



Sunday, December 15, 2024  
Third Sunday of Advent

### GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"A Medley of Carols" part I  
Nickie Ledford and Katie Gueorguieva

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Froman Family (Lauren, Chad, Jacob, and Ian)

Leader: No matter what troubles overwhelm us today, Isaiah reminds us that in all of our preparation and passionate pursuit of God's coming kingdom, we must not forget that God's salvation has come and is coming. "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation". With joy you will remember that God's salvation is already present among us.

**People: Faced with the troubles and the suffering of the world, we choose to live in joyful presence to God and one another. We will not turn away from the pain and the hurt in our world, and we will not stop rejoicing in God, whose salvation fills us to overflowing.**

Leader: We light this candle of joy as a sign of our commitment to be present to ourselves, our friends, our families, and our neighbors that in sharing our vulnerable lives we might share in the glorious joy of God's salvation together.

HYMN

"I Sing To My Savior" (Let All Things Now Living) by Carolyn Gillette

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON Dr. Rev. David Watermulder

**Great God, as we prepare to behold the birth of Jesus again, we are mindful of how we have failed to receive the fullness of that gift. The story points us to your glory, yet we struggle to join in the song of praise and thanksgiving. We are distracted and confused, so focused on things of little significance we overlook the good news of great joy that you have prepared. Tell us again that the Savior is born. Tell us again that we are forgiven. Tell us again that our lives can be abundant in faith, hope and love because of what you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

"Holy Is the Lord w/ Emmanuel"

Worship Band

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Dr. Rev. David Watermulder

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Erin Heath

### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 12:2-6

Beth Hobbs

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING

Dr. Rev. David Watermulder

OFFERTORY

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

arr. by Howard Helvey

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 3:7-18

SERMON

“What then should we do?”

Rev. Erica Rader

HYMN

“Great Are You, Lord”

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 #93

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

TRURO

BENEDICTION

Rev. Erica Rader

POSTLUDE

“A Medley of Carols” part II  
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**Keep in Your Prayers:** John Koeker, hospitalized this week. Family of Mardie Dailey. Carolyn Randall on the passing of her daughter. Kim Dellevet on the passing of her father. GFP assistant director Vanessa’s mom Elvira health concerns. Pastor Erica’s mother Karen. Tom Smith as he cares for Mildred in memory care. Gigi McNulty. Kristy Cole. Emily Barrett. Joan and Willis Brown. The Bierly/Shaw families. Julie Clausen’s cousin Tyler. Rachel Larsen. Jeff Yergler. Tony Bayne. Gail Myers. Shirley Swallow. Sharon LeClaire. Judy Momrow. Barbara Snyder’s daughter, Terry. Rosemary Will. Susan Cherne and family.

**Gabriel Nyok’s Mission Presentation:** Join us after worship today in the Fireside Room to hear from Gabriel Nyok. He has just arrived back from Uganda and South Sudan and will give us a full update on our shared mission work in that place. Light lunch will be served and Gabriel will be glad to see you all!

**Holiday Gift Shop** Please stop by Juliet’s Holiday Gift Shop at Coffee Hour today to purchase handmade crochet decorations like snowmen, wreaths, candy canes, and stockings for your home, a friend, or teacher. Juliette Ryken is a child of PCLG and you can also order Candy Grams to be delivered before Christmas and Hanukkah to a resident at The Terraces.

**Thank you for joining us for Worship in the Social Hall!** Our Sanctuary building is currently being refurbished and remodeled, so we are temporarily holding our worship services in the Social Hall. We will keep you updated on construction progress and plans as things move forward. Thank you for your flexibility!

**Pledges** Thank you to those who have sent their pledge in. It's not too late to turn in your pledge.

**Mission Committee** - Spreading Christmas Joy once again PCLG would like to bless our working brothers and sisters at Bridge Communities in East San Jose. This Christmas we will be providing 80 families with a \$100 Amazon Gift Card. You can help provide these blessings by donating, in any amount, towards our goal. There are three ways to participate: (1) On-line through the PCLG giving website (scroll to "Mission" and put "Christmas Gift Card" in the memo box). The QR code below will take you to the website; (2) By check or cash in the weekly offering (with "Christmas Gift Card" in the memo line); (3) At the Mission Committee room at the Advent Craft Faire.



**Growing Footprints Preschool is now Enrolling!** Did you know that the PCLG has a preschool and afterschool program right here on campus? We are now enrolling, and have a full time space available in our two year old program which boasts an incredible ratio of 1 to 6. We also have a full time space and few 3 day spaces available in our 3 year old classroom that has a 1 to 8 ratio. We have two 5 day slots in our afterschool program.

