



**Piedmont
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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October 22, 2017

9 & 10:30 o'clock

Prelude

Improvisation

For Your Reflection

[Jesus' prayer] That they may all be one. As you Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.
— John 17:21

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit— just as you were called to one hope when you were called— one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.
— Ephesians 4:3-6

For one sect then to say, Ours is the true Church, and another say, May, but ours is the true Church, is as made as to dispute whether your hall or kitchen, or parlor, or coal-house is your house, and for one to say, This is the House, and another, Nay, but it is that; when a child can tell them, that the best is but a part, and the house containeth them all.
— Richard Baxter

Division has done more to hide Christ from the view of men than all the infidelity that has ever been spoken.
— George MacDonald

If we would but observe unity in essentials, liberty in non-essentials, charity in all things, our affairs would certainly be in the best possible situation.
— Robert Maldenius

***Church Bell**

(*The congregation is invited to stand)

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Love's radiant light surrounds us.
People: **Love's radiant light is within us.**
Liturgist: We are bathed in God's healing light.
People: **We are filled with light and joy and peace.**
Liturgist: We are dancing in the universe,
People: **And the universe dances through us.**
Liturgist: Love's radiant light links us to all creation,
All: **And we join the chorus of praise.**

***Hymn 63 (10:30am)** All hail the power of Jesus' Name

Coronation

Prayer of Praise and Invocation

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Preparation and Confession

Holy and Loving God, you know how pleased we can be with ourselves. You are aware of how often we forget you and our neighbors. We confess that we are too ready to think bitterly of others and to throw up barriers between them and us. So forgive us our pride that has so little reason, and our seeking after prestige that has so little importance. Forgive us for thinking so much of ourselves that other peoples' needs and sorrows hardly impinge on us. Make us less sure of our own goodness, and more sure of your forgiveness and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Choral Response and Words of Assurance

Words of Christian Greeting

Reception of New Members

Congregational Response:

We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior. We extend to you the hand of Christian love, welcoming you into the company of Piedmont Community Church.

Dedication of Evan Walker Jahn

Stewardship Moment

Alison Clayshulte

Pastoral Prayer and 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 for ever. Amen.

Anthem

Kind and generous

Natalie Merchant

Michael Orlinsky, tenor

(born 1963)

You've been so kind and generous; I don't know how you keep on giving. For your kindness I'm in debt to you; for your selflessness, my admiration. And for everything you've done...

You know I'm bound to thank you for it.

You've been so kind and generous; I don't know how you keep on giving. For your kindness I'm in debt to you; and I never could have come this far without you. So for everything you've done

You know I'm bound to thank you for it.

I want to thank you for so many gifts you gave with love and tenderness. I want to thank you for your generosity; the love and the honesty that you gave me. I want to thank you, show my gratitude, my love and my respect for you. I want to thank you.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God. Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of another.

Sermon "WHAT ABOUT YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS"

The Rev. Dr. William H. McNabb

Offertory (9am)

(see Anthem)

Offertory (10:30am)

Hail, gladdening light

Charles Wood

Chancel Choir

(1866-1926)

Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured, who is the immortal Father, heavenly blessed: Holiest of Holies, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

When we are come to the Sun's hour of rest, the lights of evening 'round us shine. We hymn the Father, Son and Holy Spirit divine.

Now, at break of day, and all times to be sung, with undefiled tongue; Son of our God, Giver of life alone. Therefore in all the world, thy glories, Lord, we own.

—*Phos hilaron* (4th century Greek prayer), adapt.

***Doxology (10:30am)**

(Hymnal, p. 572)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Holy God, it is with joy that we respond to your presence in our lives. We ask that you receive these gifts and offerings as our "thank you." Thank you for choosing us as your own. Thank you for guiding and protecting us through life's storms. Thank you for the privilege of serving you. Thank you for your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

***Hymn 417** (10:30am)

What a fellowship

Showalter

***Commission and Benediction**

Organ Voluntary

Improvisation

For Further Reading:

The Kingdom by Emmanuel Carrere

This morning, we Dedicate **Evan Walker Jahn**,
child of **Blaire Jahn** to the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are delighted and grateful that you have come to worship here this morning. We especially welcome those of you who are visitors. If you would like more information about PCC, please visit the Welcome Table after the service and speak with a member of the Welcoming Team. Welcomers can be identified by their special name tags.

