



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE ROSES

*Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All God's People*



*Conversion on the Way to Damascus (Conversione di San Paolo): Caravaggio, 1601*

**November 11, 2018 ~ Worship 10 am**

**First Time Here?** Thank you for coming! Please pick up a Welcome Bag in the narthex. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in Bowen Hall.

**Assistance needed?**

Large print bulletins and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

**Tip for the Service**

\*Asterisk means please stand if able.

The **BOLD** is spoken by the congregation. Please sign the red friendship pad in the pews and pass it.

**Children with you?**

Activity materials for young worshipers are in the entry way.

Childcare and Sunday School are provided during the service.

**Questions on where to go?**

Please ask the Ushers by the doors.

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**

PRELUDE *How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings* Samuel Liddle

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Stewardship Message

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

INTROIT *As the Wind Song* Swee Hong Lim, 2004

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Jeremiah 31)

One: Draw us close Holy God as we gather to worship You.

**All: Draw us close Holy Spirit as we hear and reflect upon your Word.**

One: In the floods and in drought, in certainty and in doubt, with abundance and in scarcity; God's promise is true for all generations.

**All: We love because God first loved us, we follow because God first created us, we can be faithful because Jesus showed us how.**

**Come, let us worship God together!**

\*HYMN #1 *Holy, Holy, Holy!* Reginald Heber, 1827

\*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

One: Lord Jesus, sometimes it takes getting knocked down off our high horse to get our attention. Forgive our days and years of self-centered indifference to the

suffering of those in need around us. Inspire us to be available and useful for your work of healing in the world.

**All: Help us remember that before we were born you knew us and called us with love. You prepared us to meet the challenges of this day. You fill us with your Spirit and help us faithfully follow you.**

One: Forgive us our debts. Help us forgive those we perceive as our enemies. Open our spiritual awareness so that we may recognize what you are doing in and around us to promote justice, compassion, and hope. Set us free from fear. We pray in the great name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen

\*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION (responsively)

One: The amazing love of Jesus forgives, renews, and refreshes our souls.

**All: All glory to God our creator who lives and reigns supreme over all the Universe. Alleluia! Amen.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

*Gloria Patri*

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*A Dream*

Gabriel Faure

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN #519 vs1

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*You are My Strength When I am Weak*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 31: 15-16a

This is the word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Arr. Robert Shaw

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 9: 10-19

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word!

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*The Sound of a Gentle Stillness*

Reverend Joe Clarke

\*HYMN #722 (vs 1 & 5) *Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak*

Havergal, 1872

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (inspired by Acts 9: 1-6)

One: Hear our prayer O God, as we hear your call. If only the world heard your voice as clearly as Paul and recognized its truth. Grant us the strength to be your voice in this world

**All: So we pray for this world: so much violence and no progress towards a solution; so much disunity, fear and panic all around.**

One: For those who find prejudice a way of life, we pray; for those who are trapped and caught up in violence, we pray; for those who have been displaced, we pray; and for those whose living is a daily struggle, we pray.

**All: Hear us, O Lord.**

One: For all forms of prejudice; for those who physically or emotionally build walls, we pray; for those who live with an extreme view of religion and for those who worship themselves, we pray. And for those who live desperately, we pray

**All: Hear us, loving God.**

One: For ourselves and for those who are our family and friends, we pray; those who we know are ill and those recovering; those who are lonely, anxious, confused, or stressed we pray; and for those who bring vibrancy and hope back to life we pray

**All: Hear us and help us be instruments of your peace.**

One: May it be so, as we pray the prayer you taught us saying:

**All: (The Lord's Prayer). Amen**

\*HYMN #733

*We Are All One in Mission*

Rusty Edwards, 1985

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Georg F. Kaufmann

Prayers ~ adapted from two by Rev. Roddy Hamilton, posted on the **New Kilpatrick Parish Church** website.

**\*Our guest preacher today is new member Reverend Joe Clarke.** Like so many, Pastor Joe is a second career minister who is technically retired from ministry with the United Church of Christ. He lives with his wife of 53 years, Judy. She was and is his "strength of faith." Joe served churches in California, Massachusetts, and Washington. Their move to Santa Rosa is a coming home and a long-desired hope. Joe says: "We are glad to be here where the rain does not need to be shoveled."

**\*Cover image:** The Conversion on the Way to Damascus (Conversione di San Paolo) is a masterpiece by Caravaggio, painted in 1601 for the Cerasi Chapel of the church of Santa Maria del Popolo, in Rome. The painting depicts the moment recounted in Chapter 9 of Acts of the Apostles when Saul, soon to be the apostle Paul, fell on the road to Damascus.

