Our Journey to Freedom and Joy

2026 Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos Women's Retreat
November 6–8, 2026

Join us for a time of joy and connection with God and with one another as we explore our faith journey at our retreat November 6-8 at St. Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Bautista

We are each on a unique journey, pressing forward with Jesus, but as the apostle Paul describes it, we are also companions together "striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel." (Philippians 1:27b) It is powerful to be together, holding care and space for one another as we reflect on our yearnings for freedom and joy in Christ.

Our retreat speaker is Dr. Cara Miller, an engaging and dynamic teacher. Cara has a passion for being a companion to individuals and teams seeking personal and spiritual growth. Cara is an author, coach, and consultant in the fields of leadership formation, organizational change and the psychology of adult development. She earned a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and a PhD from the University of San Diego. Cara lives in Solana Beach with her family.

We are eager to learn from Cara and from one another. You can look forward to a weekend of learning, singing, praying and playing together. The retreat center is nestled in the oak-covered hills of San Juan Bautista, with beautiful views and gardens, walking trails, the perfect place for a peaceful getaway.

The retreat will run from Friday evening through Sunday morning, with a Saturday-only option.

If you have questions, contact our church administrator at veronica.nourse@pclg.org, (408) 356-6156.

Registration and full payment due October 26, 2026.
Register online at forms.gle/Tpdwr9LZHG92Ys378.

What You Should Know Before You Go

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Where is the retreat? It's at the St. Francis Retreat Center 549 Mission Vineyard Rd, San Juan Bautista, CA 95045

What should I bring? Bring a Bible, water bottle, walking shoes, sweater or jacket, toiletries and flashlight. Optional items include sunscreen, hat, and blanket or lawn chair for sitting outside. You may bring wine, but smoking and fires are strictly prohibited; please do not bring candles or incense.

What are the sleeping accommodations? The center is offering single- and double-occupancy rooms. You may indicate your preferences on the registration form, but we can't promise that we'll be able to meet your requests. If you have a roommate request, both roommates need to give each other's name on the registration form or in the church office. Fees per person are the same regardless of room type. All rooms have private bathrooms; linens are provided.

What if I have mobility issues? Retreatants have to be able to use steps and walk on uneven terrain. We will provide meal transportation, but only to those who have mobility issues and who request it in advance, either on the registration form or at the church office.

When and where do I check in? Check-in is Friday from 4:00 to 5:45 p.m.

Can I come for just Saturday? We welcome women who can join us for Saturday only. Saturday attendees will be included for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

How much does the retreat cost? The fee for the full weekend is $400, which includes two nights and five meals. The Saturday-only charge is $160

Is there any financial aid? Full and partial scholarships are available. For information, email Pastor Erica Rader at erica.rader@pclg.org.

How do I register and when is the deadline? Mail or drop off your completed registration form and full payment at the church office, or turn them in during coffee hour. Make checks payable to PCLG with "Women's Retreat" on the memo line. We must receive your completed registration form and full payment by October 26. This is a firm deadline, although the retreat will close when we have filled our reserved spaces. We will be unable to give any refunds after October 26. You can also register online at forms.gle/Tpdwr9LZHG92Ys378. If you have questions or need to submit a request, contact the office at info@pclg.org, 408-356-6156.

Registration Form

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We must receive your completed form and full payment no later than Monday, October 26.

Name _____

Date _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Special Dietary Requests _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Roommate Request _____

☐ Full Weekend – $400 (includes 2 nights, 5 meals)

☐ Saturday Only – $160 (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner)

☐ Check attached – Amount $_____ Check No. _____

☐ Cash attached – Amount $_____

☐ I will pay in the office

☐ I prefer a single room (not guaranteed, but we will seek to accommodate requests)

☐ I wish to request a scholarship for (amount) $_____

☐ I wish to make a contribution to the Retreat Scholarship Fund

Saturday meals: breakfast at 8 a.m., lunch at noon, dinner at 6 p.m.

Please turn the page and complete the medical information and release form.

Medical Information and Release Form

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Participant

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Mobile Phone _____

Emergency Medical Care

Primary Care Doctor _____ Office Phone _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Hospitalization

Insurance Company _____ Policy Holder _____

Group Number _____ Contact Number _____

Member/ID Numbers _____

Place of Employment of Policy Holder _____

Special Health Problems (Allergies, Medications, etc.) _____

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I do hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos from any and all actions, claims, demands, suits, or other liabilities which may result from my participation in the activities of the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos.

Participant Signature _____ Date _____