



Sunday, November 12, 2023

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jo Ann Van Ballegooijen

Based on Psalm 18

Leader: The Lord is our strength

People: The Lord is our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer

Leader: God is my rock, in whom I take refuge

People: God is our shield, our horn of salvation and our stronghold

Leader: I shall call upon the Lord

People: Who is worthy of our praise!

Leader: Come, let us worship our God today!

HYMN #182

"I Have Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

KINGSFORD

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON

Rev. Erica Rader

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

"Goodness of God"

Worship Band

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Erica Rader

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Erica Rader

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 4:4-7

Jo Ann Van Ballegooijen

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

OFFERTORY

“Worthy to be Praised”

by Bryon J. Smith

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 6:5-8

SERMON

“Pray Without Ceasing”

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

HYMN #465

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

CONVERSE

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

“Down to the River to Pray”

Worship Band

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

POSTLUDE

Questions for Reflection

1. When, where, and with whom do you tend to pray?
2. What are your main prayers to God about?
3. What topics do you come back to most often? Who is someone who prays for you?

Keep in Your Prayers: Jon Witty’s mother passed. Those grieving losses: Cathy Hosfeldt, Bill Meadows, Family of Rex Morton. Chris McGugan, recovering from shoulder surgery. Kristy Cole. Joanie Brown. Mardie Daily. Florence Mock. Gerry Young. K.J. and Sang Kim. Sharon LeClaire. Gigi McNulty. Barbara Snyder's daughter, Terry, health concerns. Jan Wilson’s daughter Kim. Mike Breuleux’s niece Amy. Jean Richey. Susan & John Koeker, going through cancer. Tony Bayne kidney transplant waiting list.

In Honor Of Our Veterans

Living PCLG Veterans

Alan Baker, Air Force
Paul Barrish, Navy
Stewart Berkshire, Navy
Gina Bommarito, Army
Willis Brown, Army (Korean Vet)
Mike Cochran, Navy
Al Dailey, Navy
Robert Dale, Air Force, MD
Phil Deardorf, Navy
Ted Drake, Air Force
Bob Ekstrand, Navy
Brenda Eldridge, Army
Steve Ferree, Air Force
Jeri Hickman, Army
David Graff, Air Force (Between WWII and Korea)
Tom Jenzen, Air Force
Young Kim, Army, Rev.
Milt Khoobyarian, Army
Bob Kennedy, Army
Bob Lawler, Air Force
Collette Lynner, Navy
Jim Miller, Marines
Bill Meadows, Army
Mike Moore, Navy
Jim Myers, Army
Steve Norton, Air Force
Jerry Ulrich, Army
Ron Raecker, Coast Guard
Bart Raynaud, Air Force
David Shaw, Army
Bill Slocum, Army (WWII and Korean Vet)
Tom Smith, Army
Jim Stoner, Army
George Taylor, Air Force
David Turner, Air Force

Deceased in Last One Year PCLG Veterans

Rex Morton, Air Force (WWII and Korea)

Deceased in Last Few Years

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)

Los Gatos Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Join us on November 16 at 7:00 pm for our Interfaith Thanksgiving service. This year's donations go to Los Gatos Community wide service project Guatemalan Schools Book Drive. There will be a reception following the service. We hope to see you there!

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Cookie Reception: Presbyterians make the best cookies! This is true! Please sign up to help serve or bake cookies for the November 16th 7:00pm service. This only happens once every four years so let's make it extra special! Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/bdd3b9we>

Let's Light up the Campus! Saturday, November 25, from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Come help decorate the campus for the Christmas season by stringing lights on trees and bushes. Hot chocolate, coffee & treats will be served. This is fun for all ages.

Advent Craft Faire Please join us on December 3rd for our annual Advent Craft Faire. We will have crafts and activities starting at 4pm. At 5:30pm we will move into the Social Hall for a community dinner. This will be a fun and festive evening for all ages. We hope you will be there to help us kick off this holiday season!

Mission Committee Mission volunteer opportunity. We will be volunteering at Martha's Kitchen on Wednesday November 29th from 3-5:30. Any questions contact Peggy Heath @ peggy.heath@gmail.com.

