



Sunday, September 22, 2024

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lauren Froman

Leader: In this time set apart for worship, the Holy Spirit invites us:

**People: Draw near to God,**

Leader: who is steady and sure.

**People: Draw near to God,**

Leader: who welcomes those often overlooked.

**People: Draw near to God,**

Leader: who draws us together,

**People: and weaves us into the fabric of faith.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord today!

HYMN #15

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON

Rev. Erica Rader

**O God, we live our lives as best we can— dealing with difficult relationships and situations, putting failures and disappointments behind us, and moving into each new day with as much energy, goodwill, and optimism as we can muster. But here, right now, we seldom have the right answers, so we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives. Forgive us for not asking for your insight. Fill us with your wisdom, that we may live lives of goodness and peace. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE #623

“I've Got Peace Like a River”

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Erica Rader

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Erin Heath

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 29

Lauren Froman

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING

Rev. Erica Rader

OFFERTORY

“Reflections of Peace”

by Joseph Martin

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 14:25-33

SERMON Fruit of the Spirit: Peace Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

HYMN #840 "Peace is Flowing Like a River" TRADITIONAL

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 #611 "Let There Be Peace on Earth" arr. Ade

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

POSTLUDE "Come, Christians Join to Sing" arr. Mark Hayes

**Keep in Your Prayer:** Kristy Cole recovering from hospitalization at Stanford. Emily Barrett. Joan and Willis Brown. Choe Hickman. Jennifer Baham's mother. The Bierly/Shaw families on the loss of a family member. Carolyn Randall's daughter Tiffany. Julie Clausen's cousin Tyler with cancer surgery. Rachel Larsen. John Sbrega. Jeff Yergler. Tony Bayne. Collette Lynner's Husband Doug. Gail Myers. Shirley Swallow. Sharon LeClaire. Judy Momrow. Gigi McNulty. Barbara Snyder's daughter, Terry. Pat Regan (son-in-law of Norma and George) recovering from heart attack. Deepika Tewari, traveling to India to support her father.

**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!

**Starting the Journey with Jesus: Class for New(er) Believers** Come, join our Parish Associate Rev. Jack Longley for four Sunday evenings to discuss what the Christian faith is all about...a four week gathering at Pastor Jack's home. These will be held, 5:00 P.M. on October 13-20-27 and November 3 with each session lasting one hour. This will be open to the first eight responders. [jacklongley@rocketmail.com](mailto:jacklongley@rocketmail.com)

**How To Be a Christian in the Election:** Join Pastor Paul Watermulder for a 3 part series on the important topic of faith and politics. The class will meet on September 22, 29, and October 6rd, at 9am in the Fireside Room. All are welcome.

**Office Closed** The Church office will be closed Tuesday Sept. 24. PGE will be doing some work and the power will be off for the day. All employees will be working from home. If you need to contact the staff you can email or call the church office.

**New Members and Inquirers Class** Saturday October 12 8:00 a.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

**Come Sing With Us** The choir has returned to worship and we would love to invite you to *Come Sing With Us*. If you've ever thought about singing with the choir, now is the perfect time to join us in musical fellowship. There's no audition and rehearsals are Thursday evenings 7:30 – 9:00pm. Making music is the perfect opportunity to joyfully refresh your creative spirit. It's also a lot of fun. For information contact Michael Taylor at [michael.taylor@pclg.org](mailto:michael.taylor@pclg.org).

**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](mailto:maryjhumphrey@comcast.net).

**Archaeology and the Bible:** Dr. Patrick Hunt is from Stanford and will be presenting a 3-part class on discoveries from ancient archeology and how it informs our faith and understanding. Dr. Hunt is an expert in his field, a best-selling author and a real-life Indiana Jones figure! Join us after worship on October 20th, November 3rd and December 8th for this exciting series. Light lunch will be provided. Dr. Hunt's books will be available for purchase.

**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).

**PCLG Women's Retreat:** Learning to Listen

We women at PCLG all know how to talk. Some of us might even *love* to talk. But do we know how to listen? Can we learn to listen better? Join us as we explore these questions at this year's Women's Retreat, scheduled for Oct. 25-27 (with a Saturday-only option) at the St. Francis Retreat Center near San Juan Bautista.

