am in the Fireside room contact JHLasher01@gmail.com

PW Morning Circle The PW Morning Bible Circle will be meeting the third Thursday of each month from 10 to 12 am at the Terraces in the Sun Room, located on the 2nd floor in the Assistant Living area.

Minow Bible study meets every Wed. 6:30 am Fireside Room contact minow@pclg.org

Sign Language group meets 2nd and 4th Sunday after worship Room 9 contact youngla0707@gmail.com. **We are on winter break during January/February and will resume in March.**

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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.