



Sunday August 30, 2026

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"Prelude On A Chorale" By Thomas Tallis & W.T. Best
"To God Be the Glory" arr. by Donald Hustad
Kirim Eom

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP
(Psalm 105:1-5)

Penny Ritger

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

People: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Leader: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments he has uttered

People: Let us worship God today!

HYMN #32

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

ELLACOMBE

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON

Rev. Erica Rader

Lord, those twenty seconds of silence are not always enough time for us to reflect on our week. It's so hard to remember what we've done and left undone. Yet we know we have observed the misery of your people in our town, our country and our world, and we have not helped where we could. We have not held fast to what is good because our zeal lags. We are impatient in our afflictions, sporadic in our prayers, inhospitable to strangers. God help us not to see ourselves more highly than we ought to, instead give us humble hearts. We want our love to be genuine but we cannot do it without your Spirit's help, which we beg for in Jesus' name. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

"Love is Patient, Love is Kind"

Worship Band

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Erica Rader

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Erin Heath

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 12:9-21

Penny Ritger

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

OFFERTORY

"The Heart of Worship"

Worship Band

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 3:1-15

SERMON

"Well a burning bush told me just the other day..."

Steve Fainer

HYMN

"One Thing Remains"

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 #541 (vs 1, 2, 3) "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

RANDOLPH

BENEDICTION

Steve Fainer

POSTLUDE

"Oh, Worship the King"

arr. by Paul Laubengayer

Keep in Your Prayers: Kristy Cole in hospice care. Suzie Hansen. Sharon LeClaire hospitalized. Michael Taylor with a back issue. Nilofer Merchant's sister Rukhsana. Jean Lusk. 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. Tony Bayne, upgraded to active list for transplant. Inger Karson on her husband Richard's passing. 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 resumed last Wednesday 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.



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>

Terraces Luncheon Do you live at The Terraces of Los Gatos? If so, join Pastor Dave, Pastor Erica and Julie Lasher for lunch in the back room of the Terraces dining room on Friday September 4 from 11:30-1. Hear from Pastor Dave and visit with your PCLG friends over lunch.

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.

Grove Groups If you are new or would like to get connected with more people at PCLG, joining a Grove Group is a great opportunity. Grove Groups are small groups of PCLG members, who meet about once a month for fellowship, to study a lesson, have good conversation and some fun. Our theme this fall will be Joy, which is a blessing we can always have more of in our lives. Please contact Elder Doug Thiele at douglasjthiele@gmail.com or text 408-497-7612 for more information or to join a group.

Children's Choir is back! All kiddos K through 6th grade are invited to come sing with us! We'll meet weekly on Sundays from 11:30am–12:00pm in the Wonderful Room (Pre-School Wing), beginning September 13 through October 18, as the kiddos prepare to lead worship this Reformation Sunday. Come sing and have fun as we share our gifts and joy with our church family—no prior choir experience necessary!

Youth Update Good morning! Today's a little different. There is no Middle School Sunday School this morning. We're moving back to a 2nd/3rd/4th Sunday format, so Sunday School will skip the 1st (and 5th, when there is one) Sunday of each month going forward. Today's also a skip because Steve is preaching this morning. The High School Youth Group is meeting at lunchtime instead of our normal time today — 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Redwood Grove. Lunch is provided! There is no High School YG or SNIFF this evening. Come join us outside for lunch!

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

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 13	Children's Choir Rehearsals Begin
September 19	Ted Walters memorial luncheon
October 3	Inquirers/New Members Class
October 24	Rise Against Hunger Food Packing
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 Sign Language Group will not meet on Sunday, September 13, Kick Off Sunday. Please join us on September 27 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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