

Sunday October 5, 2025
World Communion Day

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON	Exodus 16: 21, 29	Martha Wills
THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING		Steve Fainer
OFFERTORY	"Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly"	Worship Band
DOXOLOGY #606	"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"	OLD HUNDREDTH
SCRIPTURE LESSON	John 15:1-11	
SERMON	"The Root and Fruit of Joy: Lessons from the Life of Moses and Wisdom from Jesus: Rhythms for Life" Rev. Dr. Neal Presa	
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:		Rev. Dr. Neal Presa

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

"The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise."

THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

THE WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC	"One at the Feast" by Craig Courtney "The Table"	Chancel Choir Worship Band
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER	Steve Fainer
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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 #305	"Come Sing, O Church in Joy!"	DARWALL'S 148 TH
BENEDICTION		Rev. Dr. Neal Presa
POSTLUDE	"St. Dunstan's"	by Douglas E. Wagner

Keep in Your Prayers: Uhuru's son, brother to Lydia and Julie Sebaziga passed away. Jamie Schafer's husband Charles out of the hospital. Marcia Lawson recovering from a procedure. Patty Kelly. Jo Ann Van Ballegooijen. Mikal Cox (Jack Longley's nephew) struggling with advanced cancer. The family of Lousie Sherman. Eleanor Gallmeister. Julie Clausen on the passing of her cousin Tyler. Emily Barrett. Julie Sebaziga's nephew. Patricia Caputo (Jean Ritchie's daughter). Kristy Cole. Tony Bayne. Judy Momrow.

The Rev. Dr. Neal D. Presa is Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of San José, Affiliate Associate Professor of Preaching at Fuller Theological Seminary, Senior Visiting Professor of Practical Theology at Union Theological Seminary (Philippines), and a Senior Fellow of the Center for Pastor Theologians. A past Moderator of the 220th General Assembly (2012-14) of the Presbyterian Church (USA), he represents the PC(USA) at the World Council of Churches Central and Executive Committees, where he leads the Finance Policy Committee. Neal, his wife Grace, and their dog Calvin live in Morgan Hill as empty-nesters. Their eldest son Daniel (22) is a Davidson College graduate and lives in Charlotte, NC where he works at K&L Gates and their youngest son Andrew (20) is a junior at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

Join us after worship today in the Social Hall for a presentation by Rev. Dr. Neal Presa. Neal is the Executive Presbyter for our local Presbytery and has recently published a new book about Worship, Justice and Joy. A light lunch will be served, books will be available for purchase, and Neal will share about how we find joy in worship, even as we pursue God's justice in our time.

The PCLG Mission Committee invites you to volunteer for a fun, meal packing event with Rise Against Hunger on Sat Oct 18th from 9-12 AM in the PCLG Social Hall. We will again be packing 15,000 meals to be distributed to those in need around the world. Rise Against Hunger uses these meals to enable at-risk communities to become self-sustaining over the long term. This will be similar to last April's event and is open to all ages as long as one can stand to fill and pour a measuring cup or walk containers from one table to another. Sitting volunteer positions are also available. Please sign-up and sign the online waiver form using this link: <https://riseagainsthunger.org/register/?id=701Pj00000Vd1IY> For Questions: Please call or email Jeff Thompson 408-455-2784 Jeffsthompson7@gmail.com

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.



Who's Your Neighbor? Mental Health and the Church – Sunday, October 12 after worship in the Fireside Room. Come to this class taught by the Rev. Sharon LeClaire, as we seek to better understand mental illness, learn and grow in our faith journeys, and discover how as a congregation we can be welcoming to those with mental illness. We will discuss men and women in the Bible who suffered from mental illnesses and how God ministered to them. We will discuss spiritual practices and how they can help us cope with mental illness in ourselves and as caregivers. A light lunch will be provided.

PCLG Women's Retreat: Today is the Deadline!

If you haven't signed up yet for our wonderful Women's Retreat, today is your last chance! You can read all about it, register and pay with a couple of clicks **on our church website**, pclg.org. You can also fill out and turn in a paper form in the church office by the end of today, along with a check. (The registration table will not be available during today's coffee hour.)

This year's retreat is scheduled for **the weekend of Nov. 7-9, with a Saturday-only option**. We'll gather once again at the St. Francis Retreat Center, a peaceful setting near San Juan Bautista about 50 miles south of Los Gatos. We'll enjoy inspiring lessons from a guest teacher, great music, fun activities, and time to relax and build friendships. Many PCLG women consider our annual retreat one of the highlights of their year!

Las Cascabeles, We invite you to join our bell choir as we begin in September. If you can read music and count, the rest is easy!! practice on Tuesday from 6-7:30pm. Contact our director Ruthanne ruthanne.adamsmartinez@gmail.com.

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.

Youth Update

Good morning! All students should stay in for worship and communion this morning. We will not be having Sunday School. But tonight we will have SNiFF at 5 and YG at 7:30 for Middle School and High School respectively.

Worship Band The Worship Band is recruiting guitar, bass, drums, keyboard and singers to lead the more "blended" songs in our worship! If you or someone you know has a talent to share, come and talk to me on a Sunday morning or email me. Rita Hoegel rita.hoegel@pclg.org

Theology on Tap Tuesday, October 7 from 7-9 p.m. at Hapa's Brewing Company (114 S Santa Cruz Ave, Los Gatos). Please join Pastor Dave and others there for a theological discussion over a frosty beverage. 21+

Dates To Remember

October 5	Book presentation by Neal Pesa
October 12	Who's Your Neighbor? Mental Health and the Church Class
Oct 26	Reformed Worship Talk with Pastor Dave
Nov. 2	Encountering the Border Team Presentation
November 7-9	Women's Retreat, St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista
March 13-15	Men's Retreat

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 Bible Wednesdays at 6:30 am in the Fireside Room – contact: minow@pclg.org . We just started the books of 1 and 2 Thessalonians, so now is a good time to join. Please reach out to minow@pclg.org to be added to the weekly email invite.

Bookends – (Monthly Book Club) – Sunday 9/28 at 2pm The book is The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See. It's the story of three generations of female sea divers in Korea. Pastor Taelor and some of our Korean members will join our discussion in the fireside room.

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. Questions? Contact Youngla Kwon at youngla0707@gmail.com. We are starting a new season on September 14th.

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