



Sunday November 23, 2025

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ben Fong

Leader: Come into the house of the Lord

People: We come as Christ's own people!

Leader: Come with your burdens and needs

People: We come to find help in the name of the Lord!

Leader: Come, let us worship Almighty God today!

HYMN #367

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON

Rev. Erica Rader

Living God, in the stillness of Your presence we know ourselves in new ways. We see more clearly where we have chosen the way of the world rather than the way of Christ. We have compromised when we should have stood firm. We have held judgmental attitudes toward others. We have been quick to anger and slow to love. Forgive us, Lord! Like prodigal children we are ready to come home to you. Help us to begin again. Forgive us by your grace. Set us free to live this week in a new way. Amen!

SONG OF PRAISE #654 "In the Lord, I'll be Ever Thankful"

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Erica Rader

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Erin Heath

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Ben Fong

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING

Rev. Erica Rader

OFFERTORY "Gratitude" by Brandon Lake
Music Director, Michael Taylor, Chancel Choir, Worship Band

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 1:11-20

SERMON "First Place In Everything" Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN

HYMN "Goodness of God" Worship Band

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Rev. Bruce Rowlinson

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 #547 "Go My Children with My Blessing" AR HYDY NOS

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

POSTLUDE

Keep in Your Prayers: Pam Bancroft cancer diagnosis. Beth Barry. Folake Phillip's son Shane after hospitalization. C. Michael Traw. Sarah Lee and family after the passing of her nephew. Jill Hygelund and family on the passing of her husband. Nasrin Taheri on the passing of her father. Ellen Graff and her family on the passing of her husband David. Joan Brown. Pat Jones recovering at Terraces health center. Patty Kelly. Mikal Cox (Jack Longley's nephew) struggling with advanced cancer. Eleanor Gallmeister. Emily Barrett. Julie Sebaziga's nephew. Patricia Caputo (Jean Ritchie's daughter). Kristy Cole. Tony Bayne. Judy Momrow.

Stewardship Season has begun! Last week we mailed out information about our church budget, our plans for next year and how you can support PCLG. Please return your Pledge Card either in the mail, in person on a Sunday or online. Elder Diane Hanne will be in the Coffee Hour today if you have questions or would like to chat. Thank you! You can submit your pledge online at www.pclg.org/pledge.

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.



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.

Advent Craft Faire on Sunday, November 30th. Crafts and activities will be held in the children's wings from 4-5:30pm. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm in the Social Hall. We hope to see you at this wonderful intergenerational event.

Advent Craft Faire Dinner Service Volunteers Needed on Sunday, November 30th. Looking for a way to give back *and* finally learn people's names beyond "hey you"? Join Community Life — it's how we turn "this church place" into an actual home where you belong (with snacks). Come on out and help prepare a great dinner experience for your congregation after they have enjoyed the crafts and activities. Please email your contact information to Elder Doug Thiele at douglasithiele@gmail.com and he will get you information on where and when your help is needed. It is going to be a marvelous day! Thank you."

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. 29th, 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!

Blue Christmas Service December 10, 7:00 p.m. If you are entering into the season with a weary or hurting heart please join us for our annual Blue Christmas service. We gather to remember that Jesus accompanies us through all things, in all seasons. The Service will be filled with Scripture, beautiful music, reflections, prayers, and candles of remembrance.

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 email your contact information to 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!

Christmas Tea: Sweaters & Sweets

It's time to get out your Christmas sweaters again so you can show them off at our annual PCLG Christmas Tea! The Tea, scheduled for **Thursday, Dec. 4, will start at 12:15** in the sanctuary with a festive performance by the beloved **Mountain View High School Madrigal Choir**. Then we'll move to the Social Hall to feast on finger sandwiches and our usual array of delicious homemade sweets. Tickets will be on sale during coffee hour after the worship service today and next Sunday. They are also available in the church office during the week. Each ticket costs \$25; we are accepting checks and cash. (Some tickets sold last Sunday were printed with the address of Shir Hadash, where we held last year's Tea. This year's event is at PCLG.)

The Tea is sponsored by PCLG's Presbyterian Women, and all PCLG'ers and their guests -- both women *and* men -- are welcome. Our Christmas Elves could use some help, so if you'd like to bake cookies or otherwise assist with the event, please scan the QR code accompanying this notice, or click on the SignUpGenius link in Wednesday's Weekly Emails, or on the Tea banner on the church's website, pclg.org.



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.

You can sign up here: <https://www.pclg.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.

Youth Update

Good morning! Today is a special Sunday. Middle School Sunday School will meet in the YC during worship. Our High School confirmation class will meet in the chapel from 11:30 am to 1 pm. And then at 2 pm in the Youth Center, the International Annoying Champions of the Universe tournament begins. What is Annoying? Imagine two on two volleyball/badminton with a balloon and pool noodle. But more intense! All youth are welcome. Teams are still welcome into our younger and older brackets. What a day to be alive!

No SNiFF or YG tonight.

Dates To Remember

November 23	Gabriel Nyok Visit and Presentation after worship
November 30	Advent Craft Fair 4:00 pm
December 4	Christmas Tea 12:15 pm
December 10	Blue Christmas 7:00 pm
December 24	Christmas Eve services 4 pm and 10 pm
March 13-15	Men's Retreat with guest speaker Erik Khoobyarian
January 24	Inquirers/New Members Class 9 am

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 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 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. Please note that we will Not be meeting on November 23rd to accommodate other church programs. Our next meeting will be in Dec. 14th. For further questions, please contact youngla0707@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.