**Let us know if you think you'll be able to help on another Habitat Build. Possible dates are Nov.17, Nov. 24, Dec.1, Dec. 8 or Dec. 15.**



Liturgist: Nancy Taylor



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in memory of her sons,  
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# Prayer Requests

Please include in your prayers:

## Those mourning the loss of a friend or family member

\*Please pray for the family of Lenore Foster who passed on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

\*Please pray for the family of Dr. Ted McCarthy who passed on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Those with health issues

John Baker  
Jim Bauer  
Bill Beaumont  
Judy Bello  
Barbara Blinn  
Bob Bunting  
Patrick Butler  
Gwen Christiansen  
Alice Crouch  
Kyle Donaldson  
Dick Draper  
Barbara Flannery  
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Nancy Lee (daughter in  
law of Nancy Hansen)  
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Marie Patchin  
Carolyn Kenworthy  
Rhonda Patton Knoles  
Polly Post  
Evelyn Radunich  
Mickey Marshall  
Bill Rathjen  
Peter Ray  
Fred Recknagel

Debbie Seat  
Bob Simmons  
Bob and Marge Snater  
Marisa Taylor  
Dr. Gershom Thompson  
Sylvia Turner  
Bob Weber  
Helen Wikle  
Betty Witchey-Ryer  
Jill White  
Roger White  
Michael and Katie Wolff  
Jamie Yen

## Those serving in our military

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Ak and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center, Chris Loranger serving in Afghanistan.

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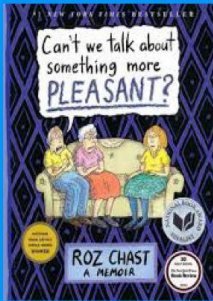
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## Are you looking for a way to help others in our community?

For the month of November, the Redwood Empire Food Bank is participating in **Safeway's "Feed the Need" Campaign** to bring in staple food items for distribution throughout the holiday season and they are looking for volunteers to help. On **Saturday, November 17th**, volunteers will be stationed at 11 Safeway stores throughout Sonoma County, collecting donations and passing out flyers about the campaign. There will be two shifts. The first shift lasts from 10am to 12pm and the second from 12pm to 2pm. If you are able to participate for one or both shifts, please go to [refb.org](http://refb.org) and select one of the Safeway locations under "Volunteer" to create a profile and sign up.



**Book Club**  
**November 15**  
**3:30 p.m.**

**Can't We Talk About  
Something More Pleasant?**  
**By Roz Chast**

**A cartoonist's memoir  
about her parents.**

**3rd Fridays**  
**11:30 am**



**LADIES WHO LUNCH**

RSVP to Marilyn Hilen 326-5478

**NOVEMBER 16**

**@ ADEL'S**



**Prebyterian Women**  
**Tuesday November 20**

**Bible Study 10:30 a.m.**  
**God's Promise**  
**Lesson Three**  
**Salad Pot Luck at Noon**

**OPEN FORUM**  
**Labyrinth Proposal**  
**NOV. 25 at 11:30 a.m.**



Join the  
**BOOMERS**  
**WHALE WATCHING!**  
**Saturday, Nov. 24th 10:30 a.m.**



**See the Rose Clippings for more information**  
**Welcoming all active adults.**



**MHS BREAKFAST TUES THRU FRIDAY ONLY @ 7:00am**

11/11 <i>Sunday</i>	8:00 AM	Korean Worship
	9:00 AM	Learn Ukulele
	10:00 AM	Worship - <b>HAPPY VETERAN'S DAY!</b>
	6:00 PM	CoDA
11/12 <i>Monday</i>		<b>NO MHS BREAKFAST !</b>
<b>NO MHS</b>	10:00 AM	Eclipsing Empire Study
	11:00 AM	Tai Chi
	12:00 PM	Qi Gong
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts Troop #135
11/13 <i>Tuesday</i>	8:30 AM	Buildings & Grounds
	9:00 AM	Zoom Meeting in Adult Ed Room
	10:00 AM	Leadership Cohort
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>PW Quilt Sewing</b>
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Health Ministry Meeting</b>
	<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>Fellowship Committee</b>
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Deacons Meeting</b>
11/14 <i>Wednesday</i>	10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	Eclipsing Empire Study
11/15 <i>Thursday</i>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Senior Exercise</b>
	12:00 PM	Noon Hour of Prayer
	<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>Book Club</b>
	6:00 PM	Bells Practice
	7:00 PM	A.A.
	7:00 PM	Girl Scouts
	7:30 PM	Choir Practice
11/16 <i>Friday</i>	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Ladies Who Lunch at Adel's</b>
	7:00 PM	Gamblers Anon.   7pm Korean Youth Group
11/17 Sat.	9:30 AM	Handicapables
11/18 <i>Sunday</i>	9:00 AM	Learn Ukulele
	10:00 AM	Worship
	11:15 AM	Healthy BP Screening
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Stewardship Luncheon</b>
	11:30 AM	Writing Group
	6:00 PM	CoDA