Our teacher will be the Rev. Dr. Jana Childers, an award-winning author, inspiring speaker and professor emerita at San Francisco Theological Seminary. She will lead us in discovering how to listen more deeply -- to ourselves, to others and to God. We'll also have plenty of time to relax, create, play and walk the center's beautiful grounds.

To sign up, visit the retreat registration table during coffee hour after Sunday worship services this month. You may also register on the church website, [pclg.org](http://pclg.org). Registration and payment deadline is Sunday, Sept. 29. If you'd like to contribute to our retreat scholarship fund, please contact Pastor Erica Rader ([erica.rader@pclg.org](mailto:erica.rader@pclg.org), 408-356-6156) or retreat coordinator Beth Barry ([bethbarry1@comcast.net](mailto:bethbarry1@comcast.net), 408-402-2125).

**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).

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

**REND Collective Christian Music Concert**-- Join PCLG folks to watch Rend Collective live in concert on October 20th at 7pm at Church on the Hill. Limited tickets are available for \$25 per ticket. Email the PCLG front office at [veronica.nourse@pclg.org](mailto:veronica.nourse@pclg.org) for a ticket, or buy tickets online. The weekly email will have a link to buy tickets online.

**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](mailto:JHLasher01@gmail.com) for info on our in-person meetings.

**Stephen Ministry** is not just about major life and death issues. Life is all about change; and changes, good or bad can be stressful. Maybe your concern is about a friend, family member, or even current events. Your Stephen Minister will meet with you confidentially an hour each week to listen to whatever is weighing on you. A Stephen Minister is not a counselor. Your Stephen Minister is a supportive listener who will offer you encouragement, not give you advice. [stephen.ministry@pclg.org](mailto:stephen.ministry@pclg.org) PCLG dedicated Stephen Ministry phone line 669-240-0857.

**Sign Language Group** We are learning sign language through worship songs. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday after worship service in Room 9 in Children's Wing. The dates are subject to change depending on church events. We are meeting on Sept. 22nd. Questions? Contact Youngla Kwon ([youngla0707@gmail.com](mailto:youngla0707@gmail.com)).

**Bookends Book club** will meet on Sunday September 29th at 2:30. You may join us in the Fireside room or zoom in. Our book is the unusual story Ella Minnow Pea by Mark Dunn. It's the tale of a fictitious island off the South Carolina coast. The island of Nollop is governed by a small group of folks. They manage to brainwash the community into believing some wild ideas. Will sanity prevail?

**The PW Morning Circle** We will begin the fall by meeting with the WOW ladies for 2 meetings Sept. 12 and Sept 26 at 10 am in the Fireside Room contact Ruth Fong at 1(408) 395-9342 or [ru.fong@comcast.net](mailto:ru.fong@comcast.net).

**Ghoulash: A Magical Brew of Musical Stew** *October 12, 2:30pm, Saratoga Federated Church.* Join us for a free Halloween concert simmered in spooky, flavored with fun, and dished up with delight! Brought to you by SFC musicians and friends, including the PCLG Handbells! Selections include a fangtastic blend of classical macabre to petrifying pop! Bring your boo and come partake in this brewtiful song stew...if you dare! Bone appétit!

**MINOW Men's Bible Study**: We have a men's study in person and via Zoom each Wednesday morning at 6:30 a.m. This group, called MINOW, Men In Need Of Wisdom, is, much like our Presbyterian church, run by its members! We take turns leading the weekly study, and when the current study topic nears completion, together we choose the next. Currently we are studying the book "Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus" and learning how the Jewishness of Jesus can transform your faith. Please reach out ([minow@pclg.org](mailto:minow@pclg.org)) to be added to the weekly invite.

### **Youth Update:**

Backyard Mixer for Parents of High School Students-- hosted by the Watermulders from 7:30pm-9:15pm, all parents of high school age students around PCLG are welcome.

**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](mailto:erin.heath@pclg.org)

**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**

October 12	Inquirer's/New Members Class
October 20	Rend Collective Christian Concert 7 pm
Oct. 25-27	PCLG Women's Retreat St. Francis Center

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*We believe that everyone is created in the image of God and that we are all children of our loving God. We welcome you into the life of our church regardless of where you are on your faith journey. We welcome people of any race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation or gender identity. Simply put, we believe that God loves you and so do we.*