Our Welcoming Team includes **Charly Taylor**.

Please join us after the service for coffee.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Diane Benson** from **John Benson**.

Please silence your cell phones.

This morning's greeters are **Wayne & Nancy Marzolf**. The ushers are **Charles Bang, Jim & Kim Kellogg**, and **John Quantz**. The Board of Deacons greeters are **Julie McDonald** and **John Quantz**. They will be available during the coffee hour to answer questions you may have about the church.

The Clara Barton Room (outside sanctuary to the right) has closed circuit viewing of the service for parents with infants and young children.

Please ask an usher for assistance if needed.

Announcements

- **Pulpit Exchange at Imani - Join Us in Worship & Fellowship!** As part of the annual pulpit exchange with our sister church, Imani Community Church, everyone is invited to join in worship and fellowship on **Sunday, October 29th** at Imani. The service begins at 10:30am. Both choirs and the Imani liturgical dancers will participate in the service. Imani is located at 3300 MacArthur Blvd in Oakland. They have a parking lot next to the church. If you have not yet ventured to Imani for this joyous and uplifting spiritual experience, we hope you will join us!
- **An Invitation to Stewardship:** October 1st to November 5th. Stewardship Season is upon us. The time when members pledge funds that will pay for church operations in the coming year. This year, the PCC Stewardship Team invites you to join them in a journey of reflection on gratitude and generosity. Each week will have a theme to consider, presented on Sundays and in the Messenger. A Stewardship speaker will share thoughts with the congregation and, following the services, members of the Stewardship Team will be present in the courtyard to continue the discussion. The journey will conclude with the Dedication Sunday Celebration on November 5th. We hope you will enjoy this opportunity to thoughtfully consider what stewardship means in your life as you decide what your 2018 pledge gift will be.
- **Adult Education Series:** In his best-selling, new book, *What is the Bible: How an Ancient Library of Poems, Letters, and Stories Can Transform the Way You Think and Feel About Everything* Rob Bell opens us to some fascinating, refreshing and relevant ways to read a very old book. So, you're invited to join Rev. Dr. Don Ashburn for a 4-week series of discussions based on Bell's new book – meeting in the Kettlewell Room from **11:30 am – 12:30 pm TODAY and on November 5 and 12**. You don't need to know anything at all about the Bible to participate. It'd be great to purchase a copy of the book and keep up with the assigned reading. And, since the book is both thought-provoking and very clearly written, it shouldn't be hard to do so. **For Sunday, October 22, through the end of Part 1**. For more information, please contact Dr. Ashburn at: don@piedmontchurch.org, or 510-547-5700, ext. 105.
- **KIDZ CLUB Invites you To Enjoy Lemonade this morning!** We will serve lemonade and cookies in the courtyard after the 10:30 church service as a fund raiser for the International Justice Mission (IJM) and the fight to end slavery. Slavery DOES exist today. (IJM) is the largest international anti-slavery organization. But right now, there are still more than 45 million people, millions of them children, who are being bought, sold, and used against their will. And if solving this problem seems too big for IJM to handle alone, you're right. IJM and KIDZ Club need YOU to HELP END SLAVERY. Join us today for our fundraiser. For more information, contact Leslie Quantz (leslie@piedmontchurch.org or 547-5700, ext. 109).

