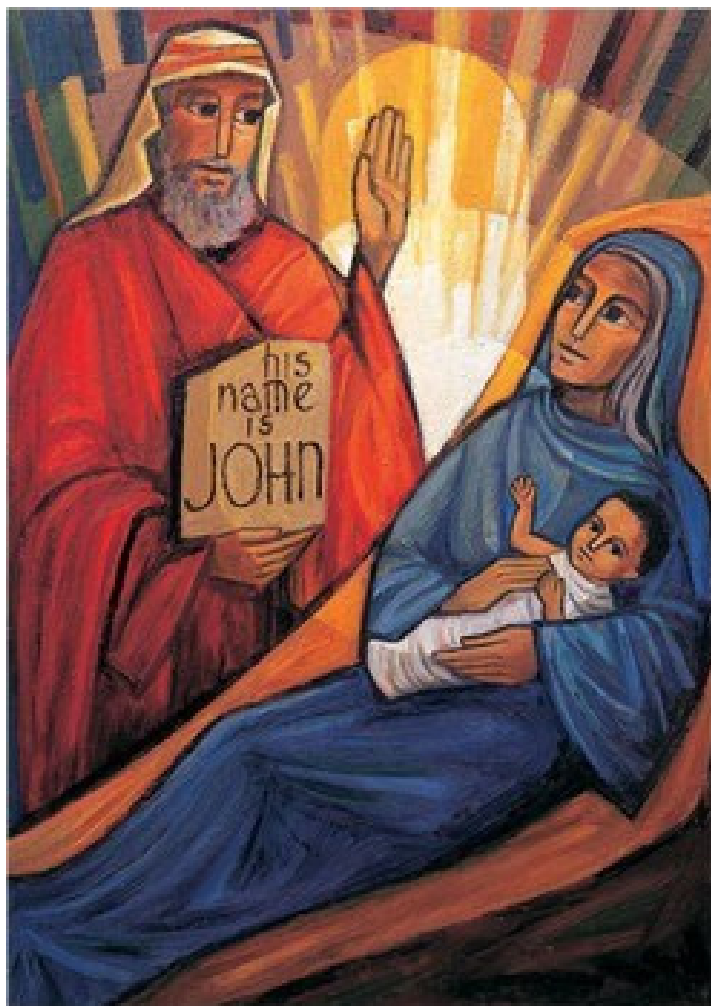


Welcome to our Worship Celebration

December 9, 2018 at 9:00 am



Ygnacio Valley Presbyterian Church

Sunday Worship Celebration

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**We are waiting & hoping for the coming One
God gathers the church to worship with our
whole lives** (based on Luke 1)

Terri

Leader: Look to the east.

***People:* Light is dawning this day.**

Leader: Look to the west.

***People:* Prepare for the journey ahead.**

Leader: Look to the north.

***People:* God is guiding our steps.**

Leader: Look to the south.

***People:* God is shining the warmth of love in our
lives.**

Leader: Look to the heavens.

***People:* Christ is coming soon.**

Hearing God's Story

Terri

Luke 1:5-25 (NRSV)

⁵In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. ⁷But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. ⁸Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, ⁹he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. ¹⁰Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. ¹¹Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense.

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¹²When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. ¹³But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. ¹⁴You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” ⁸Zechariah said to the angel, “How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.” ¹⁹The angel replied, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.” ²¹Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. ²²When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. ²³When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. ²⁴After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, ²⁵“This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.”

Prayer (based on Luke 3)

Terri

Blessed One, bless us this day
with your compassion and your love.
Prepare our hearts to receive your Word.
Prepare our lives for the changes you are bringing.
Shine upon us with the fiery truth of your Spirit—
to purify and refine us,
and to guide our steps,
as we seek to walk your path of peace. Amen.

Songs of Worship

Christie & Todd

He Has Made Me Glad

Praise Songbook, pg. 32

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

" " pg. 22

Open the Eyes of My Heart

" " pg. 68

Confession (based on Malachi 3)

Pastor Matt

Holy God, refine us with your mercy and love.
Purify us with your compassion and grace.
Guide us from our aimless wandering,
that we might walk in your ways
and live in your truth.
Refine us, that we may again be people
of mercy and love.
Purify us, that we may again be people
of compassion and grace.
In your gracious love, we pray. Amen.

Silent confession

Assurance of forgiveness thru Jesus

(based on Phil 1)

Pastor Matt

The One who started this work in you
will stay with you to complete it.
God isn't finished with us yet,
but grace is ours today and always,
refining us, purifying us, forgiving us,

Passing the peace of Christ to one another

Praying together—giving testimony of God’s hope and love in our lives and world

Listening to God’s Story

Terri

Luke 1:67-80 (NRSV)

⁶⁷ Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: ⁶⁸ “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹ He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, ⁷⁰ as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹ that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. ⁷² Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, ⁷³ the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴ that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. ⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, ⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. ⁷⁸ By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, ⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.” ⁸⁰ The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

Hosting God's Story

Pastor Matt Prinz

Finding ourselves in God's Story

Everyone

Practicing generosity—bringing our offerings, warm socks, etc.

