

Welcome to our Worship Celebration

September 16, 2018 at 9:00 am



Ygnacio Valley Presbyterian Church

Sunday Worship Celebration

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God molds and forms the church

God gathers us to worship

(based on Mark 8)

Stan Wilson

Leader: In the streets and city square, Wisdom cries out. My friends, are we listening?

***People:* Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, Lord, our rock and our redeemer.**

Leader: The heavens and the earth proclaim the glory of God. My friends, are we listening?

***People:* Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, Lord, our rock and our redeemer.**

Leader: The word of God revives the soul and warms the heart. My friends, are we listening?

***People:* Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, Lord, our rock and our redeemer.**

Leader: Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?" Dear friends, what is our answer?

***People:* Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, Lord, our rock and our redeemer.**

Hearing God's Story

Stan

Acts 10:17-33 (Message)

¹⁷⁻²⁰ As Peter, puzzled, sat there trying to figure out what it all meant, the men sent by Cornelius showed up at Simon's front door. They called in, asking if there was a Simon, also called Peter, staying there. Peter, lost in thought, didn't hear them, so the Spirit whispered to him, "Three men are knocking at the door looking for you."

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Get down there and go with them. Don't ask any questions. I sent them to get you." ²¹ Peter went down and said to the men, "I think I'm the man you're looking for. What's up?" ²²⁻²³ They said, "Captain Cornelius, a God-fearing man well-known for his fair play—ask any Jew in this part of the country—was commanded by a holy angel to get you and bring you to his house so he could hear what you had to say." Peter invited them in and made them feel at home. Friends from Joppa went along. A day later they entered Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had his relatives and close friends waiting with him. The minute Peter came through the door, Cornelius was up on his feet greeting him—and then down on his face worshiping him! Peter pulled him up and said, "None of that—I'm a man and only a man, no different from you." ²⁷⁻²⁹ Talking things over, they went on into the house, where Cornelius introduced Peter to everyone who had come. Peter addressed them, "You know, I'm sure that this is highly irregular. Jews just don't do this—visit and relax with people of another race. But God has just shown me that no race is better than any other. So the minute I was sent for, I came, no questions asked. But now I'd like to know why you sent for me." ³⁰⁻³² Cornelius said, "Four days ago at about this time, midafternoon, I was home praying. Suddenly there was a man right in front of me, flooding the room with light. He said, 'Cornelius, your daily prayers and neighborly acts have brought you to God's attention. I want you to send to Joppa to get Simon, the one they call Peter. He's staying with Simon the Tanner down by the sea.' ³³ "So I did it—I sent for you. And you've been good enough to come. And now we're all here in God's presence, ready to listen to whatever the Master put in your heart to tell us."

Prayer

(based on Psalm 19)

Stan

God of wisdom and truth,
speak to us now.
Inspire us with your word.
Speak clearly to our hearts,
that we may walk in your ways
and live in your love.
In the name of Christ, our messiah,
we pray. Amen. *(Mary J. Scifres)*

Songs of worship

Christie & Todd

<i>Every Time I Feel the Spirit</i>	Praise Songbook, pg. 22
<i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i>	" " pg. 80
<i>Pour Out My Heart</i>	" " pg. 70

Confession

(based on Proverbs 1)

Pastor Matt

Wise and loving God,
every experience tells us about your love.
When our minds are full of noise and clatter,
your peace is just a breath away.
When we are weary and bored,
the wonders of your creation—
from landscapes and living things,
to clouds and stars—
invite us to fall silent with awe.
So many times you call,
and we refuse to listen.
So many times you reach out,
and we ignore you.
So many times doing the right thing
requires sacrifice and suffering,
and we choose safety and comfort

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So many times we set our minds on human things,
and forget to dwell on divine things.

May our worship open our hearts to your call—
a call that draws us into life.

Help us, we pray, to receive your wisdom this day,
that we may carry it with us
each and every day of our lives,
in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Silent confession

Reminder of God's comforting forgiveness

(based on Mark 8)

Matt

Friends in Christ, God desires us to heed Wisdom
as she cries out to us.

