



Sunday August 23, 2026

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"The Garden Of Prayer"
Katie Gueorguieva

R. Wilson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gina Bommarito

Leader: Blessed be the Lord for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love.

People: How abundant is his goodness for all who take refuge in him!

Leader: Love the LORD, all you his saints.

People: Be strong, and let your hearts take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!

Leader: Let us raise our voices in praise to our Lord.

HYMN #37

"Let All Things Now Living"

ASH GROVE

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the grace in which we stand today, for the goodness of our lives with you and with one another. We breathe in your Spirit and we seek the truth about the state of our souls. Forgive us for those shadowy spaces we find in our souls, where we cultivate selfishness and stubbornness. Restore us with your grace and take away our shame. We thank you that we can see our brokenness and still know that we are beloved and freed, all through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

"Great Are You, Lord"

Worship Band

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Elena Korbel,
daughter of Chris & Delina Korbel

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 18:1-8

Gina Bommarito

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

OFFERTORY

"Alleluia"

Mozart

Diane Squires, soloist; Katie Gueorguieva, accompanist

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 5:1-8

SERMON

"Standing in Grace"

Rev. Erica Rader

HYMN

"By Faith"

Worship Band

MINISTRY FELLOW REFLECTION

Taryn Smith

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 (vs 1, 3, 4) "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

BEECHER

BENEDICTION

Rev. Erica Rader

POSTLUDE

"Galop" from "Souvenirs"

Samuel Barber

Nicki Ledford and Karina Arutyunov, piano Duet

Keep in Your Prayers: Kristy Cole moving onto hospice care. Suzie Hansen hospitalization. Michael Taylor recovering from a back issue. Nilofer Merchant's sister Rukhsana with health concerns. Jean Lusk in hospital after procedure. Tami and Gerry Young health concerns. Bart Raynaud and family on his wife Terri's passing. Joyce Walters on the passing of her husband. Audrey Christianson, recovering from a fall. Tony Bayne, upgraded to active list for transplant. Inger Karson on her husband Richard's passing. Betty Ulrich on the passing of her husband Gerald. Jordan Eldridge. Emily Barrett. Mary Smith. Beth Barry. Joan Brown. Patty Kelly. Eleanor Gallmeister. Judy Momrow.

Interim Music Director My name is Danielle Rakhshanifar, and I'm delighted to serve as the Interim Music Director at the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos. I'm a wife to Ali and mom to our little daughter, Ava, and music has been a meaningful part of my life both personally and professionally. I hold a bachelor's degree in Choral Conducting and a master's degree in Voice Performance, and I have taught private piano and voice lessons for more than ten years, while also directing children's choruses and singing with choruses throughout the Bay Area and California. I have been blessed to sing with the PCLG choir for more than ten years, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to continue making music with this congregation in a way that inspires, encourages, and deepens our worship. Reach out to Danielle (danielle@pclg.org) to learn more about the Chancel Choir or other ways to get involved with music ministries at PCLG.

Congregational Meeting September 6 We will have a brief congregational meeting after worship to elect our next class of Deacons and Elders.

Pastor's Bible Study Wednesdays at 2:00 pm in Fireside Room

Pastor Dave's weekly study resumes this week on August 26 after a summer break. Please join others in a lively and welcoming study of this week's preaching Scripture. No preparation is needed.

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.



PCLG goes to BayFC – Today at 3 p.m. We have group tickets available for a BayFC (San Jose's Women's Soccer team) game! This is their "back to school" celebration, so there will be plenty of fun things for the kids to do and see. They have put us in the section with a lot of shade and a bit less noise. Tickets are \$25 (plus taxes and fees). Scan the QR code to visit our PCLG Group Page to purchase tickets.



Kickoff Sunday Join us on Sunday, Sept 13, 2026, from 11:15am to 1:00pm to celebrate the start of our new church year. The staff at the Terraces have graciously offered to cater the event this year. We'll also have the Kona Ice Truck for dessert. Want to help set up or clean up? Find the link in this week's Weekly email or go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEAE23A3FA7-65062351-kickoff>

New Members and Inquirers Class Saturday October 3, 2026 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.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEAE23A3FA7-65050995-october>

Paid Position Available Children's Ministries is looking for an additional Nursery Caregiver for Sunday mornings from 9:30-11:30am (additional hours available for special events). If you know someone who would be a good fit, please email Children's Ministry Director, Erin Heath, at erin.heath@pclg.org.

Youth Update Good morning! Middle School Sunday School will meet this morning in the Youth Center following the passing of the peace. Look for the crowd of kids leaving the sanctuary!

Tonight at Pastor Dave's house, parents of High School students are invited to meet one another for fellowship and conversation starting at 7:30 p.m. High School students will be at Youth Group at PCLG at the same time. Drop your student off and come on over!

Children's Ministry (Infant -5th grade) Welcome Families! On a typical Sunday, our Nursery is available for children and infants at the beginning of worship. Preschool-1st grade will meet in our Preschool Ministry "Wonderful Wing" and 2nd-5th grade will meet in our Children's Ministry "Wilderness 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.

Dates To Remember

August 29	Gerald Ulrich memorial service 11:00 a.m.
September 1	Theology on Tap 7 p.m.
September 11	Terri Raynaud Memorial Service 2 p.m.
September 12	Choir Retreat
September 13	Kickoff Sunday
September 19	Ted Walters memorial luncheon
October 3	Inquirers/New Members Class
November 6-8	Women's retreat

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. **WOW returns 9/3 for the welcome brunch.**

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. Contact Ruth Fong (408- 314-2682) **We will take a break during the summer months and begin again in September.**

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. There is always room for more men at the table so please reach out to minow@pclg.org to be added to the weekly email invite.

Bookends (Monthly Book Club). Bookends for August is Big Alma by Bernice Scharlach. It's the true story of Alma Spreckles and her life in San Francisco. The Spreckles mansion on Nob Hill is now inhabited by Danielle Steele. Join us Aug 30 at 2:30 in Fireside room or zoom option.

Sign Language Group meets Please join us on August 23 after church for snacks and sign language practice, 12 pm Room 9, Children's wing. All are welcome. Please contact Charlotte Ferree (cferree@yahoo.com) or Collette Lynner (collette.lynnner@gmail.com) for more information.

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