

Welcome to our Worship Celebration

November 19, 2017 at 9:00 am



Ygnacio Valley Presbyterian Church

Sunday Worship Gathering

November 19, 2017

God guides us in the midst of the storms of life

God gathers the church community to worship

(based on 1 Thessalonians 5)

Kim Thompson

Leader: God calls out: "Come and enter my joy!"

***People:* We gather in thankfulness this day,
as servants of God's blessings.**

Leader: God calls out: "Come, stay awake and be alert!"

***People:* We gather in expectation this day,
as children of God's light and love.**

Leader: God calls out: "Come and share in my happiness!"

***People:* We gather in faith this day
to worship our God.**

Listening to God's Story

Kim

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (The Message)

¹⁻³ I don't think, friends, that I need to deal with the question of when all this is going to happen. You know as well as I that the day of the Master's coming can't be posted on our calendars. He won't call ahead and make an appointment any more than a burglar would. About the time everybody's walking around complacently, congratulating each other—"We've sure got it made! Now we can take it easy!"—suddenly everything will fall apart. It's going to come as suddenly and inescapably as birth pangs to a pregnant woman.

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⁴⁻⁸ But friends, you're not in the dark, so how could you be taken off guard by any of this? You're sons of Light, daughters of Day. We live under wide open skies and know where we stand. So let's not sleep-walk through life like those others. Let's keep our eyes open and be smart. People sleep at night and get drunk at night. But not us! Since we're creatures of Day, let's act like it. Walk out into the daylight sober, dressed up in faith, love, and the hope of salvation. ⁹⁻¹¹ God didn't set us up for an angry rejection but for salvation by our Master, Jesus Christ. He died for us, a death that triggered life. Whether we're awake with the living or asleep with the dead, we're *alive* with him! So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind. I know you're already doing this; just keep on doing it.

Prayer (based on Matthew 25)

Kim

Our Lord and our God, our Greatest Good
and our Living Source—

whether in safety or in risk,
whether the path is well lit or in shadow,
whether we encounter approval or face insult—
we look to you for guidance.

Some of us seek to understand death, loss,
and the suffering of our world.

Some of us seek mercy and rescue
from the misery we face.

Some of us seek to know what to do
with the many gifts you have given us.

Help us turn our eyes to you,
trusting that you will answer us
with your mercy, your salvation,
and your joy. Amen.

Songs of worship

Linda & Matthew

Confession

Pastor Matt

(based on Psalm 123)

Merciful God, we are aware of the ways
our faith falls short.
In our pride, we wait too long to ask for your help.
In our self-absorption,
we ask that our will, not your will, be done.
Even when you rescue us from our misery,
we quickly return to our careless ways.
Aware of these failures,
we turn our eyes to you,
trusting in your love and mercy.

Silent confession

Words of assurance

(based on 1 Thessalonians 5)

Matt

Friends, you do not live in the night
or belong to the dark.
You have obtained life and salvation
through our Lord Jesus Christ.
In him, you belong to the day.

Pass Christ's peace to one another

Praying as a community

Hearing God's Story

Kim

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NRSV)

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Hosting God's Story

Pastor Matt Prinz

Finding ourselves in God's Story

Everyone

Coming to the Lord's table

Practicing generosity—giving our offerings

Prayer (based on Matthew 25)

Kim

Living Source of every blessing,
the gifts you give us are not trinkets
to be hidden away.

Use these gifts for your service,
that the blessings we have received from your hand
may increase as they go forth
to bring grace to the world.

Make our hearts generous, we pray,
for you have been generous with us.

Song

Linda & Matthew

God sends us to be the church in the world

(based on 1 Thessalonians 5)

Matt

Go forth as children of light,
as children of the day.

Go into the world, knowing that God's gifts
of faith, love, and hope shield you
as you share those gifts with others.

Beloved, go forth to share in God's joy.

Thanks be to God!



Sermon Notes:

Visitors: Welcome to Ygnacio Valley Presbyterian

We are glad that you have joined us for worship and want you to feel warmly welcomed to this community of faith. It is our prayer that you will experience God's presence in our worship and fellowship. We would be delighted for you to join us for a cup of coffee or tea and refreshments in the fireside room (right next to the sanctuary) following the service. Our pastor is always available to talk or answer questions, just leave your name and phone number or email address with a church member.

Special note to children and their parents:

We welcome all children and families in our worship gatherings and provide books and coloring materials on the kid's table as you enter the sanctuary. We believe that children are an essential part of our church community. We have designed our worship services to include times of interaction, response, and movement to invite the participation of younger members. Please talk with Pastor Matt about creative ways that your children can be involved in our worship services. We also have a nursery available.

Everyone is welcome to join us for refreshments and fellowship after this morning's worship celebration.

