Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos

Sunday November 8, 2026

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" by L. Smith
Katie Gueorguieva

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP Bob Lawler

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who calls us here.
People: We gather to worship with joy and hope.
Leader: Come, let us worship the One who desires our hearts.
People: We bring our whole selves in worship to our God.
Leader: Come, let us set aside all that distracts us from true worship.
People: We come as we are and ask the Spirit to gather us in and direct our vision.
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. Dr. David Watermulder

God of Mystery, we try to stay awake and be ready for your surprises, but we are tired and overcome with the usual routine. We try to wait patiently for the fulfillment of your promises, but we want to see it in our own time and our own way. We want to believe in your Word, which guides and sustains, but we often listen to the words of this generation instead. Forgive us, Lord! Awaken in us your unexpected grace. Show us your mercy as you send us out to live as new people again. Help us to witness to your justice and mercy to everyone we see. In your name we pray. Amen!

SONG OF PRAISE #647 "Give Thanks" GIVE THANKS

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Proverbs 24:23-29 Bob Lawler

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

OFFERTORY "Sing Unto The Lord" by Robert Gower

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 12:42-48

SERMON "Story Time with Gentle Jesus" Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

HYMN #14 (v. 1,2,4,5) "For The Beauty of the Earth" DIX

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Steven Spatafore

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 #37 "Let All Things Now Living" ASH GROVE

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

POSTLUDE "Autumn" Vivaldi

Keep in Your Prayers: Suzie Hansen. Brenda Costanzo's sister-in-law with pancreatic cancer. Jacob Mattingley's Mother Lorelei. Christa Malone. Diana McFarling. The family of Hi-Dong Chai after his passing. Michael Taylor. Gary Kuhn. Liz Alves and family. Jean Lusk. Tami and Gerry Young health concerns. Audrey Christianson. Tony Bayne, upgraded to active list for transplant. Emily Barrett. Mary Smith. Beth Barry. Joan Brown. Patty Kelly. Eleanor Gallmeister. Judy Momrow.

Veterans Day Today is the Sunday before the Veterans Day holiday on November 11th. We honor those among us who have served our country in various branches of service. Please note those Veterans here today who are in uniform or with other insignia. Thank you for your service!

The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall The Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall is a 3/5 scale of the original in Washington DC and PCLG new member Dennis Whittaker is an organizer in bringing it to the Bay Area. The wall stands as a reminder of the great sacrifices made during the Vietnam War and is meant for helping heal and rekindle friendships and to allow the opportunity to see this monument without traveling to Washington DC. The wall will be at the Cupertino Veterans Memorial located at 10110 Parkwood Dr Cupertino in the Cupertino Memorial Park from November 10 – 14.

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 Christmas Tea

Start your holiday season on a merry note at our annual Christmas Tea, to be held **Thursday, Dec. 3, 1:30 p.m.** Tickets will be on sale during coffee hour after today's worship service. They'll also be available at coffee hour the following two Sundays and in the office during the week. Each ticket costs $25; we are accepting checks and cash. The event will start in the sanctuary, where we'll enjoy a festive performance by the beloved **Mountain View High School Madrigal Choir.** Then we'll move to the Social Hall to feast on array of delicious homemade goodies. If you'd like to bake cookies or otherwise assist with the Tea, please contact Carolyn Rosen at carolyncolorgrdn@aol.com.

Holidays Approaching…..Got Anxiety?: Sunday, November 15, 11:30am, in the Fireside Room. What would it be like for you to experience the upcoming holidays with a heart of peace and presence? Many of us get so caught up with the busyness of holiday plans and preparation, that we simply "soldier on," robbing ourselves of peace, rather than being present to ourselves and others? Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could celebrate the meaning of the holidays, along with experiencing the joy of gatherings with family and friends, rather than just breathing a sigh of relief after it is all done?

This class with Linda Ikeda will examine some of the reasons for our anxieties/stresses and present some tools for managing them with peaceful hearts as well as the art of "presence". Please rsvp to indicate your interest to help us plan enough seating and food for attendees with the qr-code. Linda has been a Marriage and Family Therapist for over 30 years with experience in helping others manage trauma, anxiety and stress. She also has 15 years of experience as a Pediatric/NICU RN and has been a pastor's wife for over four decades.

Roof Repairs You may have noticed some extra tools and supplies around the campus. We are in the midst of a roofing repair project on the overhangs, as well as fixing some problems around other roof areas. It will take about a month to complete, but the inconvenience now is worth the peace of mind as we continue to care for our aging facility. Any questions or concerns? Contact Carlo Panighetti (carlo@pclg.org).

The Women's retreat this weekend is meeting at beautiful St. Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Baptista, with 50+ women in attendance. It will be a great time of learning, prayer, connection and worship. If you wish you were there, please save the date for the Women's retreat next year November 5-7, 2027.