Prayer (based on Luke 1)

Terri

With thanksgiving, we bring these gifts,
that they may be signs of Christ's light and hope.

With joy, we bless these gifts,
that they bring your compassion and love
to the world.

With gratitude, we offer our lives,
that we may be children of your covenant,
fulfilling your promises in word, action,
and deed. Amen.

Song

I Surrender All

Christie & Todd

Praise Songbook, pg. 42

God sends us to be the church in the world

(based on Luke 1)

Matt

Leader: Prepare the way.

***People:* We'll shine God's light wherever we walk.**

Leader: Prepare the way.

***People:* We'll bring God's compassion wherever
we go.**

Leader: Prepare the way.

***People:* We'll live God's love with every step
we take.**

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.

Ushers: Kim & Mike

Coffee Hour: Bob

Nursery Attendant: As Needed

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

Calendar and Announcements

December 9, 2018

THIS MORNING	after worship	Coffee Hour
WEDNESDAY	7:00 pm	Bible Study @ Terri's home
NEXT SUNDAY	9:00 am	Worship Celebration

Advent is Here

December 12th—Advent Bible Study at Terri's house at 7pm
(1642 Crescent Dr., Walnut Creek)

December 15th—Community Cookie Making

December 24th—Christmas Eve Service at 6pm

The "Care Bears" have Arrived!

The "Care Bears" are here. Would you like to help us adopt a family for Christmas by purchasing an item or 2? We have chosen 2 families; a single mother with 3 daughters, ages 4, 10 & 12, and a single mother with 1 son, age 4. There are "Wish List" sign-up sheets in the church office for practical and fun items. Please sign up for a gift and bring it back, wrapped with a label to the church office by Thursday, December 20th. If you have some lightly used items you would like to donate, please contact Terri or Cherie. Upon request, a tax-donation letter is available. Thank you in advance for helping these mothers bring Christmas to their children.

Cookie Making & Stocking Stuffers

Did you enjoy making apple pies? Did you miss this yummy fellowship? You have another chance, Saturday December 15th at 10:30am in the fireside room. We will be making cookies to take home and for coffee hour the following Sunday. Also, we will be making little Christmas bags for the 40 kids at Super Kidz Daycare (next door). Please bring in children size toothbrushes, small toothpaste, small stocking stuffers and candy canes. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please see Cherie, Paula or Terri.

Financial Update

The generosity of our church community continues to allow us to host special classes on loving our neighbors (sympathy), support a Hispanic church plant, create space for community through pie making, and support a pastor who guides and cares for our church and the larger community. We are forecasting a \$4000 deficit for 2018. Please prayerfully consider any extra giving to help us during this season. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

Mark your Calendar

February 9th—2019 Crab Feed Fundraiser

September 13th-15th—2019 All Church Retreat—Zephyr Point

Enneagram Follow-Up

Susannah shared several books during her Enneagram workshop that were helpful to go deeper and learn about this spiritual formation tool. We have several copies to share within our church community. Please chat with Susannah and figure out which one would best suit you.

New Kiva Loans!

Our loans were recently repaid and we were able to re-lend and help others. We lent money to an Indonesian woman to install a water pump to get clean water for her family, to a group of female farmers in Sierra Leone for improve seed and tractor rental, to collective in Guatemala for corn, firewood, and fuel, and to a farmer in Tanzania for seed and fertilizer for her maize cultivation. We love this opportunity to empower women around the world. For more info, check out longer descriptions on our bulletin board

Usher and Coffee Hour Volunteers

Ushers

DECEMBER

16th Paula & Juanita
23rd Bob & Todd
30th Penny & Roy

JANUARY 2019

6th Laura & Stan
13th Lucie & Paula
20th Carrie & Terri
27th Bob & Christie

FEBRUARY

3rd Kim & Mike
10th Carrie & Sylvia
17th Ruth B. & Juanita
24th Terri & Todd

Coffee Hour

CHRISTMAS COOKIES

Graham Family
Oliver Family

Wilson Family

Ash Family
APPETIZERS
Swick

Thompson Family
Chatagnier Family
Barcelon Family
Louie 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

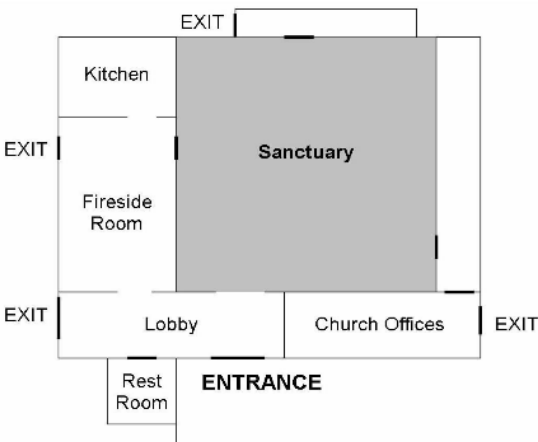
Matt & Linda Kost, Christie Jacoban &
Todd Swick—Song Leaders/Piano/Guitar

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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