



# Presbyterian Church *of Los Gatos*

**Sunday December 14, 2025  
Third Sunday of Advent**

## **GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP The Gregory Family (Sarah, John, Alice, Lincoln, and JJ)

*Reader 1: We light the third candle of Advent.*

*(With the first two candles burning, a family member lights the third candle.)*

*Reader 2: We look to John, the one you sent, to point us to your light. The light will come into our world and enlighten everyone.*

*Reader 1: God sent John the Baptizer to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus Christ, the true Light of the World. This Advent, we ask for God's mercy and a joyful new beginning.*

**People:** Merciful God, we give thanks that you send messengers like John to call us to greater faith. We ask that in these days we prepare for you in prayer and acts of holy compassion. Give us your joy today!

*Reader 1: Come, let us worship Almighty God together!*

## HYMN #104 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" VALET WILLICH DIR GEBEN

Mighty and powerful God, your word says, “Rejoice always.” But we would rather sulk about the things that don’t go right. Your word says, “Pray without ceasing.” But we go for days without even thinking about You. Your word says, “Give thanks in all circumstances.” But our thankfulness is fleeting, because we think we deserve blessings. Your word says “Hold fast to what is good,” while we hold fast to sinful ways of thinking and acting. Forgive us, Lord! By your power and Spirit, forgive us and set us free. Amen!

## SONG OF PRAISE Light the Candle (Joy) Worship Band

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Erica Rader

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Erica Rader

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 35:1-10 Janet Anwick

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

## OFFERTORY "Rejoice, Rejoice, Ye People" by Joseph Martin

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

"Come and See, Go and Tell" Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

HYMN Jesus Messiah Worship Band

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 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" HYMN TO JOY

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

## POSTLUDE "Fantasia on In Dulci Jubilo" by Johann Sebastian Bach

**Keep in Your Prayers:** Pam Bancroft's family after her passing. Bill Slocum's family after his passing. C. Michael Traw's friends after his passing. Jeanne McCann. Karl Klemmer's family after his passing. Beth Barry. Jan Wilson's grandchild Blair's back surgery. John Cellar on the death of his wife, Barbara. Sarah Lee and family after the passing of her nephew. Ellen Graff and her family on the passing of her husband David. Joan Brown. Patty Kelly. Mikal Cox (Jack Longley's nephew) struggling with advanced cancer. Eleanor Gallmeister. Emily Barrett. Patricia Caputo (Jean Ritchie's daughter). Kristy Cole. Tony Bayne. Judy Momrow.

## **Matching Grant for Christmas Gift Cards for Families in Need**

Good news! PCLG has received a matching grant of \$8,000 toward our Christmas gift card project to bless local low-income families from Bridge Communities. For every dollar given, it will be doubled! We are still seeking to raise funds for 80 \$100 gift cards - with this match, we will be able to gift \$200 gift cards to each family. You can donate to Mission Giving by going to [wwwpclg.org/online-giving](http://wwwpclg.org/online-giving) and specify "Christmas gift cards" in the note field; or send a check with "Christmas gift cards" on the memo line. Track our progress each Sunday on the big Christmas tree in the Narthex!



**Stewardship** Please return your Pledge Cards for our Church Stewardship Season. Our church budget is based on financial pledges that we receive, thank you for being part of what God is doing! You can send it in by mail or in the offering plate today or go to <https://wwwpclg.org/pledge/>.

**Giving Online** Please visit [wwwpclg.org/online-giving](http://wwwpclg.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.



**Year End Giving** As the needs of the congregation and our community continue to grow, year-end gifts are a way to bless our church and allow our ministries to continue to flourish. If you plan to make an additional charitable contribution before the end of the year, please consider PCLG. You can go to PCLG.org to make a donation.

**Lost and Found** We have a new lost and found bin in the church office. If you have lost something you can come into the office any Mon-Fri from 8am to 4 pm and Sunday after service to look for your item. We have eyeglasses, sunglasses, coats, car keys and more in the bin. The bin is located near the reception desk.

**The PCLG Caring Cuisine** ministry is looking for volunteers to provide meals and support to PCLG members during times of need. If you like to cook or just want to help, please contact [GarySerbent@yahoo.com](mailto:GarySerbent@yahoo.com). You will be added to our list of cooks and will be contacted with opportunities to volunteer when needs arise.

**College Welcome Brunch** – All college-age people are invited to attend a brunch at the Watermulder home on December 20 from 10 a.m. to noon. Come see old friends, meet new friends, hear about what's new at PCLG, and enjoy delicious food!

**New Members and Inquirers Class** Saturday Jan. 24 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://wwwpclg.org/membership/>

**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**

Season's Greetings! Today we have a loaded day with our youth programs:  
Middle School Sunday School during worship  
Confirmation class from 11:30 to 1 in the YC  
Middle School SNiFF youth group at 5 pm  
High School YG at 7:30 pm

If we see you, wonderful! If we don't, many blessings as you finish up finals!

### **Dates To Remember**

December 24	Christmas Eve services 4 pm and 10 pm
January 24	Inquirers/New Members Class 9 am
January 25	Pancake Breakfast 11:00 am
February 1	Annual Congregational Meeting
Feb 7	Karl Klemmer Memorial Service, 2pm
Feb 28	David Graff Memorial Service, 2pm
March 7	Bill Slocum Memorial Service, 2pm
March 13-15	Men's Retreat with guest speaker Erik Khoobyarian

### **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](mailto: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 Men's Bible Study** - MINOW (Men In Need Of Wisdom) is a Men's Weekly Bible Study held on Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. And we are also on Zoom, if you can't make it to PCLG in the early morning. We are starting a new book this week, so now is a good time to join. Please reach out to [minow@pclg.org](mailto:minow@pclg.org) to be added to the weekly email invite.

**Bookends** – (Monthly Book Club) – Bookends goes on hiatus for November and December. We'll begin again in January with the book James by Percival Everett.

**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. **Sign Language Group.** Join us as we learn sign language through worship songs! For December, please note we will have a **potluck on Dec. 21st** and there will be no ASL class in December. For further questions, please contact [younbla0707@gmail.com](mailto:younbla0707@gmail.com).

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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.*