



Sunday April 27, 2025

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

PRELUDE "A Mighty Fortress" arr. Gary Smoke  
organ arr. RA Martinez; Las Cascabeles

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP Grace Crites

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**People: By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

Leader: he has given us an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us.

**People: We are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

Leader: In this we rejoice and we worship God today!

HYMN "Here I Am to Worship" Worship Band

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON Rev. Erica Rader

**Gracious God, you break the powers of sin and darkness. We trust it is already done in Christ Jesus our Lord. Still, we live in the in-between, the "not yet," the anticipation of that fulfillment. We have yet to see evil overcome with our own eyes. We are led astray in our impatience and in our fear, by our egos and hard heartedness. Help us trust the witness of those who went before us and the witness of our siblings today who have seen your glory even in these times. Grant us your Spirit, that we might share your peace and forgiveness. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE "I Am" Worship Band

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Erica Rader

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Erin Heath

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 61:1-3 Grace Crites

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING

Rev. Erica Rader

OFFERTORY

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”  
chimes arr. RA Martinez, piano arr. Mark Hayes

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-29

SERMON

“Trust, but Verify”

Steve Fainer

HYMN #240

“Alleluia Alleluia! Give Thanks”

ALLELUIA NO. 1

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

“This I Believe”

Worship Band

BENEDICTION

Steve Fainer

POSTLUDE

“Eastertide Fanfare”  
Katie Gueorguieva

by Hal Hopson

**Keep in Your Prayers:** Pastor Erica’s family after her mother’s passing. Barbara Snyder at the Terraces Health Center. Julie Sebaziga’s nephew. Jan Wilson’s daughter Jennifer. Gary Kuhn recovering at Terraces Health Center. Larry Paaske recovering at home. Patricia Caputo (Jean Ritchie’s daughter). GFP director Vanessa’s mom. Kristy Cole. Emily Barrett. The Bierly/Shaw families. Tony Bayne. Judy Momrow. Barbara Snyder’s daughter, Terry. Rosemary Will.

The music of the bell choir today is dedicated to the memory of our long-time ringer Bobbie Chambers who would’ve been 100 on Palm Sunday

**Join us for a BRIEF** Congregational Meeting **today** following worship for the purpose of electing a member of the Nominating Committee.

**All-Church Mexico—Sign up now!** - June 21-28, 2025. Join us for our Summer Mission Trip to Mexico! A group from PCLG will travel to the Tijuana area to build homes with Amor Ministries, supporting families and local churches in need. This is a great trip for anyone going into third grade and up through adulthood! Questions? You can e-mail trip leadership at [mexico@pclg.org](mailto:mexico@pclg.org) or go to [www.pclg.org/mexico](http://www.pclg.org/mexico) to sign up.

**New Members and Inquirers Class** Saturday May 10, 2025 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.

For more info contact: [members@pclg.org](mailto:members@pclg.org).

You can sign up here: <https://www.pclg.org/become-a-member>

**PCLG Summer Day Camp for 4-6 Year olds** All are welcome, enrollment is open now. Camps offered June 9-August 8 9am-1pm, Monday through Friday. Come for one or all weeks, with different fun themes each week. Program is led by our GFP preschool teachers with special music and dance provided by Rita Hoegel and Erin Heath. Fee per week : \$305 for 4 days or \$345 for 5 days. See our flyer, or find more information at [www.growingfootprints.org](http://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.

**Bookends** The PCLG book club is reading "The Indigo Girl" by Natasha Boyd. Charleston 1739, Teenager Eliza Lucas is left in charge of the family's two plantations as her father travels to the Caribbean. This novel of historical fiction tells of her goal to expand the crops to include indigo and making dye. Join us Sunday 4/27 at 2:30 pm in the Fireside room.

**The San Jose Presbytery's** first N.E.A.R (Nurture, Educate, Advocate, Resource) gathering focusing on "Mutuality in Mission Responding Faithfully to our Times". We will meet Saturday, May 3. The Keynote speaker is Rev. Jihyun Oh, the Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian General Assembly and the Executive Director of the Interim Unified Agency (IUM). A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided, and childcare will be available. In addition, there is an optional after-lunch excursion to the historic Monterey Custom House led by Rev. Andy Rausch and Rev. Bill Lane. Everyone is invited to attend. The gathering is from 8 am to 1 pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Monterey (501 El Dorado Street, Monterey) If you would like to attend, please RSVP at: [tinyurl.com/sjNEAR-May3](http://tinyurl.com/sjNEAR-May3)

**Saturday, May 3rd, Parent's Night Out 4-7pm** - Enjoy a night out while Erin and her high school helpers take care of your kids! We will provide snacks, pizza, and fun. Please RSVP to Erin, [erin.heath@pclg.org](mailto:erin.heath@pclg.org) by April 30th. If you are interested in going out with other parents from our group during this time please let Erin know and she can get you connected!

**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).

**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).

### **Youth Update**

This morning, Middle School students are invited to stay in for worship - all our teachers are otherwise engaged, plus the sermon jokes might be middle school oriented.

Both SNIFF (for Middle School) and High School YG will meet tonight at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. respectively

**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**

May 10	Inquirers/New Members Class
June 28	Gigi McNulty Memorial Service 11am
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](mailto: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](mailto:minow@pclg.org)

**Sign Language Group** For questions or info, contact Youngla Kwon at [youngla0707@gmail.com](mailto:youngla0707@gmail.com). For April, we are going to meet on **April 13th** and **April 27th**.

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