



Sunday, January 7, 2024

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Improvisation On a Galican Carol & Noel Nouveau" by Craig Penfield
Jennifer Baham

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Erica Rader

CALL TO WORSHIP Gene Caselli

Leader: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,

People: Faith is the conviction of things not seen.

Leader: By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of
God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

People: We walk by faith and not by sight.

Leader: In faith, let us worship our God!

HYMN #817 "We walk by faith and not by sight" DUNLAP'S CREEK

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON Rev. Erica Rader

Holy God, we have celebrated your son Jesus, born to us on Christmas. We embrace that his birth into our world invites us into new life and into a journey of faith. As we enter into a new year help us to see what holds back from growing in grace. By your mercy remove the sins and entanglements that keep us stuck. We are grateful that you don't leave us where you find us but you restore us and set us on a new course, all for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE "Here I Am To Worship" Worship Band

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Erica Rader

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Erin Heath

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 12:1-6 Gene Caselli

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING Rev. Jack Longley

OFFERTORY "Be My Church" by David Lantz III

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 11:1-3,8-12

SERMON "The Next Faithful Step" Rev. Erica Rader

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:
THE INVITATION Rev. Erica Rader
Rev. Jack Longley

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
"The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is good to give God thanks and praise."

THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

THE WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION HYMN "The Blessing" Worship Band

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Erica Rader

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 #546 "Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" SICILIAN MARINERS

BENEDICTION Rev. Erica Rader

POSTLUDE "Swiss Noel" arr. Don Hustad

Keep in Your Prayers: Stewart Berkshire on hospice. Jeri Hickman, husband of Choe after hospitalization. Jean Richey on hospice. Those grieving losses: Moriarty family, Dale/Damore family. Cindy Decker's Husband Barry, brain tumor. Kim Delevett, recovering from surgery. Shirley Swallow recovering after a fall. Sharon LeClaire. Judy Momrow. Kristy Cole. Joanie Brown. Mardie Daily. Florence Mock. Gerry Young. K.J. and Sang Kim. Gigi McNulty. Barbara Snyder's daughter, Terry, health concerns. Jan Wilson's daughter Kim. Mike Breuleux's niece Amy. Tony Bayne kidney transplant waiting list.

Reflection questions:

1. What area in your life are you needing faith to take your next step?
2. Who surrounds you on your journey and how does this influence you?

Annual Report We will be assembling a video annual report in the coming weeks, and showing it at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 4 after worship. If you have anything you would like included from your ministry area, please send to Carlo Panighetti (carlo@pclg.org) no later than January 24.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner - February 13, 2024, 5:30 - 7:00pm - Pancakes for Dinner? What is Shrove Tuesday? Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday. Historically, shrove comes from the word shrive which means "to give absolution after hearing confession" and is a part of Lenten preparations. It was also an opportunity to use up the food that couldn't be eaten during Lent including eggs, fat, and milk, which is why it is also called "Fat Tuesday," or Mardi Gras. To continue our goal of creating community through meals together, we are celebrating Shrove Tuesday in the social hall on **February 13th at 5:30pm** and we hope you will come and join in the fun! We are starting a little early to make it easy for everyone to have some dinner and then get back to their typical evening schedule. Hope to see you there!

Prayer Practices Sunday January 21 During our season of growing in grace, we are focusing on cultivating new ways to pray. Join us in the chapel as we explore another prayer practice to help expand our conversations with God.

Seed Sale Pumpkins and pollinator plants were grown and harvested by the children of PCLG to create a learning experience of growing pumpkins and pollinator plants for the bees and butterflies. After growing and harvesting the pumpkins and sunflowers the children wanted to plan ahead for next year's garden and harvest the seeds and also to sell some seeds to finance their new garden endeavors at PCLG. The seed sale will be Sunday January 14th and 28th during coffee hour.

Pastor's Bible Study Join Pastor Dave for a mid-week study each Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

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 starting a new song in the new year, we will have **the first meeting on January 21st, 2024**. Questions? Contact Youngla Kwon (younglakwon@yahoo.com).

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.

New Members and Inquirers Class Saturday January 27, 2024 9:00 a.m. noon 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: www.pclg.org/membership .

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 meeting.

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

Jan 21	Prayer Practices
Jan 27	New Member Class
Jan 28	Mexico Mission Pancake Breakfast
Feb. 4	Annual Congregational Meeting immediately following worship
Feb 10	Rise Against Hunger Mission Event packing 15,000 meals at PCLG
Feb. 13	Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner
Feb 17-24	High School Mexico Mission to Tijuana, Mexico

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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.