God seeks to correct our errors,
clear away our hidden faults,
and spare us from sin's dominion in our lives.

Through the grace of Jesus,
who faced great suffering and rejection,
who was killed by the powers of his day,
and who rose from the dead,
God restores us. Amen.

Pass the peace of Christ

Praying as a community—giving testimony of God’s hope and strength in our lives and neighborhoods

Make Us Instruments of Your Faith

For your blessing we thank you, God: faith in you.
Increase it, we beg, so that we no longer doubt.
Drive out all our miserliness, so that we do not
refuse you anything.

Increase our faith, for the sake of those without faith.
Make us instruments of your faith, for those with
only a little.

Fill our bodies with faith, our bodies that work for
you all our days.

Help us to avoid the enemies of our faith, or to
overcome them.

You are with us in confrontations; this we believe.
In your hands we place ourselves, and are secure.
Make haste to enter our hearts; make haste.

Masai, Tanzania

Listening to God’s Story

Stan

Acts 10:17-33 (NRSV)

¹⁷ Now while Peter was greatly puzzled about what to make of the vision that he had seen, suddenly the men sent by Cornelius appeared. They were asking for Simon’s house and were standing by the gate.

¹⁸ They called out to ask whether Simon, who was called Peter, was staying there. ¹⁹ While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Look, three men are searching for you. ²⁰ Now get up, go down, and go with them without hesitation; for I have sent them.” ²¹ So Peter went down to the men and said, “I am the one you are looking for; what is the reason for your coming?”

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²² They answered, “Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say.” ²³ So Peter invited them in and gave them lodging. The next day he got up and went with them, and some of the believers from Joppa accompanied him. ²⁴ The following day they came to Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. ²⁵ On Peter’s arrival Cornelius met him, and falling at his feet, worshiped him. ²⁶ But Peter made him get up, saying, “Stand up; I am only a mortal.” ²⁷ And as he talked with him, he went in and found that many had assembled; ²⁸ and he said to them, “You yourselves know that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or to visit a Gentile; but God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean. ²⁹ So when I was sent for, I came without objection. Now may I ask why you sent for me?” ³⁰ Cornelius replied, “Four days ago at this very hour, at three o’clock, I was praying in my house when suddenly a man in dazzling clothes stood before me. ³¹ He said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. ³² Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon, who is called Peter; he is staying in the home of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.’ ³³ Therefore I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. So now all of us are here in the presence of God to listen to all that the Lord has commanded you to say.”

Finding ourselves in God's Story

Everyone

Coming to the Lord's table

Practicing generosity—giving our offerings

Prayer (based on Mark 8)

Stan

Wise and loving God,
you are the source of goodness in our lives.

Thank you for your Wisdom, your creation,
and your Word.

Thank you for your Son, Jesus
who draws all these gifts together
in his teaching, in his death,
and in his resurrection.

Receive our offerings and our gratitude this day,
and give us the wisdom
to use our gifts and our very lives
to fulfill your desires in the world. Amen.

Song

Amazing Grace!

Christie & Todd

Hymnal. No. 107

God sends us to be the church in the world

(based on Proverbs 1)

Pastor Matt

Leader: Wisdom cries out in the street.
In the square she raises her voice.

***People:* At the busiest corner she cries out. At the
entrance to the city gates she speaks.**

Leader: Let us go forth into the world, carrying God's
wisdom and love to every person we meet.

***People:* Thanks be to God!**

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: Juanita & Ruth B.

Coffee Hour: Finger Foods

Nursery Attendant: As Needed

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Calendar and Announcements

September 16, 2018

THIS MORNING	after worship 11:00 am	Coffee Hour Session Meeting
WEDNESDAY	7:00 pm	Bible Study
THURSDAY	11:30am	Ladies Luncheon-Buttercup
NEXT SUNDAY	9:00 am	Worship Celebration

Dinner and Enneagram Workshop

Join us on Wednesday, September 26th, from 6pm to 8pm. The Enneagram is an ancient personality tool used by Christians for growth and self-reflection. Susannah Prinz is going to guide us through the basics of this powerful tool and share ways that it has helped her on her faith journey. It would be helpful if you take the quick, free test before the meeting (ask Susannah). Please mark your calendars and plan to join us.

