



Sunday, October 27, 2024
Reformation Sunday

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Spirit of Gentleness" by J. Manley
Katie Gueorgieva

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP Al Avecilla

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down

People: Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

Leader: This is our God, our good shepherd

People: We are the flock who are led with care.

Leader: Come, let us worship Almighty God together today!

HYMN #321(v 1,2,5) "The Church's One Foundation" AURELIA

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON Rev. Dr. David Watermulder
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 #458 "Thy Word" THY WORD

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Carlo Panighetti

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Proverbs 15:1-8 Al Avecilla

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

OFFERTORY "Just as I am" arr. by Howard Helvey

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 3:13-18

SERMON

Fruit of the Spirit: Gentleness

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

HYMN #418

“Softly and Tenderly”

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

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 # 275

“A Mighty Fortress”

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BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

POSTLUDE

“The Great Gates of Kiev”

by Modest Mussorgsky

Keep in Your Prayer: Vickie Showman, near the end of her life. the Hingle Family during a hard season. Pastor Erica’s mother Karen. Micheal Taylor after the loss of his brother Monte. Gigi McNulty recovering from a procedure. Lisa McKibbin’s daughter Addie. Kristy Cole. Emily Barrett. Joan and Willis Brown. The Bierly/Shaw families. Carolyn Randall's daughter Tiffany. Julie Clausen's cousin Tyler. Rachel Larsen. Jeff Yergler. Tony Bayne. Gail Myers. Shirley Swallow. Sharon LeClaire. Judy Momrow. Barbara Snyder's daughter, Terry. Rosemary Will. Susan Cherne and family.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) for Hurricane Helene Recovery

We have an opportunity to help folks that have been affected by the hurricanes. The Presbyterian Church USA, through the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, is on the ground responding to the many urgent needs following the destruction of Hurricane Helene. They will continue to be there for future disasters. If you would like to contribute, you can give to PCLG online in the mission box or give to the office noting “hurricane” and it will get to PDA.

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!

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.

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 November 3rd and December 8th for this exciting series. Light lunch will be provided. Dr. Hunt's books will be available for purchase.

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.

Bookends invites you to join us in the Fireside room on Sunday Oct 27th at 3pm for a discussion about Allen Brennart's book, Molokai. It is the journey of 3 generations of one family who are struck by leprosy. The book begins in 1891 and continues through 1970. Brennart is one of the writers for the TV series LA Law. This is our last meeting for 2024; we lapse during the holiday season. Our book for January is The Kitchen Front by Jennifer Ryan set in the UK during WWII.

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.

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.

Pastor's Bible Study Join Pastor Dave for a mid-week study each Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

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 for info on our in-person meetings.

Informational meeting for Camino de Santiago Women's Pilgrimage

Sunday November 10 11:30am. Join Pastor Erica and Christina Hingle in the Fireside room after church for an informational meeting on plans for a May 2025 Camino pilgrimage. Dates will be May 17-June 1, 2025. We will share our itinerary, packing lists, expectations and goals as we seek to go deeper in our journey with Jesus.

Stephen Ministry Your Stephen Minister is a supportive listener to offer encouragement, not advice. In a recent sermon, the three points were: Look, Listen [don't fix], Leave room for God. This is the foundation of Stephen Ministry; to listen and not to fix and leave room for God. Their motto is: the Stephen Minister is the care giver; God is the cure giver. Not sure that Stephen ministry is for you? Give it a try for 3 weeks—meet for an hour each week with a Stephen Minister who will listen to whatever is weighing on you. PCLG Stephen Ministry [669] 240-0857

The mission committee would like to invite you to volunteer at Martha's Kitchen on November 6 from 3:15-5:15 for the indoor dining service for our neighbors in need. Any questions? E-mail peggy.heath@gmail.com. Ready to sign up? Use the URL below: 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.

Las Cascabeles PCLG Bell Choir We recently participated in a great Halloween concert at Saratoga Federated Church with organ and harp (it was SO wonderful to hear organ music again!). As we move toward Advent, we welcome new folks to join us. If you read music, we'll teach you the rest-- it's easy. We meet on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:30pm in the choir room. Some historic trivia: our name was suggested by Margaret Bath, a friend of Jean Slaght; *la cascabel* is the term for the bell on the kitty cat's collar, which seems appropriate for a bell choir from Los Gatos.

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 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:

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It's a "regular" Sunday today with:

MS Sunday School following the Children's time

SNiFF for Middle School @ 5 p.m.

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

Students are welcome to wear a costume tonight!

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

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

Nov. 3	Dr. Patrick Hunt
Nov. 21	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Shir Hadash
Nov. 24	Pledge Dedication Sunday
Dec. 8	Dr. Patrick Hunt

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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.