

Announcements:

March 9, 2025

1. **Welcome:** Welcome to all Newcomers and Visitors! Please join us downstairs after Worship Service for refreshments.
2. **Thursday Night Bible Study:** @7pm on Zoom. The group is studying “Cojourners: Joining others in Spiritual Journey”. Please email the church to receive book & discussion materials at elesteropc@gmail.com.
3. **Unity Candle:** Churches in the Presbytery have been asked to pray for the congregation hosting the candle each week. Today it is visiting Northminster Presbyterian Church in Salinas where the Rev. Andy Rausch is Pastor. The Rev. Bill Lane is their Parish Associate working with children and youth while also serving as pastor at Gonzales Community Presbyterian Church.
4. **Ukulele Music Fellowship:**



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Worship Order

Welcome & Announcements Richard Marquez

A Word for Your Week (Romans 3:23) Richard Marquez
All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Call to Worship (Proverbs 16:18 & 18:12) Richard Marquez

Leader: Pride goes before destruction,

ALL: and a haughty spirit before a fall.

Leader: Before destruction the heart of man is haughty,

ALL: and before honor is humility.

Opening Prayer Richard Marquez

***Opening Hymn** Ukulele Fellowship

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

“Trust & Obey”

Scripture Reading (Luke 18:9-14) Richard Marquez

Then Jesus told this story to **some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else:** “Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector.

The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: ‘I thank you, God, that **I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers.** I’m certainly not like that tax collector! I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.’

“But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, ‘**O God, be merciful to me, for**

I am a sinner.’ I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God.

For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Sermon “Self-Righteousness” Dr. Wayne Shen

***Closing Hymn** His Glory & My Good [Video]

Fellowship with Church Family on Zoom

Richard Marquez

Joys & Concerns (1 Corinthians 12:26)

And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

*Congregation Standing

Man was created to have fellowship with God; but, because of his own stubborn self-will, he chose to go his own independent way and fellowship with God was broken. This **self-will**, characterized by an attitude of **active rebellion** or **passive indifference**, is evidence of what the Bible calls sin.

7 Deadly Sins

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7 Christian Virtues

1. Pride

Humility

2. Greed

Charity

3. Lust

Chastity

4. Jealousy

Gratitude

5. Gluttony

Temperance

6. Anger

Patience

7. Laziness

Diligence