



Sunday, February 18, 2024
First Sunday of Lent

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Lenten Meditation" by L. Smith
Katie Gueorguieva

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP Gary Kuhn

Leader: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

People: The journey begins in the wilderness.

Leader: We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

People: Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.

Leader: Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.

People: For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.

Leader: Come, let us worship God together today!

HYMN #394 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" WESTMINSTER ABBEY

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON Rev. Erica Rader
O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. WE choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE "Great Are You, Lord" Worship Band

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Erica Rader

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Erin Heath

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 25:1-10 Gary Kuhn

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING Rev. Erica Rader

OFFERTORY "The Meditations of My Heart" by Elaine Hagenberg
DOXOLOGY #606 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH
SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 1:9-15
SERMON "Wilderness Blessings" Rev. Dr. David Watermulder
HYMN #661 "One Thing Remains" Worship Band
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 #697(v1,5,6) "Take My Life" HENDON
BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. David Watermulder
POSTLUDE Fugue BWV 854 by Johann Sebastian Bach,
Pulcharella by Heitor Villa-Lobos
Nickie Ledford (piano)

Keep in Your Prayers: Roger Heath hospitalized. Rachel Larson hospitalized. Paul Hoekstra. home from the hospital. Kendra Lewis' father near the end of his life. Karen Loomis' mother passed. Pat Garland. Krista and Jeff. Cody Scott's Sister, Tyler. Marion Shaw. Jean Richey on hospice. Cindy Decker's Husband Barry, brain tumor. Gail Myers. Shirley Swallow. Sharon LeClaire. Judy Momrow. Kristy Cole. Joanie Brown. Mardie Daily. Florence Mock. Gerry Young. Gigi McNulty. Barbara Snyder's daughter, Terry, health concerns. J Mike Breuleux's niece Amy. Tony Bayne kidney transplant waiting list.

Prayer Practices Today after worship in the Social Hall.

Men's Retreat - New Dates! - March 1-3 Sign up today for the 2024 Men's Retreat! After last year's retreat, we are going back to the St Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Bautista for a weekend of learning, worship and fellowship with other men from the PCLG Community. Questions? Contact Dave Rader (rader.dave@gmail.com). Ready to sign up? Visit www.pclg.org for the signup link

All-Church Mexico *June 22-29, 2024* All-Church Mexico is back again this summer, and you are invited! This is a great trip for anyone in the PCLG family who wants to grow together, give to others, and have a truly awesome time. Ready to sign up? Check out the online form at www.pclg.org/mexico. Questions? Concerns? Contact mexico@pclg.org. The signup deadline is May 15.

Ministry Fellows Are you a college student who's ready to lead and wants to serve their church community in ministry? Join us as a Ministry Fellow this Summer at PCLG. Fellows help in worship, mission and children/youth ministries as well as growing under the mentorship of Church staff. Please visit www.pclg.org to view and fill out the application.

The Flower Ministry We are running low on vases, if you have extra vases the flower ministry would love to have them. Thanks.

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

Bookends Bookends thanks you for your generosity; we were able to raise \$427 for Helping Hands for South Sudan.

What Would Jesus Do – As a First-Century Jewish Rabbi?

Did Jesus sleep outside? Wear a yarmulke? Depend on charity? Allow women to come close? Use the same teaching techniques as other rabbis? Sit at a table during the Last Supper?

Join us for a **light lunch**, followed by a discussion of these and other fascinating questions at a special Lenten Reflections program **following the worship service on Sunday, March 10**. Led by **Pastor Erica Rader**, we'll consider how the "real" Rabbi Jesus taught and lived, with an emphasis on the week before his death.

We'll base our discussion on the book *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus: How the Jewishness of Jesus Can Transform Your Faith*, by Ann Spangler and Lois Tverberg. If you'd like to start exploring this intriguing topic before we meet, you can order the book from Amazon or christianbook.com. This program is sponsored by PCLG's Adult Education Committee.

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. For February, we will be meeting on **Feb. 18, 2024**. Questions? Contact Youngla Kwon (younglakwon@yahoo.com).

Chancel Remodel After the Annual Meeting a few weeks ago, we unveiled a new construction project coming to PCLG this Spring: The Chancel Remodel. The plan is to spruce up and re-do the front section of the Sanctuary and make other needed enhancements to the building and worship space. If you would like to learn more, please visit www.pclg.org/chancel. Want to give in support of this exciting project? Please visit www.pclg.org/online-giving or contact Pastor Dave or Carlo Panighetti for more information.

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.

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

Feb 17-24	High School Mexico Mission to Tijuana, Mexico
Feb. 28	Drop in Grove Group 7 pm
Mar 1	Stewart Berkshire's Memorial 2pm
March 1-3	Men's Retreat

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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.