Ushers: Lucie & Paula

Coffee Hour: The Ash Family

Nursery Attendant: As Needed

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Calendar and Announcements

November 19, 2017

THIS MORNING	after worship	Coffee Hour
WEDNESDAY		No Bible Study
THURSDAY-FRIDAY		HOLIDAY-Office Closed
NEXT SUNDAY	9:00 am	Worship Celebration

Kitchen “Wish List”

We have noticed a few items which would be beneficial to have in our church kitchen when we prepare dinners, homeless feedings and Sunday coffee hours. If you have any of the following items to spare, we would be grateful for a wooden cutting board, water glasses, cast iron pans, and a dutch oven. Thank you in advance.

Anti-Racism Training—Saturday, December 9th

The Presbytery of San Francisco is hosting a Crossroads workshop on “Racism, Power, and Dominance in the US and the Church” at Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana, 1941 High St., Oakland from 9am-5pm. Lunch will be provided and is free of charge. Come and learn with others from local Presbyterian churches. See Pastor Matt with any questions.

Financial Update

Currently the total income for the year is 2.8% less than the Original Budget Projection and expenses are 0.7% less. Contributions have been less than anticipated. We began the year with a projected end-of-year negative position of \$9.00, which is currently a negative \$13,871.83.

2017 Christmas Eve Service

We are planning on a 5pm Candlelight Interactive service. Please mark your calendars and invite your family and friends.

Join Us!

Studying the Scriptures and other stories of faith can help us reflect upon our own lives, to be encouraged and to be guided to new steps of faithful living. Come and join the many opportunities for study and reflection.

The Presbyterian Women (10:30am), the **1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month**, visiting church members for lunch—come and join them.

Wednesdays—Bible Study (7pm)—Reading *9 Beats*, by Mark Scandrette. Come for prayer, study, reflection and community.

Ongoing Church Experiments 2016 & 2017

- 1) Community Meals— Potluck 5/10; Ribs on 5/28; BBQ on 7/26 & 11/15/17
- 2) Learning Trips—Global Immersion Trip to Mexico/U.S. border (May 4th –7th) Sylvia Chatagnier and Inhabit Conference on Neighborhood (April 28th-29th) Mike & Kim Thompson, Matt & Susannah Prinz
- 3) Grapevine project—Soil preparation & Irrigation—April 1st; June 3rd Planting; Irrigation—July
- 4) Faith and Culture classes—Art & Faith—January 29th
- 5) Church Retreat—Lake Tahoe—Oct. 14-16, 2016 & Oct. 6-8, 2017
- 6) New Songs—ongoing, putting together new song book
- 7) Pastoral Sabbatical—June & July & August 2017
- 8) Faith-Rooted organizing—3/17; 9/29 & 10/24/17
- 9) BBQ at Contra Costa Interfaith Housing—6/8/17

What experiments would you like to see in 2018 & 2019?

Interested in Meeting with Pastor Matt?

Pastor Matt is available to meet, talk and pray when and where it is convenient for you. Please call him at 510-856-7434.

Cards or Visits

Hilda Gimenez at ManorCare Health
1226 Rossmoor Pkwy., Walnut Creek 94595

AND

Elda Ignacio at Kindred Transitional Care
1224 Rossmoor Parkway, Room 503, Walnut Creek 94595
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Usher and Coffee Hour Volunteers

Ushers

NOVEMBER
26th Dee & Mike

DECEMBER
3rd Laura & Stan
10th Lucie & Paula
17th Carrie & Sylvia
24th Dee & Todd
31st Bob & Ruth B.

Coffee Hour

Youngson Family

Wilson Family
Skourup Family
Graham Family
Christmas Cookies
Barcelon Family

Ygnacio Valley Presbyterian Church

is a community faith that:

- **Accepts Jesus as the clearest revelation of the God of the Old and New Testament**
- **Is open to all who are on a journey of faith seeking truth and meaning for their lives through a relationship with God**
- **Will respect each person's journey of faith**
- **Believes our mission is: *To Love, Obey, and Glorify God by Making and Being Disciples of Jesus Christ, and by Loving All***

Matt Prinz—Pastor

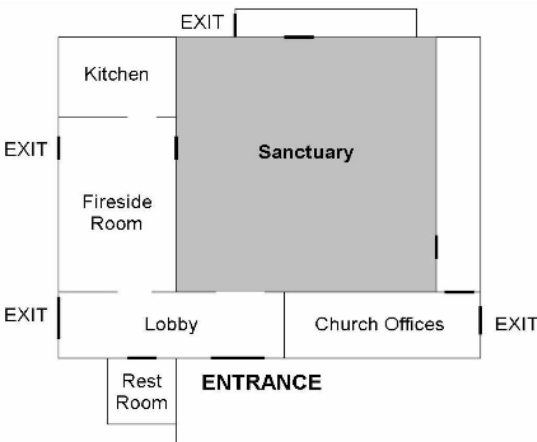
Matt & Linda Kost, Christie Jacoban &
Todd Swick—Song Leaders/Piano/Guitar

Cherie Trautz—Office Manager

Sylvia Chatagnier-Clerk of the Session

Paula Ash, Bob Bailey, Linda Kost, Laura

Wilson & Kathy Youngson—Elders



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