Memorial Service

Please plan on attending a Celebration of Life service for our long time member and friend, Mary De Freze. Her service will be held on Saturday, September 29th at 10am. We are asking for volunteers to donate 1 dozen donuts. Please contact Cherie or sign-up in the church office. Thank you so much.

Walking Group—Sunday, September 30th

Mark your calendars and plan to join us following our worship service for a walk around Heather Farms Park. It is a great time for conversation, exercise, and community building.

All Church Retreat October 5-7th

All Church Retreat at Zephyr Point Presbyterian Retreat Center at Lake Tahoe. We are excited to be welcoming Rev. Kim Dawsey-Richardson to help teach and guide this year. Plan to join in this time of community, learning, worship, and prayer in a beautiful space. Please confirm your attendance on the sign-up sheet in the church office. The price for a shared room with food is \$168 and an individual room with food is \$270.

Scholarship Opportunity

Would you be willing to sponsor an individual to attend our All-Church retreat next month? If so, please see Pastor Matt.

Mark your Calendar

October 5th-7th—All Church Retreat at Zephyr Cove

December 5th & 6th—Winter Nights

February 9th—2019 Crab Feed Fundraiser

Donations Accepted for a Church in the Philippines

Christie is collecting children books and toys and Adult/Teen inspirational books for the home church of the (Late) Naty Ferrer and past member of YVPC. Donations are also being accepted for mailing these donated items to the Philippines. If you have any questions, and/or to give your donations, please see Christie. Thank you for your generosity!

Dia de Hispanidad — Saturday October 20th

Save the date. Come and join the community celebration of our sisters and brothers in La Mision Hispana—enjoy food, music and dance. A great way to support this important ministry.

Financial Update

We spent \$2,200 to clear out dangerous tree limbs and \$850 for termites in our church office this month. Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting our ongoing ministries and space to host events and gatherings.

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.

Usher and Coffee Hour Volunteers

Ushers

Coffee Hour

SEPTEMBER

23rd Bob & Todd
30th Laura & Stan

Youngson Family
Wilson Family

OCTOBER

7th Church Retreat—No Service
14th Chrissy & Terri
21st Carrie & Todd
28th Christie & Nick

Bailey Family
DESSERTS
Jacoban Family

NOVEMBER

4th Pam & Tom
11th Carrie & Paula
18th Bob & Terri
25th Christie & Lucie

Prinz Family
SALADS
Louie Family
Skourup 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

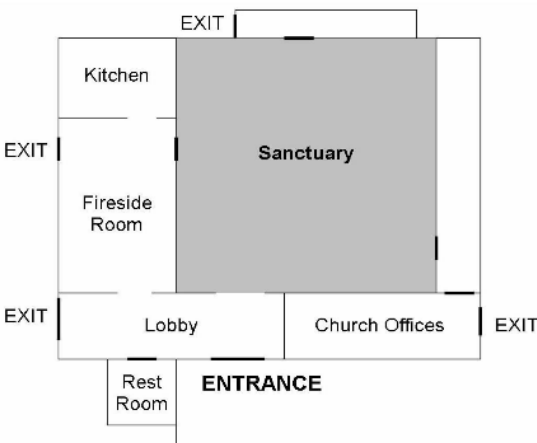
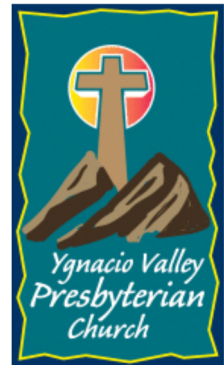
Matt & Linda Kost, Christie Jacoban &
Todd Swick—Song Leaders/Piano/Guitar

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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