• **Adult Fellowship Wine Tasting - OFF THE BEATEN PATH – Great Wine Values from Around the World!** Never tasted a Godello, Marsanne or Limoux? Never heard of Lirac or Monastrell? On Friday, October. 27 , at 7pm in the Guild Hall, Adult Fellowship will present a wine tasting of delicious, relatively unknown wines from around the world that retail for \$20 or less. We invite you to join the ABC Club (Anything but Chardonnay or Cabernet) and explore some real treasures from France, Spain, Italy and California. The tasting will include varied appetizers (not dinner). Cost is \$30 per person. Your hosts will be Mike Osborn, Founder of Wine.com, Gwendolyn Osborn, a certified wine educator and former staff member of The Wine Spectator and our very own Dr. William McNabb. Please call or email the church office to register and send in your check to “Piedmont Community Church” marked “Wine Tasting” or sign up following the worship services. Registration closes TODAY!

• **Join us for a Packing Party on November 5th!** We will be packing shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child in Guild Hall after the 10:30 service.** Everyone is welcome to participate! We will have snacks, empty shoeboxes with things to fill them, videos about the program. Please note that we will have supplies to fill them fill the shoeboxes. Plan to join us after church! Prior to November 5th, you can:

- Donate small items for shoe boxes (school supplies, toiletries, socks, tennis balls, toys, games. NOTE: We cannot include toothpaste or candy in the shoeboxes.

- Donate money – Make check payable to Piedmont Community Church and put “OCC” in memo. The cost to ship each shoebox is \$9, plus we use any donated money to buy gifts to fill shoe box.

Empty shoeboxes will be available to take home and fill yourself, just be sure to bring back to church on or before November 13th. For more info go to www.samaritanspurse.org (Operation Christmas Child is under “what we do” tab) Questions? Contact Leslie – leslie@piedmontchurch.org, or 510-547-5700 x109.

• **Volunteer Opportunity with CityTeam Oakland** - CityTeam Oakland is working towards an empowered, changed and new Oakland. Every day, CityTeam’s dining hall serves a hot meal for breakfast, lunch and dinner to the city’s poor, hopeless and homeless. Join CityTeam’s staff every 2nd Saturday of each month in serving dinner from 5-7pm. Upcoming date: **November 11.** For additional information, please contact Selma Chin: 510-290-5732 or selmachin@yahoo.com.

• **Next Piedmont Forum:** On Sunday, November 12, PCC is pleased to welcome again medical missionary, and our friend, Dr. Martha Sommers. After serving for many years at hospitals in Malawi, for the past few years, Dr. Sommers has been living and working in Congo and Madagascar. She is now returning to Malawi to serve on the staff of Nkhoma Hospital. On November

12, she will speak to us briefly in worship about her experiences in the mission and medical fields. Then she will go into more detail and answer questions at a Piedmont Forum that evening from 5-6:30 pm in the CE Building Chapel. For more information, contact Dr. Don Ashburn.

• **Love's Pure Light, An Overture to Christmas** - It's amazing, but there are only six weeks until this year's Christmas Concerts and Receptions on **Friday, December 1st at 7:30 PM and Sunday, December 3rd at 7:00 PM**. There is much to do to prepare for these wonderful events. We have a small team that coordinates the preparations every year, but we need lots of others to make it all happen. Can you help? For the concerts we need ushers and ticket takers. For the receptions we need people to prepare and serve food, to pour wine and to set up and clean up. And there are a variety of other tasks like selling tickets on Sundays, washing table cloths, picking up programs from the printer and helping with publicity. If you can help, please email patleicher@gmail.com. Include when you can help and what you would like to do. Thanks so much!

• **Giving Tree** - Burckhalter Elementary School PCC is hosting the annual Giving Tree benefiting Burckhalter Elementary School in Oakland the first four weeks of October. Items most needed are **hand sanitizer wipes, band-aids, liquid sanitizer and paper towels** (no need paper, pencils and other supplies, please). The Giving Tree will be by the Deacon's Table on Sundays during church; the collection bin will be outside the sanctuary. Please help Burckhalter Elementary School students get started with all the necessary supplies. Just select a school supply tag from the tree and return the supplies to the church. For more information contact Jim Clarkson at jcpiedmont@pacbell.net.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 22

9:00 am Worship service, Sanctuary
10:30 am Sunday School preK - 12, Christian Education Building
10:30 am Worship service, Sanctuary
10:30 am Nursery care, Christian Education Building
11:30 am Adult Education, Kettlewell Room
11:45 pm Confirmation, Youth Room
7:00 pm Rock, Youth Room