We are now accepting applications and giving tours for Summer Camp, and our 2025-2026 school year for preschool and afterschool programs. For more information and to contact us, please visit our website at [www.growingfootprints.org](http://www.growingfootprints.org) or visit our instagram at growing\_footprints\_preschool to see the kind of activities our little friends are up to.

**Would you like to read the scripture in church?** Each week, we have a different person read the scripture during the worship service. If you are interested in doing this, please contact Mary Jane Humphrey, [maryjhumphrey@comcast.net](mailto:maryjhumphrey@comcast.net).

**Come Sing With Us** Join the Choir for Advent! If you love music and sharing your gifts with others, come join the Choir for the weeks leading up to Christmas. Rehearsals are on Thursday nights at 7pm. For information contact Michael Taylor at [michael.taylor@pclg.org](mailto:michael.taylor@pclg.org).

**Company Matching Program** – Did you know your workplace could help amplify the impact of your giving? Many employers offer matching gift programs as part of their commitment to community support and charitable giving. This is a simple and effective way to double the impact of your generosity and further support the Mission Committee, which uses the matching funds to support various needs throughout our community. Check to see if your employer offers matching gifts and complete any required forms! Let us know if you need assistance or documentation about our nonprofit status.

**Sunday School Volunteers** We are blessed with a growing Children's Ministries program and we are looking for more volunteers to fill our classrooms. If you are interested in being a loving adult in the lives of the children of our church, please contact Erin Heath, Children's Ministries Director, at [erin.heath@pclg.org](mailto:erin.heath@pclg.org).

**Pastor's Bible Study** Join Pastor Dave for a mid-week study each Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Pastor's Bible Study is still on this next week, and then will take a 2 week break and **return on Wednesday, 8th**

**Nursery Caretaker-** Children's Ministries is in need of a regular nursery caretaker on Sunday mornings from 9:30-11:30am. This is a paid position with an opportunity for additional hours during special events. If you know anyone who is interested, please have them contact Erin Heath at [erin.heath@pclg.org](mailto:erin.heath@pclg.org).

**WOW** The weekly drop in Bible study for all the women of PCLG (called WOW) meets Thursday mornings from 10 am to 11:30 in the Fireside Room and 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 meetings.

**The Worship Band** is happy to welcome any musicians who enjoy playing guitar, bass, drums or singing. Please feel free to contact [Rita@pclg.org](mailto:Rita@pclg.org) for more information. Or find me on a Sunday morning. Blessings, Rita

**The PW Morning Circle** The Thursday morning Bible study will be meeting at the Terraces. We meet once a month on the third Thursday of the month at 10:15 am in the 2nd floor Conference Room. Any questions? contact Ruth Fong at 1(408) 395-9342 or [ru.fong@comcast.net](mailto:ru.fong@comcast.net).

**MINOW Men's Bible Study**: We have a men's study in person in the Fireside Room and via Zoom each Wednesday at 6:30 AM. This group is called MINOW, "Men In Need of Wisdom" and is much like our Presbyterian Church where it is run by its members. We trade off leading the study week by week. We just started the book of Genesis, so now is a good time to join. Please reach out to [minow@pclg.org](mailto:minow@pclg.org) to be added to the weekly email invite.

**Sunday School Volunteer Training!** Have you considered signing up to volunteer as a Sunday School teacher but wasn't sure what it entailed? Join us for a special Sunday School Volunteer Training to equip and inspire you for this important ministry. Whether you're a seasoned teacher or just getting started, this session will provide helpful tools, a run through of what happens in Sunday School, the types of lessons covered, and a time to answer any questions. Lunch included! Date: Sunday, Jan. 12 | Time: 11:30-12:30 | Location: Fireside Room. Let's grow together in serving our children and sharing God's love!

## **Youth Update**

Today is a regular Sunday with Middle School Sunday School meeting in the YC this morning. SNIFF and YG will be meeting at 5 and 7:30 p.m. respectively this evening.

Our Youth groups will be the first ones to visit our Advent Prayer room on Sunday night.

The Advent Prayer Room in the Youth Center is open to all this week Monday through Thursday, 5 to 9 p.m. Got a meeting on campus? Come early or stay late. Have a free moment while out on errands, stop by. Need to escape the hustle of party season? Come sit, think and pray in our dark candle-lit space. Signup link is in the weekly email.

**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)

**Giving Online** Please visit [www.pclg.org/online-giving](http://www.pclg.org/online-giving), or use this QR code, to access our online giving tools. You can give a one-time gift or set up a recurring gift.



## **Dates To Remember**

Dec. 21	College Welcome Brunch 10am-12pm at Watermulder Home
Dec. 22	PCLG Young Adults Brunch, at 12pm at Willow Street Pizza
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Services 4 pm and 10 pm
Jan. 26	Pancake Breakfast Sunday
Feb. 1	Inquirers/New Members class 9 am

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