



Sunday, December 29, 2024

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Joy to the World" Las Cascabeles  
"Come On, Ring Those Bells"

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP Ben Fong

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

**People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

Leader: Let us praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

**People: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people who are close to him.**

Leader: Let us sing our praise to the One who comes close to us, our Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN #132 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" IN DULCI JUBILO

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON Rev. Dr. David Watermulder  
**Holy God, we praise you that love came into the world and into our hearts through the birth of Jesus. Despite your loving ways, we confess that we don't always chose to be loving with one another. We turn away from those in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We seek assurance from the wrong places in the midst of our fears and worries. Lord, help us to see your truth and grace as we confess our sins and release our burdens to you. As we receive your mercy and your forgiveness for our sins may we be full of gratitude, praising the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen**

SONG OF PRAISE #115 "Away in a Manger" MUELLER

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Erin Heath

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Ben Fong

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

OFFERTORY

“Christmas Bell Medley”  
Las Cascabeles

by Brynna Shpuniarsky

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:41-52

SERMON

“Jesus, where are you?”

Rev. Erica Rader

HYMN #121 (VS 1, 2, 4) “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ST. LOUIS

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 # 143 (vs 1,2 ,4) “Angels From The Realms of Glory”

REGENT SQUARE

BENEDICTION

Rev. Erica Rader

POSTLUDE

“Good King Wenceslas”  
Ruthanne Adams Martinez handbells

by Brynna Shpuniarsky

**Keep in Your Prayers:** Tom Smith and family after the passing of Mildred. The family of Jan black after her passing. Chris Bollinger recovering from emergency surgery. Health concerns for Rita's parents. Family of Mardie Dailey. Carolyn Randall on the passing of her daughter. GFP assistant director Vanessa’s mom Elvira health concerns. Gigi McNulty. Kristy Cole. Emily Barrett. Joan and Willis Brown. The Bierly/Shaw families. Julie Clausen's cousin Tyler. Rachel Larsen. Tony Bayne. Gail Myers. Shirley Swallow. Sharon LeClaire. Judy Momrow. Barbara Snyder's daughter, Terry. Rosemary Will. Susan Cherne and family. The Coulter Family after the passing of Dick.

**Pledges** Thank you to those who have sent their pledge in. It’s not too late to turn in your pledge. You can go online to make your pledge <https://www.pclg.org/pledge>

**Company Matching Program** – Did you know your workplace could help amplify the impact of your giving? Many employers offer matching gift programs as part of their commitment to community support and charitable giving. This is a simple and effective way to double the impact of your generosity and further support the Mission Committee, which uses the matching funds to support various needs throughout our community. Check to see if your employer offers matching gifts and complete any required forms! Let us know if you need assistance or documentation about our nonprofit status.

**Church Lock up Team** Are you interested in helping to lockup the Church on Sundays after services and activities? Please contact Ben Fong at [benf\\_1@yahoo.com](mailto:benf_1@yahoo.com) or talk with me at Church.

**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.

We are now accepting applications and giving tours for Summer Camp, and our 2025-2026 school year for preschool and afterschool programs. For more information and to contact us, please visit our website at [www.growingfootprints.org](http://www.growingfootprints.org) or visit our instagram at [growing\\_footprints\\_preschool](https://www.instagram.com/growing_footprints_preschool) to see the kind of activities our little friends are up to.

**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).

**Come Sing With Us** If you love music and sharing your gifts with others, come join the Choir for the weeks leading up to Christmas. Rehearsals are on Thursday nights at 7pm. For information contact Michael Taylor at [michael.taylor@pclg.org](mailto: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](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. We will take a 2 week break and **return on Wednesday, Jan. 8th**

**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).

**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.

**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

**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 in the Fireside Room and via Zoom each Wednesday at 6:30 AM. This group is called MINOW, "Men In Need of Wisdom" and is much like our Presbyterian Church where it is run by its members. We trade off leading the study week by week. We just started the book of Genesis, so now is a good time to join. Please reach out to [minow@pclg.org](mailto:minow@pclg.org) to be added to the weekly email invite.

**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 going to have potluck on Dec. 29th. Anyone who loves signing can come. Now is the best time to join the group as we are going to go over basic signs and alphabet/numbers. Come and join us! Questions? Contact Youngla Kwon ([youngla0707@gmail.com](mailto:youngla0707@gmail.com)).

**Sunday School Volunteer Training!** Have you considered signing up to volunteer as a Sunday School teacher but wasn't sure what it entailed? Join us for a special Sunday School Volunteer Training to equip and inspire you for this important ministry. Whether you're a seasoned teacher or just getting started, this session will provide helpful tools, a run through of what happens in Sunday School, the types of lessons covered, and a time to answer any questions. Lunch included! Date: Sunday, Jan. 12 | Time: 11:30-12:30 | Location: Fireside Room. Let's grow together in serving our children and sharing God's love!

### **Youth Update**

Happy almost New Year! We hope you had a great Christmas. Sunday school and youth groups will not be meeting today, but everything will be back to the regular schedule next Sunday, January 5!

Youth or parents: text Steve if you're interested in a road trip later this week (thurs/fri).

**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](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**

Jan. 26 Pancake Breakfast Sunday  
Feb. 1 Inquirers/New Members class 9 am

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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.*