Advent Retreat: Join us on a half-day retreat together on November 29 from 9am to 12pm in Menlo Park. This retreat will be led by Wellspring, which is a spiritual formation ministry, and the day is open to anyone who is interested. **Register here:** <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E356096&id=13>

Blue Christmas Service Wednesday December 6, 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary
If you are entering into the season with a weary or hurting heart please join us for our annual Blue Christmas service. We gather to remember that Jesus accompanies us through all things, in all seasons. The service will be filled with Scripture, beautiful music, reflections, prayers, and candles of remembrance.

Thursday, Dec. 7: Time for Tea!

Start your holiday season on a festive note at PCLG's annual Christmas Tea, to be held Thursday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m. in the Social Hall. In addition to our usual array of delicious homemade cookies, this year's event will feature a wonderful new musical group, which will treat us to a performance of holiday melodies.

Tickets to the Tea will go on sale starting today, during coffee hour after the worship service. They will be available at subsequent coffee hours and in the church office until we reach our attendance limit. Each ticket costs \$25; we are accepting checks and cash. This event has sold out quickly in past years, so if you plan to go we recommend you purchase your ticket sooner rather than later.

The Tea is sponsored by PCLG's Presbyterian Women, and all PCLG'ers and their guests -- women *and* men -- are welcome.

Pastor's Bible Study Join Pastor Dave for a mid-week study each Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Fireside Room. **There will be no bible study on 11/22.**

Grieving a loss is hard no matter the time of year, but the dark days of winter and the holiday season can be especially difficult to navigate. If you would like to gather with others for support, join in a series of 3 drop in grief support group sessions this winter led by Julie Lasher. We will meet once a month on November 10, December 8 and January 5. Each meeting will begin at 2 pm in the Fireside Room. If you have any questions, please contact Julie at julie.lasher@pclg.org.

I heard the Bells (and harp!) You are invited Saturday, December 16th at 7:00pm to a free Christmas concert at PCLG! Please join us for an evening of bell themed Christmas favorites from the handbell choirs of the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos, Joint Venture Churches, and Saratoga Federated Church, along with harp music by Ruthanne Adams Martinez. Free will offering to benefit the PCLG music program

Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch on November 23rd, Thursday at 12:00 PM, at a table in the Social Hall. We warmly welcome PCLG friends and families, especially our international friends! Join us as we serve roasted chicken and kimchi pancakes. Please bring your own dish to share. Let's celebrate the holiday together. RSVP to Pastor Taelor at pclg.taelor@gmail.com.

Sign Language Group **Sign Language Group** We are learning sign language through worship songs. We meet on the **1st** and **3rd Sunday** after worship service. The dates are subject to change depending on church events. We are currently working on "**Here I Am, Lord**" and "**Jesus Loves Me**". We are meeting for November will be **11/19** after worship in Room 9 of the Children's Wing. Questions? Contact Youngla Kwon (younglakwon@yahoo.com).

WoW Women's Bible Study: The weekly drop in Bible study for all the women of PCLG (called WOW) meets Thursday mornings from 10 am to 11:30 at PCLG. WOW always welcomes new friends, so contact Julie Lasher at 408/656-8419 or JHLasher01@gmail.com for info on our in person meetings and hybrid zoom option.

The PW Morning Circle meets on the third Thursday of each month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. Any questions? Please call Ruth Fong at 408-395-9342 or Pat Garland at 408-307-8436.

Children's Ministry (Infant - 5th grade): Welcome Families! On Sundays our Nursery is available for children and infants - 2 1/2 years old. Preschool-1st grade will meet in our Preschool Ministry Wing, and 2nd-5th grade will meet in our Children's Ministry Wing. Please refer to the church calendar for special Sundays when Sunday School may not be available. 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 erin.heath@pclg.org

Youth Happenings Our Youth Ministry offers three regular programs on Sundays for students.

