

Welcome to our Worship Celebration

August 19, 2018 at 9:00 am



"Ananias restores sight to St Paul"
By Pietro da Cortona (1596-1669)

Ygnacio Valley Presbyterian Church

Sunday Worship Celebration

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God's love overwhelms all, even enemies

God gathers the church to worship with our whole lives (based on Psalm 111) Stan

Leader: Praise the source of wisdom and understanding.

***People:* God's wisdom is the cure for human folly.**

Leader: Praise the source of discernment and insight.

***People:* God's wisdom is humanity's hope for a better future.**

Leader: Praise the source of knowledge and truth.

***People:* God's wisdom is our chance for a new beginning.**

Leader: Come! Let us worship.

Listening to God's Story

Stan

Acts 9:9-19 (Message)

⁹He continued blind for three days. He ate nothing, drank nothing. ¹⁰There was a disciple in Damascus by the name of Ananias. The Master spoke to him in a vision: "Ananias." "Yes, Master?" he answered. ¹¹⁻¹²"Get up and go over to Straight Avenue. Ask at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus. His name is Saul. He's there praying. He has just had a dream in which he saw a man named Ananias enter the house and lay hands on him so he could see again." ¹³⁻¹⁴Ananias protested, "Master, you can't be serious. Everybody's talking about this man and the terrible things he's been doing, his reign of terror against your people in Jerusalem!" *continued . . .*

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And now he's shown up here with papers from the Chief Priest that give him license to do the same to us." ¹⁵⁻¹⁶ But the Master said, "Don't argue. Go! I have picked him as my personal representative to non-Jews and kings and Jews. And now I'm about to show him what he's in for—the hard suffering that goes with this job." ¹⁷⁻¹⁹ So Ananias went and found the house, placed his hands on blind Saul, and said, "Brother Saul, the Master sent me, the same Jesus you saw on your way here. He sent me so you could see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." No sooner were the words out of his mouth than something like scales fell from Saul's eyes—he could see again! He got to his feet, was baptized, and sat down with them to a hearty meal.

Prayer

(based on 1 Kings 2)

Stan

Eternal God, your steadfast love endures forever.

When your servant David died,

you granted Solomon the wisdom
to rule your people with judgment
and understanding.

When our own cleverness fails us,

you grant us the wisdom to discern good from evil,
and to understand your ways.

Be with us in this time of worship,

that we may seek to live our lives
with wisdom and grace. Amen.

Songs of worship

Linda & Matthew

Confession (based on John 6)

Pastor Matt

Source of wisdom and understanding,
you seek to fill us with your Spirit of truth,
but we choose to live foolishly
and give our hearts over
to the folly all around us;
you yearn to fill us with your Spirit of power,
but we choose the path of weakness
and ignore the opportunities you provide
to seek justice and mercy.
Offer us your Spirit once more, Holy One,
that we may be filled with your glory
and know the wisdom of your Son,
who leads us into life. Amen.

Silent confession

Comfort of forgiveness

(based on John 6)

Matt

Ask and you shall receive.
Seek and you shall find.
For the Lord is full of wisdom and grace,
offering life in Christ's name.

Passing Christ's peace to one another

Praying together—giving testimony of God’s grace and mercy

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Hearing God’s Story

Stan

Acts 9:9-19 (NRSV)

⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.”

¹¹ The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³ But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.”

¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel;

¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”

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¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Hosting God’s Story

Pastor Matt Prinz

Finding ourselves in God’s Story

Everyone

Coming to the Lord’s table

Communion prayer (based on John 6)

Matt

Lord of life, you are the living bread
that came down from heaven.

Give us this bread,
that we may never hunger.

Source of promise, you are the cup of salvation
that was poured out for us.

Give us this cup of blessing,
that we may never thirst.

Abide in us this day,
that we may abide in you
and touch your kingdom,
which has no end. Amen.

Invitation to the offering (based on Psalm 111) Matt

God's handiwork is honesty and justice.
God's covenant is mercy and compassion.
Let us be agents of God's overflowing grace
as we collect today's offering.