The story of Christ's birth, a short film by The Chosen: Sunday, December 6, 2026, 11:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. A light lunch will be served. We'll watch a heartwarming dramatization of the birth of Jesus. Actors portray Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and others with realism and joy. The film is 42 minutes long and will be followed by a discussion. Please join us for this exceptional depiction of the birth of our Lord. Please rsvp to indicate your interest to help us plan enough seating and food for attendees with the qr-code. The Chosen is a film series about the life of Christ. It is a worldwide sensation bringing the Good News to many people. The video we will watch is part of a special Christmas program which includes musical performances. We will watch only the part about Christ's birth. Please join us for this timely presentation to highlight the Christmas season.

4th/5th Grade Friendsgiving Lunch on Sunday, November 22nd, 11:30am-1pm 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.

Advent Craft Faire on Sunday, November 29th. 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.

Men's Book Group – We are forming a PCLG Men's Book Club and there will be an organizational meeting today in Fireside Room at 11:15 a.m. following Sunday Service. All PCLG men are invited to join and learn more about this new group. We are open to those who love to read and want to share with others. Our first meeting will focus on how this new club will function and determine the date, time and location of future meetings. If there is an interest in zooming, a hybrid physical attendance and zoom option will be considered. If you are interested in joining this new Book Club please RSVP to Steve Ferree email: sr_ferree@yahoo.com and come to this first meeting to learn more and help get it started.

Youth Update - Good morning! Today we have a regular Sunday. Our Middle School Sunday School class will meet in the Youth Center following the Passing of the Peace. SNiFF youth group for Middle School meets today at 5 p.m. and our High School youth group will gather tonight at 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, November 22, students are invited to compete for glory in the 3rd Annual Annyong International Tournament of Champions starting at 2 p.m. "Annyong" is PCLG"s most famous homegrown game - pool noodle balloon volleyball.

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

November 19	Interfaith Thanksgiving, Los Gatos Methodist Church
November 22	Pledge Dedication Sunday
November 29	Advent Craft Faire and Supper
December 3	Christmas Tea
December 9	Blue Christmas Service 7:00 p.m.
December 19	College Welcome Brunch
December 24	Christmas Eve Services 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Recurring Group Meetings

Pastor's Bible Study – Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. in the Fireside room**.**

WOW *(*Women's Weekly Bible study) Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside room. contact: JHLasher01@gmail.com.

PW Morning Circle *(*Women's Monthly Bible study) Third Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Terraces in the Sunroom, located on the 2nd floor in the Assistant Living area. Contact Ruth Fong (408- 314-2682)

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 will be taking a break for the months of November and December. If you would like to get a head start for 2027, January's book is All Creatures Great and Small by James Herriott, February: The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime, Mark Hadon, March: Grapes of Wrath, John Steinbeck, and April: My Dear Hamilton by Stephanie Drey and Laura Kamoie. If you have any questions, please email cferree@yahoo.com.

Sign Language will not be meeting this month. Please join us after church on Sunday, December 13, Room 9 children's wing. All are welcome.
Please contact Charlotte Ferree cferree@yahoo.com for more information.

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.

Veterans

Living PCLG Veterans
(Alphabetic by last name)

Gina Bommarito, Army
Mike Cochran, Navy
Al Dailey, Navy
Phil Deardorf, Navy
Ted Drake, Air Force
Steve Ferree, Air Force
Jim Finkle, Air Force
Jeri Hickman, Army
Ron Huch, Army
Young Kim, Army, Rev.
Milt Khoobyarian, Army
Bob Lawler, Air Force
Carl Liljenstolpe, Army Special Forces
Bill Meadows, Army
Bruce McFarling, Navy
Mike Moore, Navy
Charles Munnerlyn, Air Force
Jim Myers, Army
Ron Raecker, Coast Guard
Bart Raynaud, Air Force
Bill Ricks, Army, MD
David Shaw, Army
Charles Schafer, Army
Greg Snow, Air Force
Jim Stoner, Army
George Taylor, Air Force
Dale Thornberry, Army
Larry Tom, Air Force
David Turner, Air Force
Dennis Whittaker, Army, Ranger

Veterans Deceased in Last One-Year

Jerry Ulrich, Army
Richard Karsen, Army
Karl Klemmer, Air Force

Deceased in Last Few Years

Dan Bender, Army Air Force, *(WWII)*
Dick Garland, Air Force
Bob Richey, Navy *(WWII Vet)*
Ted Lusk, Marines
Hank Otto, Army *(WWII Vet)*
Paul Smith, Air Force *(Flew F86 Sabre jets in Korean war)*
Bob Herman, Navy *(Medical Doctor)*
George Rose, Army
Bill Strandberg, Army
David Cleary, Army
Charles Sutcliffe, Navy *(WWII Vet)*
Rex Morton, Air Force *(WWII and Korea)*
Russ Hosfeldt, Navy
Stewart Berkshire, Navy
Robert Dale, Air Force *(Medical Doctor)*
Bob Ekstrand, Navy
Willis Brown, Army *(Korean Vet)*
Steve Norton, Air Force
David Graff, Air Force *(Between WWII and Korea)*
Bill Slocum, Army *(WWII and Korean Vet)*
Tom Smith, Army