



Sunday, September 29, 2024

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Peal con Brio" by Karen Thompson  
Handbells

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP Soren Henderson

Leader: God is source of all the beauty on the earth and to infinity and beyond.

**People: We celebrate the wonder of God's creation.**

Leader: God has given us the gift of love, shown through Jesus.

**People: We rejoice at the love that flows from Jesus through our human lives.**

Leader: Let us sing our praises to God, the source of all goodness.

HYMN #14 (1, 2, 3 & 4) "For The Beauty of the Earth" DIX

## PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON

Julianna and Grant Boger-Watts

Leader: We come together to worship God this morning but we might find that our hearts and minds need a fresh and clean start, so let's pray this prayer of confession together.

**People: : Dear God, you are good and loving, full of kindness for us all. You ask us to love you and each other. We confess that we have made unloving choices in the last week and we ask you to forgive us. Help us to grow to be more like Jesus and help us to choose love and kindness all the time, we pray in Jesus' name. AMEN**

Leader: Here is really good news that we learn from our Bible: We know that we are loved and forgiven by God. We can always rely on Jesus, so we should have peace in our hearts. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE "Praise" Worship Band & Kids

PASSING OF THE PEACE Eliza Heath

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Erin Heath

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON	Psalm 40:1–5	Theo Watermulder
THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING		Rev. Erica Rader
OFFERTORY	“Give Me Jesus”	Arr. by Molly Ijames
DOXOLOGY #606	“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”	OLD HUNDREDTH
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Ephesians 4:1-6	
SERMON	Fruit of the Spirit: Patience	Rev. Erica Rader
HYMN	“Build My Life”	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 #250	“Hymn of Promise”	PROMISE
BENEDICTION		Rev. Dr. David Watermulder
POSTLUDE	“Rondo a la Mazurka Op. 5” Nickie Ledford	by Frederic Chopin

Greeters: James Wiebracht, Aria and Ezra Alves, Hannah Achabal  
 Collecting the Offering: Griffin Heath, Sadie Henderson  
 Zoe Kilmer and Lucy Fainer

**Keep in Your Prayer:** Kristy Cole recovering from hospitalization at Stanford. 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’s mother. Judy Momrow. Gigi McNulty. Barbara Snyder’s daughter, Terry. Deepika Tewari, traveling to India to support her father. 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!

**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

**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 29, and October 6, at 9am in the Fireside Room. All are welcome.

**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 email peggy.heath@gmail.com go to the link below to sign up.  
[https://marthaskitchen.galaxydigital.com/user/login/?return=/need/detail/?need\\_id=951924](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.

**New Members and Inquirers Class** Saturday October 12 9:00 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 our mission and ministry, answer questions and get to know each other better.

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

**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.

**Theology on Tap** Tuesday, Oct. 1 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+

**PCLG Women's Retreat:** Today Is the Deadline!

If you plan to attend the Women's Retreat but have not yet registered, today is your last chance! To sign up, go to the church website at [pclg.org](http://pclg.org) or visit the retreat registration table in the courtyard after today's worship service.

For many PCLG women, our annual Women's Retreat is a spiritual and social highlight of the year. This year's get-away will be held the weekend of Oct. 25-27, with a Saturday-only option, at the St. Francis Retreat Center near San Juan Bautista. Our theme will be "Listening Deeply," and our teacher will be the Rev. Dr. Jana Childers, an award-winning author and professor emerita at San Francisco Theological Seminary. Jana will lead us in discovering how to listen more deeply -- to ourselves, to others and to God. We'll also have plenty of time to relax, create, play and walk the center's beautiful grounds.

If you'd like to contribute to our retreat scholarship fund, please contact Pastor Erica Rader ([erica.rader@pclg.org](mailto:erica.rader@pclg.org), 408-356-6156) or retreat coordinator Beth Barry ([bethbarry1@comcast.net](mailto:bethbarry1@comcast.net), 408-402-2125).

**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).

**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.

**REND Collective Christian Music Concert**-- Join PCLG folks to watch Rend Collective live in concert on October 20th at 7pm at Church on the Hill. Limited tickets are available for \$25 per ticket. Email the PCLG front office at [veronica.nourse@pclg.org](mailto:veronica.nourse@pclg.org) for a ticket, or buy tickets online. The weekly email will have a link to buy tickets online.

**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.

**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 meeting on Oct. 13 and NOT meeting on Oct. 27th. Questions? Contact Youngla Kwon (youngla0707@gmail.com).

**Bookends Book club** will meet on Sunday September 29th 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?

**The PW Morning Circle** The Thursday morning Bible study will began 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](mailto:ru.fong@comcast.net).

**Ghoulash: A Magical Brew of Musical Stew** *October 12, 2:30pm, Saratoga Federated Church.* Join us for a free Halloween concert simmered in spooky, flavored with fun, and dished up with delight! Brought to you by SFC musicians and friends, including the PCLG Handbells! Selections include a fangtastic blend of classical macabre to petrifying pop! Bring your boo and come partake in this brewtiful song stew...if you dare! Bone appétit!

**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 week is an "irregular" Sunday! It's a fifth Sunday and we have Middle School Sunday school the 2nd-4th Sundays of the month. SO, Middle Schoolers can stay in worship and sit with Steve and friends. Let's enjoy the kids lead worship time together.

SNiFF for Middle School is happening from 5 to 6:15 p.m. today.  
YG for High School is happening at 7:30to 9:15 p.m. today.

For more info or details, look for Steve Fainer or reach out to [fainer@gmail.com](mailto:fainer@gmail.com)/408-472-0208

**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), 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 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.*

## PCLG Elder Assignments 2024

Abby Hoekstra	Youth Ministry
Leigh Henderson	Children's Ministry
Beth Barry	Adult Education
Mark Baker	Finance
Ron Dickel	Finance
Peggy Heath	Mission
Jeff Thompson	Mission
	Worship and Music
Lauren Froman	Small Groups
Diane Hanne	Stewardship
	Caring Ministries
Reid Bierly	Personnel
Dan Rohrer	Community Life
Renee Crites	Community Life
Nancy Smith	Growing Footprints Preschool (GFP)
	Scout Troop 339 Rep
Angie Smith	Facilities and Grounds
Brian Tam	Facilities and Grounds
Steve Raspe	Welcome and New Members
Doug Thiele	Awesomeness and Outreach
Brenda Costanzo	Clerk of Session