



Sunday March 16, 2025

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Offertoire" by Léon Boëllmann  
"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" arr. by Dale Wood  
Kirim Eom

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Sharon Le Claire

Leader: The Lord looks down from heaven; seeing all humankind as he watches all the inhabitants of the earth.

**People: God fashions the hearts of us all and observes all our deeds.**

Leader: Our souls wait for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

**People: We seek a Holy Lent, trusting in God's path for us.**

Leader: Let us sing praises to our Lord.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Erica Rader

HYMN #182 "I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say" KINGSFOLD

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON Steve Fainer  
**Holy God, we praise you for your steadfast kindness to us. We hear the voice of Jesus calling to us in our weariness, to come find mercy and rest in him. Yet, we find ourselves drawn into temptation and sin as we seek solace in the wrong places. Even as we confess our sin, we admit that we want your mercy for ourselves but we want retribution for those who harm us. Lord, redeem us from our sins and from our hard hearts. Soften our hearts with your grace as we walk with Jesus through Lent, we pray. AMEN**

SONG OF PRAISE "King of My Heart" Worship Band

PASSING OF THE PEACE Steve Fainer

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Erin Heath

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Zechariah 7:8–14 Rev. Sharon Le Claire

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING		Rev. Erica Rader
OFFERTORY	"This is My Word"	by Pepper Choplin
DOXOLOGY #606	"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"	OLD HUNDREDTH
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Matthew 23:23-28	
SERMON	"Woe is me!"	Rev. Erica Rader
HYMN	"Trust in God"	Worship Band
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER		Rev. Erica Rader

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 #175	"Seek Ye First"	LAFFERTY
BENEDICTION		Rev. Erica Rader
POSTLUDE	March from "Scipio"	by G.F. Handel

**Keep in Your Prayers:** Willis Brown's family after his passing. Larry Paaske hospitalized after bypass surgery. Jack Longley's sister Phyllis in Kentucky. Jo Ann Khoobyarian's family after her passing. Gary Kuhn hospitalized after a fall. Lee Toney's nephew. Patricia Caputo (Jean Ritchie's daughter). GFP director Vanessa's mom. Kristy Cole. Emily Barrett. The Bierly/Shaw families. Julie Clausen's cousin Tyler. Tony Bayne. Gail Myers. Shirley Swallow. Sharon LeClaire. Judy Momrow. Barbara Snyder's daughter, Terry. Rosemary Will.

**All-Church Mexico** - 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! Have questions? You can e-mail trip leadership at [mexico@pclg.org](mailto:mexico@pclg.org) or come on by our info session after church on March 23 to learn more. *Sign ups will open soon!*

### **The Flower Ministry**

The Flower Ministry makes flower arrangements and delivers them to those in the hospital, ill, recovering at home, needing encouragement, or mourning a loss. This Ministry is a blessing and a demonstration of PCLG's caring and support. If you are interested in learning more, contact the church office. **We are running low on vases. We need medium and large vases only. Please, no small vases. Thanks.**

**Worship Band** - Calling all guitar, bass, drummers and singers!! The Worship Band is recruiting instrumentalists 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](mailto:rita.hoegel@pclg.org)

**Church Work day** Everyone is invited to help spruce up our PCLG campus for Easter! The spring workday will be Saturday April 5th 9am until noon, followed by a delicious lunch together. Come for fellowship, donuts, outdoor gardening, inside cleaning, stuffing of Easter eggs, and more...mark your calendars now to be part of this time with your church family!

**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).

**Caring Ministries Sunday – March 30** Caring Ministries Sunday–March 30th **"Cultivating Connections: Support, Service, Listening, Prayer"** What is a Deacon? What is Caring Ministries? Please join us for Caring Ministries Sunday. This is an opportunity to meet your deacon after worship in the social hall and learn more about Stephen Ministry and Caring ministries support provided by the church. Come and meet your deacon. Hope to see you there!

**Helping Hands for South Sudan** is a nonprofit charity whose mission is to make education possible for South Sudan's refugee children. Your donation pays for scholarships, room and board, school supplies and uniforms. To learn more or to donate please visit <https://helpinghands4southsudan.org>. You may also donate through the PCLG online giving page. Select MISSION GIVING and then specify "Helping Hands for South Sudan" in the gift note field. Let your hands be Helping Hands!

**From your mission committee** March 30 at 11:30 our mission partner, Sister Marylyn Lacy from Mercy Beyond Borders is coming to speak after church in the fireside room. Mercy Beyond Borders forges ways for women and girls in extreme poverty to learn, connect, and lead. When women learn women matter.

**From your mission committee** PCLG has submitted and was granted a \$7500 Grant to buy bunk beds for the Helping Hands for South Sudan school. We are grateful and blessed by this generosity.

**Summer Camp!** One powerful, important and FUN experience for children and youth is attending sleep away Christian Summer Camp. There are a variety of Christian summer camps, including Mount Hermon and Westminster Woods, that PCLG families have connected with. We have some scholarship funds available for either of those

camps if it will help you get your kids to go. Please contact Erin Heath (Elementary School) or Steve Fainer (Middle or High School).

**Women's Camino May 2025** Do you want to join us? Pastor Erica Rader and Christina Hingle are leading a Women's Camino pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela starting May 16 returning home June 1. Contact Pastor Erica or see our website.

**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](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).

**Bookends**. For March, we've taken an old favorite off the shelf, The Shell Seekers by Rosamunde Pilcher. It's the story of three generations of one family in Great Britain. For some of you, it'll be like reuniting with an old friend. We'll meet in the Fireside room on Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:30, or you may zoom in

### **Youth Update**

We are glad you're here! Today we've got our regular activities happening:

Middle School Sunday School during worship  
SNiFF for Middle Schoolers @ 5 p.m.  
YG for High School students @ 7:30 p.m.

The upcoming Love of God (LOG) retreat for High School and rising 9th graders will be March 28-30. Please contact Steve at [fainer@gmail.com](mailto:fainer@gmail.com) for more info!

**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**

Mar. 28	Jo Ann Khoobyarian's memorial 11:00 am
April 26	Rise Against Hunger, packing 15,000 meals
May 10	Inquirers/New Members Class
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 Sign Language Group** For March, we are going to meet on **Sunday, March 23rd**. For questions, contact Youngla Kwon at [youngla0707@gmail.com](mailto:youngla0707@gmail.com).

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