



Sunday, December 8, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "What Child Is This" arr. P. Lloyd
Katie Gueorguieva

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP
The Fulcher Family (Lauren, Joey, Payton, Harlow, Jack, and Tate)

Leader: The prophet Malachi calls us to watch for the messenger God will send us, a messenger who burns with a passion for God's coming salvation. "For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness".

People: In a world driven by a passion to maintain the status quo, we choose to live with a passion for God's peace, to listen to those who call us to righteousness, and to submit ourselves to God's grace, that we might be refined and purified until we reflect God's love throughout the earth.

Leader: We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to passionately pursue the work of making peace in our hearts, our families, our communities, and throughout the earth until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven

HYMN #88 (1, 6, 7) "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON Rev. Erica Rader
Merciful God, you sent your messengers, the prophets, to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, so that we may greet the coming of Jesus Christ with joy! Forgive us and set us free from our sins and lead us to live lives of faith, hope, and love. In your name, we pray. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE "Jesus Messiah" Worship Band

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Erica Rader

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Erin Heath

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Malachi 3:1-4 Payton Fulcher

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING Rev. Erica Rader

OFFERTORY "Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room" by Lloyd Larson

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 3:1-6

SERMON "Entering Advent " Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

HYMN "John Spoke As a Prophet" (To God Be The Glory Tune) by Carolyn Gillette

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 "The Way" Worship Band

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

POSTLUDE "December" by Pyotr Ilich Tchaikovsky

Keep in Your Prayers: Family of Mardie Dailey. Carolyn Randall on the passing of her daughter. Kim Dellevet on the passing of her father. GFP assistant director Vanessa's mom Elvira health concerns. Pastor Erica's mother Karen. Tom Smith as he cares for Mildred in memory care. Gigi McNulty. Kristy Cole. Emily Barrett. Joan and Willis Brown. The Bierly/Shaw families. 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.

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!

Pledges Thank you to those who have sent their pledge in. It's not too late to turn in your pledge.

Archaeology and the Bible: Today Dr. Hunt is presenting the final part of his Archeology and the Bible series, focusing on the New Testament. Dr. Hunt is an expert in his field, a best-selling author and a real-life Indiana Jones figure! Join us after worship on for this exciting series. Light lunch will be provided. Dr. Hunt's books will be available for purchase.

Mission Committee - Spreading Christmas Joy once again PCLG would like to bless our working brothers and sisters at Bridge Communities in East San Jose. This Christmas we will be providing 80 families with a \$100 Amazon Gift Card. You can help provide these blessings by donating, in any amount, towards our goal. There are three ways to participate: (1) On-line through the PCLG giving website (scroll to "Mission" and put "Christmas Gift Card" in the memo box). The QR code below will take you to the website; (2) By check or cash in the weekly offering (with "Christmas Gift Card" in the memo line); (3) At the Mission Committee room at the Advent Craft Faire.



From the Mission Committee and Front Door Communities: A big "Thank You!!" to PCLG for donating sleeping bags and jackets for those who live outside in downtown San Jose. Those receiving a sleeping bag or jacket have been very appreciative! If you still have a sleeping bag to donate, please bring it into the office. Thanks Again!!

Gabriel Nyok's Mission Presentation: Join us after worship on Sunday, Dec. 15th in the Fireside Room to hear from Gabriel Nyok. He has just arrived back from Uganda and South Sudan and will give us a full update on our shared mission work in that place. Light lunch will be served and Gabriel will be glad to see you all!

Growing Footprints Preschool Christmas Program Join us on Friday, December 13th at 10:00 am in the Social Hall as the children of our Preschool share a special program. Light snacks will follow

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.

Come Sing With Us Join the Choir for Advent! 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.

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.

Parent's Day Out, December 14th, 1-4pm. Let me take care of your kids while you finish up your Christmas to do list! Please RSVP to erin.heath@pclg.org by December 11th.

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

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.

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.

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 to be added to the weekly email invite.

Youth Update

Today is a "regular" Sunday with Middle School Sunday exiting to the Youth Center after the Children's time.

This evening, Middle School SNIFF at 5 p.m. and High School Youth Group at 7:30 p.m. are both having Christmas parties tonight with games and treats and freedom from gift exchanges! Don't bring a gift, do wear something silly if you want.

There will also be youth groups and Sunday School next week, but we're prepping for something a little different during that time next week. More details to come!

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

Dec. 21	College Welcome Brunch 10am-12pm at Watermulder Home
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Services 4 pm and 10 pm
Jan. 26	Pancake Breakfast Sunday
Feb. 1	Inquirers/New Members class 9 am

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