Practicing generosity—giving our offerings

Prayer (based on Psalm 111) Stan

God of wisdom and understanding,
for your glorious deeds
that inspire our actions and feed our creativity,
we give you our thanks and praise;
for your wondrous works
that warm our hearts and enlighten our minds,
we give you our gratitude and worship.
May these gifts be bread and blessing
for a world in need of your grace. Amen.

Song Linda & Matthew

God sends us to be the church in the world
(based on Psalm 111) Matt

Leader: God, who is faithful, sends us forth
with wisdom and understanding.

***People:* We go with God's blessings
to be a blessing to the world.**

Leader: God, who is wise, sends us forth
to be honest and just.

***People:* We go with God's blessings
to be a blessing to the world.**

Leader: Go with 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: Ice Cream Social

Nursery Attendant: As Needed

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Calendar and Announcements

August 19, 2018

THIS MORNING	after worship	Coffee Hour
WEDNESDAY	7:00 pm	Bible Study
NEXT SUNDAY	9:00 am	Worship Celebration

Walking Group — August 26th

Please come and join us next Sunday following our worship service for a walk around Heather Farms Park. It is a great time for conversation, exercise, and community building. Mark your calendars and bring your walking shoes.

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.

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 are more than half way through 2018's budget. Our projected end-of-year positive financial position is approximately \$10k. This is due in part to additional gifts we received for our local mission and experiments. We began the year with a projected deficit of \$4,938.

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.

KIVA Loans Continue

Lack of small loans keep many women in developing countries from starting small businesses. We started Kiva micro loans through advent offerings in 2016. We are receiving payments for our second round of Kiva micro loans and started a third round of loans—supporting women with small business loans in Haiti, Tanzania, Ghana, and Zimbabwe. See information about these loans on print outs near the women’s restroom.

Hearing Loop Installed

If you use a hearing device, please get it set up to access our hearing loop. (You will probably have to make an appointment with your audiologist). We also have headsets to help amplify the sound, ask Pastor Matt for one.

Join YVPC? Become a Member?

We are planning a membership class for the Spring. The class will consist of three conversations around worship, study & service. Let Pastor Matt know if you are interested.

Mark your Calendar

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

February 9th—2019 Crab Feed Fundraiser

Study Leave

Pastor Matt spent time reading, praying, and reflecting during his study leave. He read *Wade in the Water* by Tracy K. Smith (poetry), *Barking at the Choir* by Father Gregory Boyle (theology/ministry), *God of the Oppressed* by James Cone (theology), and *M Train* by Patti Smith (biography/art). Feel free to ask him about what he learned and reflected upon from these books.

Usher and Coffee Hour Volunteers

Ushers

Coffee Hour

AUGUST

26th Bob & Todd

Swick Family

SEPTEMBER

2nd Carrie & Sylvia

Chatagnier Family

9th Lucie & Paula

Ash Family

16th Juanita & Ruth B.

FINGER FOODS

23rd Bob & Todd

Youngson Family

30th Laura & Stan

Wilson 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

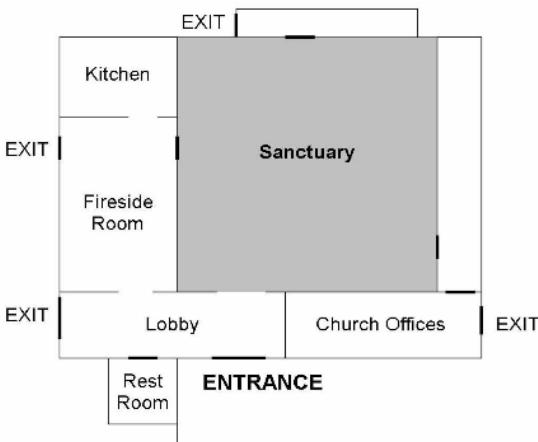
Matt & Linda Kost, Christie Jacoban &
Todd Swick—Song Leaders/Piano/Guitar

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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