



Sunday November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation"
by Max Reger and Gustav Merkel
"Shepherd's Song" by Charity Boyles
Kirim Eom

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP & CANDLE LIGHTING The Tan Family
(Justin, Foong Yee, Dylan, Caden, Ashlyne)

Reader 1: O God, we light the first candle of Advent. *(light the first candle.)*

Reader 2: We kindle it with hope. We long for you to come to our world,
to break through and reign with compassion, justice, and peace.

Reader 1: The prophet Isaiah also cried to God to tear open heaven and come down. He called God's people to do right. Isaiah called them to be refashioned like clay by God, the potter. This Advent, we call out to God.

People: Mighty God, creator of the world, break through all that keeps us from you. We ask for your mercy and reform us in your image. This Advent, visit us with your justice, love, and peace.

Reader 1: Come, let us worship God together today!

HYMN #93 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" TRURO

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON Rev. Erica Rader
It is never easy for us to confess our sins, Waiting God. There are the hurts we have caused to our families and friends, which we would like to forget. There are people we believe are impossible to love, so we don't really try. There are people who live on the edge of our society, who we sometimes ignore. Forgive us, O God who comes near to us in Christ. When we have lost our way, show us yours. Lead us in humility down the streets of your kingdom. Teach us your truth, so we might hear and follow your will. Prepare our hearts to receive you again this season. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE Light the Candle (Hope) Kirim Eom

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Erica Rader

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Dr. David G. Watermulder

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sloane Harper Bancroft,
daughter of TJ & Meghan Bancroft, granddaughter of Ted & Pam Bancroft

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 122:1-9

Melanie O'Brien

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING

Rev. Erica Rader

OFFERTORY

"Let There Be Praise"
Chris Fernandez soloist

by Richard and Melodie Tunny

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 13:8-14

SERMON

"Waking, Quaking and Baking" Rev. Dr. David G. Watermulder

HYMN #106

"Prepare the Way, O Zion" BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

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 #88 (VS 1, 6, 7)

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

VENI EMMANUEL

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

POSTLUDE

"Nun Danket alle Gott"

arr. by Albert L. Travis

Keep in Your Prayers: Ted Bancroft & family on the passing of Pam. Beth Barry. John Cellar on the death of his wife, Barbara. C. Michael Traw. Sarah Lee and family after the passing of her nephew. Ellen Graff & family on the passing of her husband David. Joan Brown. Pat Jones recovering at Terraces health center. Patty Kelly. Mikal Cox (Jack Longley's nephew) struggling with advanced cancer. Eleanor Gallmeister. Emily Barrett. Patricia Caputo (Jean Ritchie's daughter). Kristy Cole. Tony Bayne. Judy Momrow.

Advent Craft Faire Join us this evening for crafts and activities in the children's wings from 4-5:30pm. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm in the Social Hall. We hope to see you at this wonderful intergenerational event.

Mission Gift Cards Your mission committee would like PCLG to bless 80 low income families from Bridge Communities that live in East San Jose with \$100 Amazon gift cards. These gift cards will help parents get Christmas gifts for their children. Please donate whatever amount you can to help these families. You can donate using the QR code or a check to PCLG noting Christmas gift cards. Thank you as always for your generosity.



Stewardship Season Please return your Pledge Card either in the mail, in person on a Sunday or online. You can submit your pledge online at www.pclg.org/pledge.

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.



Year End Giving If you plan to make an additional charitable contribution before the end of the year, please consider PCLG. You can go to www.pclg.org to make a donation.



Blue Christmas Service December 10, 7 p.m. If you are entering into the season with a weary or hurting heart please join us for our annual Blue Christmas service, filled with beautiful music, reflections, prayers, and candles of remembrance. We remember that Jesus accompanies us through all things, in all seasons.

Christmas Tea: Cookie Bakers Needed!

There's nothing like starting your holiday season with the smell of cookies baking in the oven and the sound of carols in our sanctuary. **PCLG's Christmas Tea will be held this coming Thursday, Dec. 4, at 12:15.** If you'd like to bake cookies or otherwise help with the Tea, please scan the QR code or click the Tea banner on our website. The Tea will start in the sanctuary with a festive performance by the Mountain View High School Madrigal Choir. Then we'll move to the Social Hall for sandwiches and sweets. Tickets will be on sale during coffee hour after today's worship service and in the church office during the week. Each ticket costs \$25; we are accepting checks and cash. The Tea is sponsored by PCLG's Presbyterian Women, and all PCLG'ers and their guests -- both women *and* men -- are welcome.



New Members and Inquirers Class Saturday Jan. 24 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.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 heritage and how our church seeks to grow and serve together. It will be an interactive morning with plenty of time for questions and for getting to know each other. You can sign up here <https://www.pclg.org/membership/>

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.

College Welcome Brunch – All college-age people are invited to attend a brunch at the Watermulder home on December 20 from 10 a.m. to noon. Come see old friends, meet new friends, hear about what's new at PCLG, and enjoy delicious food!

Youth Update

Happy Advent! Today we've got Sunday School in the youth center during worship. This evening, our young people and families are invited to the Advent Craft faire and dinner. Some are also helping out! The craft faire begins at 4 pm, followed by dinner at 5:30 pm. Ahead of returning to school, we won't have youth group tonight but come create and eat with us!! Regular programs resume next Sunday!

Dates To Remember

November 30	Advent Craft Fair 4:00 pm
December 4	Christmas Tea 12:15 pm
December 10	Blue Christmas 7:00 pm
December 24	Christmas Eve services 4 pm and 10 pm
March 13-15	Men's Retreat with guest speaker Erik Khoobyarian
January 24	Inquirers/New Members Class 9 am

Recurring Group Meetings

Pastor's Bible Study – Wednesdays at 2:00 pm in the Fireside room.

WOW – (*Women's Weekly Bible study*) Thursdays at 10:00 am in the Fireside room.
contact: JHLasher01@gmail.com.

PW Morning Circle – (*Women's Monthly Bible study*) Third Thursday of each month from 10:00 am to noon at the Terraces in the Sunroom, located on the 2nd floor in the Assistant Living area.

MINOW Men's Bible Study - MINOW (Men In Need Of Wisdom) is a Men's Weekly Bible Study held on Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. And we are also on Zoom, if you can't make it to PCLG in the early morning. Please reach out to minow@pclg.org to be added to the weekly email invite.

Bookends – (Monthly Book Club) – Bookends will begin again in January with the book James by Percival Everett.

Sign Language Group We are learning sign language through worship songs, and we meet on the **2nd** and **4th Sunday** after the worship service in Room 9 in the Children's Wing. Our next meeting will be in Dec. 14th. For further questions, please contact youngla0707@gmail.com.

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