



Sunday September 13, 2026
Kick off Sunday

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Suite for Organ" by Telemann
Jennifer Baham

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP Mandy Smith

Leader: Today we gather in the house of God

People: We come to worship, to sing, to pray and to listen

Leader: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

People: We open ourselves to how God will show up and to what we need to hear

Leader: Come, let us worship Almighty God together!

HYMN #475 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON Rev. Erica Rader

Gracious God, we give you thanks as we gather again today. You meet us where we are and you embrace us with your love. We confess that we have sometimes hidden ourselves from you. We have not honored you with our thoughts, our words, our attitudes or our actions. We have let our own appetites and interests lead the way and have not trusted in your provision for our lives. Forgive us, Lord! Help us to turn away from a self-centered life, and to open ourselves to being your hands and feet in the world. Let our words reflect your Word. Let our minds have the same mind as Christ Jesus. Let our actions extend your love to all around us. In Christ we pray. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE "House of the Lord" Worship Band

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Erica Rader

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Erin Heath

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON James 5:13-16 Mandy Smith

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING Rev. Erica Rader

by Martin Shaw

Genesis 28:10-22

"The Places In Between" Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

Worship Band

ORDINATION OF ELDERS

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

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Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

by Buxtehude

Keep in Your Prayers: Kristy Cole's family after her passing. Suzie Hansen. Sharon LeClaire. Michael Taylor with a back issue. Gary Kuhn. Melinda Chase's son Matthew, car accident. Mike Ryken. Liz Alves and family. 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. Emily Barrett. Mary Smith. Beth Barry. Joan Brown. Patty Kelly. Eleanor Gallmeister. Judy Momrow.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are in honor of Terri Raynaud

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Kick Off Sunday Luncheon join us immediately after worship today (out by the Redwood Grove) for a catered lunch, dunk tank, Kona Shave Ice, face painting, and fun for the whole church family.

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 using the QR code to the right.



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.

Parenting Class Sunday Relationships & Reducing Power Struggles Oct. 18th, 11:30am-1pm in the Social Hall. Please join us after church for lunch and conversation led by PCLG member, Valerie Plummer, Individual and Family Life Coach and Parent Education Consultant. When a parent expresses empathy in response to a child's mistake, or misbehavior, it lowers a child's defensiveness, helps the child take ownership of the problem and enhances the relationship. It opens the brain and heart for learning so that he or she can develop future skills in problem solving, self-awareness and empathy toward others. This Love and Logic® workshop will give practical tools for parents to build loving relationships with their children while reducing common power struggles and allowing affordable mistakes, so that real learning takes place and children can grow to be healthy, balanced and successful adults. Childcare is available in the Preschool wing. Sign ups are helpful for planning food and can be found at the QR code to the right.



Community Life invites anyone interested in serving to join us for a brief meeting on Sunday, October 11, after church in the Fireside Room. We'll share about upcoming opportunities to serve in the coming months and ways you can get involved. We'd love to have you join us! You can contact Lauren Froman at lomfroman@yahoo.com

Buoys and Gulls are looking for new members. We are one of four mariner fellowship groups established at our church and across several Presbyterian congregations that began years ago. This group is great for people in their 60's, 70's and beyond. We have several activities each year, which include outings such as Shakespeare in Santa Cruz, local plays and musicals, wildflower walks, wine tasting in Gilroy, kayaking, and we are always open to new suggestions. Please call or text Judy Borlase at [408-669-6828](tel:408-669-6828) for more information.

Choir Do you sing in the shower? The Choir needs you! Thursdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the choir room. Contact Danielle (danielle@pclg.org) for more info (or just show up this Thursday!).

Bell Choir Can you clap a rhythm? The Bell Choir needs you! Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30p.m. in the sanctuary. Contact Ruthanne ruthanne.adamsmartinez@gmail.com for more info.

Worship Band Do you know the difference between a verse, chorus, bridge, and a tag? Can you read a chord chart and sing or play an instrument? The worship band needs you! Contact Rita rita.hoegel@pclg.org for more info.

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, and happy Kick Off Sunday! Sunday School for Middle Schoolers meets during worship today in the Youth Center following the Passing of the Peace. Sunday Night Fun and Fellowship (SNiFF) for Middle Schoolers returns from its Summer break today from 5:00 to 6:15 p.m. starting in the Youth Center. High School Youth Group (YG) meets 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. in the Youth Center. Stay after church for our Kick Off Sunday lunch in the Redwood Grove and get a chance to dunk Steve or Pastor Dave.

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 13	Kickoff Sunday
September 13	Children's Choir Rehearsals Begin
September 19	Ted Walters Memorial Luncheon
October 3	Inquirers/New Members Class
October 17	Kristy Cole memorial
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) **Our first meeting will be on Thursday, Sept 17 at 10 AM at the Terraces in the Sun Room.** The new study will be Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. We shall have some good discussions as we try to relate his teachings to our twenty-first century lives.

Bookends (Monthly Book Club). Our September book is The Correspondent by Virginia Evans. We'll meet Sunday 9/27@2:30 in the fireside room with a zoom option.

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.

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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