



Sunday, November 17, 2024

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come & We Gather Together"
arr. Lloyd Larson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP Janet Anvick

Leader: Every generous act of giving is from God;

People: Every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of Lights;

Leader: God is constant and unchanging;

People: God gave us life and we are the first fruits of his creation;

Leader: Let us sing thanksgiving to our God!

HYMN #643 "Now Thank We All Our God" NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON Rev. Dr. David Watermulder
Almighty God, we give you thanks that all good gifts come from you. Yet too often we forget the goodness of your gifts and we become captive to our sins and fears. We live like people of scarcity rather than people of grace and we ignore the needs of our neighbors. Lord, forgive us and restore us. Help us to be part of your good purpose in the world. Help us to see your glory in our world and grant us a beautiful glimpse of the world to come. We pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN

SONG OF PRAISE "O God You Are My God (Step By Step)" Worship Band

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Erica Rader

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Erin Heath

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 55:1-5 Janet Anvick

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Doug Thiel

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING Rev. Erica Rader

OFFERTORY "Still I'll Rejoice" by Pepper Choplin
DOXOLOGY #606 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH
SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Corinthians 8: 1-9
SERMON "Play A Part" Rev. Erica Rader
HYMN "Goodness of God" 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 #761 (V 1,3,4) "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" BEECHER
BENEDICTION Rev. Erica Rader
POSTLUDE "Take the Name of Jesus With You" arr. Victor Labenske
Jennifer Baham

Keep in Your Prayers: For Vickie Showman's family after her passing. For family of Mardie Dailey after her passing. Carolyn Randall on the passing of her daughter Tiffany. Kim Dellevet on the passing of her father. GFP assistant director Vanessa's mom Elvira health concerns. The Hingle Family during a hard season. Pastor Erica's mother Karen. Micheal Taylor after the loss of his brother Monte. Tom Smith as he cares for Mildred in memory care. Gigi McNulty. Lisa McKibbin's daughter Addie. 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.

Stewardship campaign, As part of our Stewardship campaign, please take home a LOVE or HOPE stone that you will see displayed on the tables. Your financial pledge helps PCLG spread God's LOVE and the HOPE of Christ throughout our community as well as the world.

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 December 8th for this exciting series. Light lunch will be provided. Dr. Hunt's books will be available for purchase.

Los Gatos Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Thursday November 21 at 7pm.
Location: Congregation Shir Hadash 20 Cherry Blossom Lane Los Gatos, CA 95032
Join in person or online at: www.shirhadash.org/live. Everyone is welcome!

"We Voted. Now What?" -- A Post-Election Conversation Today

Anxiety, anger and fear have permeated this year's election season among people of all political persuasions. Now that we've voted, strong emotions and uncertainty continue to trouble many of us. If you'd like to share your feelings and find support among fellow Christians, join us after worship today, when Pastor Dave will lead us in an informal post-election conversation. We'll discuss ways we can de-stress, re-center our lives on our faith, and pray for our country. We'll meet from 11:30 to 12:30 in the Fireside Room; snacks will be provided. This event is sponsored by PCLG's Adult Education Committee.

4th/5th Grade Friendsgiving Lunch on Sunday, November 17th, 11:30am-1:30pm
Following worship the 4th and 5th graders will have lunch together to celebrate this special time of year. If your student would like to attend please email Erin at erin.heath@pclg.org to RSVP and receive further information.

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!

There's No Place Like the Christmas Tea

Festive songs and yummy homemade goodies -- there's no place like the PCLG Christmas Tea to kick off your holiday season! This year's Tea will be held Thursday, Dec. 5, at noon. Because of our chancel remodeling project, it will be hosted by Congregation Shir Hadash, our neighbor on Cherry Blossom Lane.

The Tea will feature the much-loved Mountain View High School Madrigal Choir, light luncheon fare and an array of yummy cookies. If you'd like to bake cookies or help with the Tea, please click on the link in the Weekly Email or on the Volunteer & Sign Up page of our website, pclg.org. Tickets will be available during coffee hour after worship today and in the office during the week. Each ticket costs \$25; we are accepting checks and cash. The Tea is sponsored by PCLG's Presbyterian Women, and all PCLG'ers and their guests -- both women *and* men -- are welcome.

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.



Elf Squad We're going to put up the Christmas lights at PCLG on the Saturday just after Thanksgiving yet again this year. The date is Sat. Nov. 30th, 9am-11am. It's the day before the Advent Craft Faire, so we need helpers to make sure campus is extra festive for that event. Warm drinks and treats will be provided, and all ages are invited!

Front Door Communities serves lunches and distributes clothes to men and women in the downtown San Jose area. Over 80 people were served the other day and most of them sleep outside each night. There were many requests for sleeping bags now that the weather is turning colder. Do you have 1 or 2 sleeping bags that are no longer being used? The people served by FDC would greatly appreciate having a sleeping bag to keep warm at night. Please bring your sleeping bag donations to the church office anytime or bring them to the Advent Craft Faire on Dec 1st. Thank You!! Questions? Call Jeff Thompson 408-455-2784.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

Stephen Ministry Have you lost someone close to you this year? We can remember them and light a candle for them on Dec 4, 2024 at our Blue Christmas service. Do your family holiday gatherings resemble a Norman Rockwell painting? Maybe, maybe not... Are current events stealing your peace? Stephen Ministry provides a supportive listener to offer you encouragement, not advice. They will meet with you confidentially for an hour each week to allow you to talk out whatever is weighing on you. stephen.ministry@pclg.org PCLG dedicated Stephen Ministry phone line 669-240-0857

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

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. For November, we are meeting every Sunday 11/3, 11/10, 11/17 & 11/24. And for December, we are meeting on 12/1 and Wednesday 12/4, Blue Christmas Service at 7pm, where we are invited to sign 'Silent Night, Holy Night'. Do you love sign language? Come and join us! Questions? Contact Youngla Kwon (youngla0707@gmail.com).

Las Cascabeles PCLG Bell Choir As we move toward Advent, we welcome new folks to join us. If you read music, we'll teach you the rest-- it's easy. We meet on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:30pm in the choir room. Some historic trivia: our name was suggested by Margaret Bath, a friend of Jean Slaght; *la cascabel* is the term for the bell on the kitty cat's collar, which seems appropriate for a bell choir from Los Gatos.

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 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) to be added to the weekly invite.

Youth Update

Welcome!

This morning our Middle School students can go to the youth center for Sunday School following the children's time.

Our youth groups that meet on Sunday evening will not be meeting tonight following the Love of God retreat weekend that our High School students and adults return from later today.

Next Sunday we've got the biggest, baddest and boldest competition this side of the Mississippi. It's the International Annyong Champions of the Universe Tournament. Contact Steve or Carlo to find out more.

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

Nov. 21	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Shir Hadash
Nov. 24	Pledge Dedication Sunday
Dec. 1	Advent Craft Faire and Supper
Dec. 4	Blue Christmas service, 7pm
Dec. 5	Christmas Tea at noon hosted at Shir Hadash
Dec. 8	Dr. Patrick Hunt

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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