

Sunday, February 25, 2024 **Second Sunday in Lent**

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Lamb of God. Pure and Sinless" arr. David Cherwien

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

arr. David Cherwien

"My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness, Lord" arr. Michael Burkhardt

Jennifer Baham

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Shaw

Leader: The psalmist sings: One thing I asked of the Lord, that I would seek after:

People: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

Leader: to behold the beauty of the Lord, People: and to inquire in God's temple. Leader: Sisters and brothers, God is good,

People: and in love and mercy, God greets us here. Leader: Come, let us worship Almighty God together today!

HYMN #65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON Rev. Erica Rader Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven, but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things. We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor. We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our neighbors. We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy. We have let our cravings for public status prevent our honesty about hidden sins. Yet, you know the desires of our heart and nothing is hidden from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the world. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE #175

"Seek Ye First"

LAFFERTY

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Erica Rader

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Erin Heath

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 111:1-10

David Shaw

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

OFFERTORY "Beautiful in His Time" by Dan Forrest

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 4:26-32

SERMON "The Seeds of Faith" Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

HYMN #250 "Hymn of Promise" PROMISE

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 #435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" IN BABILONE

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

POSTLUDE "Glory Be To Jesus" arr. Robert A. Hobby

Keep in Your Prayers: Roger Heath hospitalized. Rachel Larson recovering from surgery. Nancy Holloman, the loss of her son. Emily Barrett beginning treatment for pancreatic cancer. Kendra Lewis' father near the end of his life. Carolyn Randall's daughter. Joy on the healthy birth of a daughter (Sophia Grace) to Madeleine and Stephen Stanwood. Pat Garland. Krista and Jeff. Cody Scott's Sister, Tyler. Jean Richey on hospice. Cindy Decker's Husband Barry, brain tumor. Gail Myers. Shirley Swallow. Sharon LeClaire. Judy Momrow. Kristy Cole. Mardie Daily. Florence Mock. Gerry Young. Gigi McNulty. Barbara Snyder's daughter, Terry, health concerns. Mike Breuleux's niece Amy. Tony Bayne kidney transplant waiting list.

<u>All-Church Mexico</u> 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.

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

<u>The PW Morning Circle</u> 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.

<u>Ministry Fellows</u> 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.

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

Did Jesus keep up with the news? Strap tefillin on his forehead and arm? Tell totally unfamiliar parables? Have a wife?

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, in the Chapel.** Led by **Pastor Erica Rader**, we'll consider how the "real" Rabbi Jesus taught and lived, and how the people of his time would have viewed him.

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. Lenten Reflections is sponsored by PCLG's Adult Education Committee.

<u>Sign Language Group</u> We are learning sign language through worship songs. We meet on the **1st** and **3rd Sunday** after worship service at Room 9 in Children's Wing. The dates are subject to change depending on church events. For February, we will be meeting on **March 3 and March 17.** Questions? Contact Youngla Kwon (younglakwon@yahoo.com).

<u>Chancel Remodel</u> 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.

Anti-semitism program We have been invited by PCLG's across the street neighbor, Shir Hadash Synagogue to a special theatre program about anti-semitism. To purchase tickets and get more information, go to Buy: I LOVED JEW, I LOVED JEW NOT (salesforce-sites.com) and look for the Shir Hadash, Los Gatos performance on Feb. 25 at 3pm. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

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.

MINOW Men's Bible Study is starting the book of Philippians next week. Now would be a great time to join in!! We have a men's study in person in the Fireside Room and via Zoom each Wednesday morning at 6:30 a.m. This group, called MINOW, Men In Need Of Wisdom, is, much like our Presbyterian church, run by its members! We take turns leading the weekly study, and when the current study topic nears completion, together we choose the next. The choice of reading is quite interesting and varied. Please reach out (minow@pclg.org) to be added to the weekly invite. Thanks, Jeff 408-455-2784

Handel's Messiah – The Spring Sing!! PCLG hosts The Messiah Sing on Palm Sunday, March 24 at 7:00pm. Invite a friend to join you! People love to sing Handel's Messiah, so it's easy to invite others. Let them know that everyone gets to sing everything, including the solos! Get ready for the Sing! Come to one, some, or all of the four optional practices, Sundays, Feb. 25, & March 32 10 17 at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. The practices are completely optional, so don't feel like you have to come to them in order to come to the Sing. They're also each independent; different songs are practiced each night, so if you can't come to all of the rehearsals, it's great to come to as many as you can. If you can volunteer to help at the rehearsals (greeter, cookies) or the Sing (ticket takers, ushers, parking, reception, cookies, etc.) let Chris Bollinger know (chris@thebollingers.org). Here's the small print.... Everything is FREE. For the practices, just show up in the sanctuary. For the Sing, come to the Messiah Sing table at the fellowship hour after worship to pick up your FREE (but required) tickets, or email your request to messiahsing@pclg.org.

<u>Children's Ministry (Infant - 5th grade):</u> 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 <u>erin.heath@pclg.org</u>

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 25	Messiah Sing Rehearsal 7 pm
Feb. 28	Drop in Grove Group 7 pm
March 1	Stewart Berkshire's Memorial 2pm
March 1-3	Men's Retreat
March 3	Messiah Sing Rehearsal 7 pm
March 10	After Worship Lenten Reflections on Rabbi Jesus
March 10	Messiah Sing Rehearsal 7 pm
March 17	Messiah Sing Rehearsal 7 pm
March 24	Messiah Sing 7 pm

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