Monday, October 23

10:00 am Piedmont Gardens Bible Study
4:30 pm Spiritual Formation Group, Guild Parlor

Tuesday, October 24

11:00 am Staff Meeting, Staff Workroom

PHS Lunch Break Rock Pizza Lunch

7:00 pm Handbells, Murdock Room

7:00 pm Small Group Bible Study

Wednesday, October 25

2:30 pm LiveWire, Youth Room

7:30 pm Chancel Choir, Lindamood Choir Room

Thursday, October 26

9:45 am Women's Bible Study, Guild Parlor

7:00 pm Walking Together, Guild Parlor

Friday, October 27

7:00 pm Adult Fellowship Wine Tasting, Guild Hall

Saturday, October 28

7:30 am Men's Bible Study, Founders' Room

Sunday, October 29

9:00 am Worship service, Sanctuary

10:30 am Sunday School preK - 12, Christian Education Building

10:30 am Worship service, Sanctuary

10:30 am Nursery care, Christian Education Building

11:30 am Adult Education, Kettlewell Room

7:00 pm Rock will not meet

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 21 - KIDZ Club Lemonade Fund Raising Sale

October 27 - Adult Fellowship Wine Tasting

October 28 - Berkeley Men's Shelter Volunteers

November 5 - Operation Christmas Child

November 11 - CityTeam Volunteers

November 12 - Piedmont Forum

November 13 - Needles and Hooks Shared Interest Group

December 1 & 3 - Christmas Concert and Reception

December 10 - Christmas Pageant and Advent Dinner

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Mark and Tami Becker
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Piedmont, CA 94611**

**Rachel Eidbo
5508 Proctor Ave.
Oakland, CA 94618**

**Jim Gutske and Barbara Love
33 Piedmont Ct.
Piedmont, CA 94611**

**Jeff and Kristin Parkhurst
426 Pala Ave.
Piedmont, CA 94611**

**David and Lois Reed
3537 Redding St.
Oakland, CA 94619**

**Weston and Lisa Settlemier
55 Seaview Ave
Piedmont, CA 94611**

63 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

He hath . . . a name written, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Rev. 19:16

Edward Perronet, 1779
Adapt. by John Rippon, 1787

CORONATION C.M. Repeats
Oliver Holden, 1792

1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
3. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, On this ter - res - trial ball,
4. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all maj - es - ty as - crite, And crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, And crown Him Lord of all;

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And crown Him Lord of all!
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!
To Him all maj - es - ty as - crite, And crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, And crown Him Lord of all!

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 417

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. Deut. 33:27

Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887

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Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

1. What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine, Lean - ing on the ev - er -
2. O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, Lean - ing on the ev - er -
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Lean - ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms; What a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; O, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain
Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing,
Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing on Je - sus,
Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

lean - ing, Safe and se - cure from all a - larms; Lean -
lean - ing on Je - sus, Lean - ing on

ing, lean - ing, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



From Alison Clayshulte: I joined PCC with my girls Anya and Mila about 2 years ago. Initially I joined because it was the one church I came to where my kids liked the nursery. It was the first church I had tried where I could leave them and go listen to the sermon and the music was always so inspiring. Now, two years later, I'm so happy our family found this gem. For me PCC epitomizes what the church is supposed to be – a welcoming place for all. From the sermons that encourage all of us to be better human beings and to take care of one and other – to the cultural diversity supported through many programs and sister churches around the world. PCC fit exactly what I was looking for in a church and as a place where both I and my girls can grow. This year they have started in Sunday School and I am starting to teach. I feel so blessed that the church gives me the opportunity to be a part of their education and teaches me how to talk to them about God in our lives. I love giving my time to the church and participating in the programs that I can with two young kids. I love that I can see my kids growing up in this community and the many options they will have to learn and grow. I am so thankful for this community and for the gentle reminder each week, “to live in such a way that when people see you, they see Christ living in you.”