

# Welcome to our Worship Celebration

October 22, 2017 at 9:00 am



Thessaloniki



Ygnacio Valley Presbyterian Church



*scripture continued . . .*

<sup>9-10</sup> What would be an adequate thanksgiving to offer God for all the joy we experience before him because of you? We do what we can, praying away, night and day, asking for the bonus of seeing your faces again and doing what we can to help when your faith falters. <sup>11-13</sup> May God our Father himself and our Master Jesus clear the road to you! And may the Master pour on the love so it fills your lives and splashes over on everyone around you, just as it does from us to you. May you be infused with strength and purity, filled with confidence in the presence of God our Father when our Master Jesus arrives with all his followers.

## **Prayer**

(based on 1 Thessalonians 1)

Paula

Holy Presence, reveal to us your ways  
and bless us with your glory.

Hide us in the cleft of the rock,  
that we may behold your radiant presence  
as you pass before us.

Call us to bring your justice and mercy  
to a world torn by war and strife.

Inspire us to embody your word  
and to live as a holy people,  
as we seek to share your message of love  
through the power of your Holy Spirit.

Amen.

## **Songs of worship**

Christie & Lee

*My Life Is In You, Lord*

Praise Songbook

*On Eagles' Wings*

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*There is Something About that Name*

" "

## **Seeking God's forgiveness**

(based on Exodus 33)

Pastor Matt

Gracious and merciful God,  
temper our certitude with humility and grace.  
Forgive us when we test others  
from a sense of our own self-righteousness.  
Forgive us when we do not take the trouble  
to discover our own errors.  
Give us the heart of Moses,  
who wanted simply to know your ways more clearly,  
and to perceive your presence more nearly.  
Open us to your gentle correction,  
that we may truly bring your good news  
to a world in need.

## ***Silent confession***

## **Being reminded of God's forgiveness**

(based on Psalm 99)

Matt

When we call, God answers.  
When we seek, we are sure to find.  
Call to God and seek the Lord with your whole heart.  
For you will find God's healing, forgiving presence.  
Amen.

## ***Pass Christ's peace to one another***

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

## 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

Paula

1 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (NRSV)

<sup>6</sup> But Timothy has just now come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love. He has told us also that you always remember us kindly and long to see us—just as we long to see you. <sup>7</sup> For this reason, brothers and sisters, during all our distress and persecution we have been encouraged about you through your faith. <sup>8</sup> For we now live, if you continue to stand firm in the Lord. <sup>9</sup> How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup> Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

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<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup> And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup> And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

## **Hosting God's Story**

Pastor Matt

## **Finding ourselves in God's Story**

Everyone

## **Practicing generosity—giving our offering**

### **Offertory** *How Firm a Foundation*

(arr. by Anthony Giamanco)

Lee

### **Prayer** (based on 1 Thessalonians 1)

Paula

God of manifold blessings,  
enrich the works of our hands  
and magnify the offering of our hearts,  
that we may speak your truth  
and share your love with the world.

Accept and bless these gifts,  
that they may be of use to those in need,  
even as they are visible signs  
of the honor that is your due.

Amen.

## Song

*The Solid Rock*

Christie & Lee  
Hymnal, No. 92

## God sends us to be the church in the world

(based on 1 Thessalonians 1)

Matt

*Leader:* Strengthened by the presence of God,

***People: we go forth in hope.***

*Leader:* Guided by the teachings of Christ,

***People: we go forth to serve.***

*Leader:* Led by the power of

## Postlude *Revive Us Again*

(arr. by Fred Bock)

Lee

# **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.

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

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Ushers: Bob & Terri

Coffee Hour: Terri

Nursery Attendant: As Needed

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## Calendar and Announcements

October 22, 2017

THIS MORNING	after worship 11:00 am	Coffee Hour Session Meeting NO Bible Study
WEDNESDAY		Winter Nights
THURSDAY & FRIDAY	6:00 pm	Worship Celebration
NEXT SUNDAY	9:00 am	

### Winter Nights—Volunteers Needed

We have once again volunteered to provide meals for those families staying in the Winter Nights Shelter on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> & Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. The shelter will be hosted at Lafayette United Methodist Church again this year. We will be responsible to prepare dinner for 16 guests (6 families) and workers, Healthy Snacks and Breakfast items for the guests. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet in the office. Thank you!

### 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 **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### 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.

### Food Baskets

Thank you to everyone who supplies our food baskets (by the front door) with much needed food, which we in turn donate to the Monument Crisis Center. Occasionally, we have individuals stop by requesting help and items from the food baskets are offered. As of today, we have donated 199 pounds of food this year. Special thanks to Paula for picking up the canned and dry goods and delivering it to the center.

## **Ongoing Church Experiments 2016 & 2017**

- 1) Community Meals— Potluck 5/10; Ribs on 5/28; BBQ on 7/26
- 2) Learning Trips—Global Immersion Trip to Mexico/U.S. border (May 4<sup>th</sup> –7<sup>th</sup>) Sylvia Chatagnier and Inhabit Conference on Neighborhood (April 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>) Mike & Kim Thompson, Matt & Susannah Prinz
- 3) Grapevine project—Soil preparation & Irrigation—April 1<sup>st</sup>; June 3<sup>rd</sup> Planting; Irrigation—July
- 4) Faith and Culture classes—Art & Faith—January 29<sup>th</sup>
- 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

## **Usher and Coffee Hour Volunteers**

### **Ushers**

### **Coffee Hour**

#### OCTOBER

29<sup>th</sup> Carrie & Dee

Carrie

#### NOVEMBER

5<sup>th</sup> Kim & Mike  
12<sup>th</sup> Kathy & Terri  
19<sup>th</sup> Lucie & Paula  
26<sup>th</sup> Dee & Mike

Thompson Family  
Louie Family  
Ash Family  
Youngson Family

#### DECEMBER

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

Wilson Family  
Skourup 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**

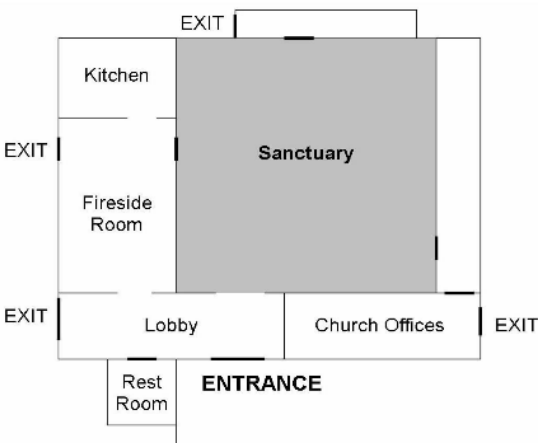
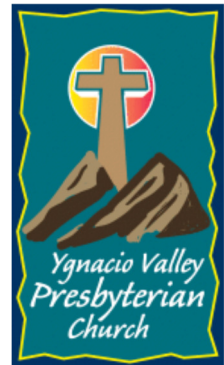
Matt & Linda Kost, Christie Jacoban &  
Todd Swick—Song Leaders/Piano/Guitar

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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