



Sunday, January 14, 2024

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"God Himself is with Us"  
'Morning Has Broken'  
Kirim Eom

arr. Ellen J. Lorenz  
arr. A. Royce Eckhardt

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Erica Rader

CALL TO WORSHIP

Carlo Panighetti

written by Thom Shuman, and posted on his excellent Lectionary Liturgies website.

Leader: We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:

**People: where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life's water.**

Leader: We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:

**People: where the naked are clothed in robes of hope; where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.**

Leader: We come, for God reunites us here, sisters and brothers in that family called love:

**People: where the imprisoned model justice, where the sick are cradled in God's peace.**

HYMN #664

"Morning Has Broken"

BUNESSAN

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON

Rev. Erica Rader

**Gracious and loving God, we confess our pride in our self-sufficiency and independence. It can be difficult to be vulnerable and to give of our inner selves to our loved ones and community. We are good at putting up barriers with others. Sometimes it is easier to give than to receive, but that creates an imbalance in our relationships. At other times, the difficulty lies in giving rather than receiving and we miss out on the joy of sharing. As we recognize our shortcomings, may we find ways to live into your grace. May we also find ways to deepen our relationships with loved ones, neighbors, and our church community as we endeavor to be both vulnerable *and* generous with those around us.**

SONG OF PRAISE

"Comfort You"

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 27:1-10                      Carlo Panighetti

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING                      Rev. Erica Rader

OFFERTORY                      "How Can I Keep from Singing"  
Danielle Rakhshanifar soloist                      By Greg Gilpin

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON                      John 14:25-31

SERMON                      "Creating Community Through Faith "                      Rev. Dr. Jenni Bales

HYMN                      "Way Maker"                      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 #547                      "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"                      AR HYDY  
NOS

BENEDICTION                      Rev. Dr. Jenni Bales

POSTLUDE                      "Jubilation"                      by Jason D. Payne  
Kirim Eom

**Keep in Your Prayers:** Stewart Berkshire passed away. 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.

**Rev. Dr. Jennifer Bales** ("Jenni") is a graduate of Fuller Theological Seminary and has been a minister member of the Presbytery of San Jose since 2012. She was previously a chaplain with CIC Ministries serving in the Santa Clara County Jail facilities, and she served as the pastor of Evergreen Presbyterian Church in San Jose. She is currently the Spiritual Care Director at the Terraces of Los Gatos and affiliated with PCLG. She and her husband Alan live in North San Jose with their "Cavapoo" doodle dog named Zoey. Jenni and Alan will be celebrating their thirty year anniversary this coming May.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:fainer@gmail.com).

### **Dates To Remember**

Jan 21	Prayer Practices 11:30 am
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. 14	Ash Wednesday Service, 7pm in the Chapel
Feb 17-24	High School Mexico Mission to Tijuana, Mexico

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