- *Middle School Sunday School* begins after the Time for Young Disciples and meets in the Youth Center until worship ends. This year, we're thinking about and talking through some tough questions. Students are dismissed to find their parents.
- *Sunday Night Fun & Fellowship (SNIFF)* meets from 5 to 6:15 p.m. and is also for Middle School students. Games, quick Bible studies and conversation and more playtime after that!
- *Our High School Youth Group* meets from 7:30 - 9:15 p.m. in the Youth Center. Singing, sharing, sarcasm.

For more upcoming event info, to help out with dinners for volunteers, or just to chat, reach out to Steve Fainer @ 408-472-0208 or fainer@gmail.com.

Dates To Remember

Nov. 16	Los Gatos Interfaith Thanksgiving 7 pm
Nov. 26	Pledge Dedication Sunday
Nov. 26	Prayer Practices after worship in the Chapel
Dec. 3	Advent Craft Fair and Supper
Dec. 6	Blue Christmas
Dec. 7	Christmas Tea 2 pm
Dec. 16	Bell Concert 7pm at PCLG

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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.

Facilities and Grounds at PCLG

For many of us, coming to PCLG means attending morning worship in our beautiful sanctuary on Sunday morning, and perhaps dropping in for a meeting during the week in one of our many other facilities. In fact, you may be surprised to learn that PCLG has events and meetings every day of the week, utilizing all portions of our campus. So that you can better understand how PCLG uses its facilities, and how your giving supports these efforts, the following is a typical week at PCLG:

Sunday

Of course, Sunday is the highlight of the week at PCLG, and our staff and volunteers spend countless hours making sure the sanctuary is prepared to welcome our members and their guests. This includes making sure the building is ready, but also includes use of the kitchen facilities to make sure there are plenty of coffee and snacks, making sure that our classrooms are clean for our Sunday school classes, and preparing our fellowship hall for our post-service refreshments. But it doesn't end there. Often, we will host special events – such as food packing – and our buildings have to be ready to receive an influx of members and visitors. Also, our Bible study groups and evening youth group programs use both our indoor spaces and, weather permitting, our beautiful outside grounds. Sunday is indeed a day of great gathering at PCLG.



Monday

Monday is the beginning of the work and school week at PCLG. As a result, if you walk into the church offices, you'll likely find Veronica (as well as volunteers) greeting any visitors, Pastors Dave and Erica working on upcoming sermons or making calls to PCLG members in their offices, and Carlo handling many of the day-to-day requirements of the church. But the church facilities are also used for the Growing Footprints preschool, an important program we provide to our community which serves as one of our great outreach and ministries. Our Stephen Ministry meetings are also part of our Monday schedule, and on Monday evening, you can often hear one of our organists practicing for our next service.

Tuesday

PCLG has its weekly staff meeting in the Church offices on Tuesday morning, where they work on those plans that help enrich and nourish our lives in ways seen and unseen. Perhaps more visibly to most of us, Tuesday is also the day when our Las Cascabeles Bell choir practices. Depending on the week, in the evenings, our Session or Deacons meet in the Fireside room as part of their efforts to help Pastor Dave and staff with their mission, while the Boy Scouts meet next door in the Fellowship



Wednesday

Pastor Dave holds his Bible study on Wednesday, a session so important to teaching and nourishing the members of our congregation. We encourage you to check it out! Wednesday is also the day when our brass band rehearses in preparation for our Sunday services.

Thursday

Thursday is the day for our WOW women's Bible study group, a true blessing to all who attend. Also, Thursday is the day when both our Choir and Worship Band rehearse for Sunday services. If you're musically inclined, it's a great day to come by and experience an auditory and soul nourishing delight.



Friday

From time to time, PCLG will host a memorial service of a recently departed member or other member of our community. Services are held in our Sanctuary, and serve as a means of expressing our love for our friends and loved ones who have passed into the next life. PCLG also has a Memorial Garden next to the Sanctuary building, where friends and family members can come and revisit fond memories of their loved ones.

As you can see, there is always something happening at PCLG, and all of these activities require use of our Sanctuary, offices, classrooms, meeting rooms and outdoor grounds. Your giving helps us maintain and improve all of these spaces, so that PCLG can support its mission here in Los Gatos and beyond. Thanks so much for your giving in support of these important efforts.