



Epiphany Sunday
January 7, 2024
Communion and Ordination

PRELUDE *Siciliana and Giga* from Sonata V G.F. Handel
Ellen Entwistle, Flute

**POURING OUT OF WATERS, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST,
TRINITY RINGING, CHOIR PROCESSION** Pastor Craig

INTROIT *Seek Ye First*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Alleluia!

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,

and all these things shall be added unto you.
Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chuck Ramsay

L: The ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God, Alleluia!

P: Shout to the LORD, all the earth, Alleluia!

L: With joy, may we pray to our Savior, who became one with us, offering: "The grace of God be with us all." O Christ, let your good news shine into every place, especially where the Word has not yet been received. Draw the whole of creation to yourself that God may be known throughout all the earth.

P: The grace of God be with us all.

L: O Christ, Messiah, Savior, extend your church. Make this body welcome for people of every race and tongue.

P: The grace of God be with us all.

L: O Christ, Lord of Lords, Ruler of Rulers, direct the thoughts and work of the leaders of nations and communities to seek justice, furthering peace and freedom for all.

P: The grace of God be with us all.

L: Christ, Master of all, comforter of the afflicted and afflicter of the comfortable, strengthen the resolve of the tempted and raise the fallen. Watch over the lonely and those in danger, giving hope to the despairing, sustaining the faith of the persecuted.

P: The grace of God be with us all.

✠ **OPENING HYMN**

All Creatures of Our God and King

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THE GREAT COMMISSION

Pastor Craig Lindsey

THE ORDINATION/INSTALLATION QUESTIONS OF OFFICERS

Elders: Ron Darrah, Ellen Entwistle, Sheila Frahm, Jean Hein, Jim Rusk, Ken Taft; Deacons: Chriss Bell, Sherry Darrah, Karen Holthofer, Mary Lillie, Trudy O'Leary, John Agner

✠ **GLORIA PATRI**

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, Amen.

ANTHEM *All Creatures of our God and King* Arr. M. Hayes
Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son!
And praise the Spirit, three in one!
O praise Him!

Alleluia!

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing!
Alleluia! Amen!

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURES

Genesis 1: 1-5

In beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a firmament between the waters to separate water from water.” So God made the firmament and separated the water under the firmament from the water above it. And it was so. God called the firmament “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the firmament of the sky to separate the day from the night and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, and let them be lights in the firmament of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so.

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has

been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

CHORAL AMEN

SERMON

“IN BEGINNING”

⌘ **HYMN**

For the Beauty of the Earth

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CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *How Majestic is Your Name* M.W. Smith/
Ellen Entwistle, Flute Arr. J. Raney

Please print your name in the fellowship register: Friendship Pads in the pews are a great way to meet your neighbor.

*** If you have a special prayer request, please fill out the blue card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. There is also a box in the Narthex you may place it in as well. Our Pastors and Prayer Ministry Team will Pray for your request.*

✠ DOXOLOGY

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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.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

**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.

The Words of Institution

The Distribution of the Elements
(Please hold your elements so all may receive together)

✦ **HYMN** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* 136

✦ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

✦ **POSTLUDE**

✦ **All those who are able, please stand**

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FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY: Lady Raine donated a Christmas cactus in honor of her Grandpa Finch's Birthday and hers on January 1st.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION: Norman Kwak, A.J. Barrios, David Bowen, Carol Cikanek, Peg Stock-Penney and Sara Hennigar.

THE MUSIC IN THE VALLEY CONCERT SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY JANUARY 13 HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL MAY.

MISSION BREAKFAST – Saturday, January 13th at 8:30 a.m. Get your tickets today in the Fellowship Hall.

TODAY IS FOOD BANK SUNDAY— Please drop off your non-perishable items in Fellowship Hall.

PARKINSON’S CHAIR EXERCISE – Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:00 a.m. in the Charter Hall.

BIBLE REFLECTIONS – Mondays at 1:00 p.m. in classroom 5, Pastor Craig will delve into Acts 1.

PRAYER MINISTRY – Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Sweet Family Room.

YOGA WITH JOSIE—Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Charter Hall. There is a \$5 fee.

MEMORIAL FOR MELVIN MOUNTS—Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY - Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. in classroom 1.

MIRIAM CIRCLE – Women’s Bible Study Wednesday, January 10th, at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 1.

THE BOOK – THE STORY OF GOD - Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in classroom 5.




LINE DANCE LESSONS WITH STEVE HART - Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
November-2023		*Through Week 53 (12/31/23)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 60,807	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	326
Monthly Giving Budget	63,432	YTD 2023 Attendance Sanctuary	14,379
YTD Giving Support	700,059	Weekly Viewing On-Line	154
YTD Giving Budget	711,419	YTD 2023 Viewing On-Line	7,298
		YTD 2023 Attendance / On-Line	21,677
		YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	11,841
<i>*Reflects Fifth Sunday in December</i>			
<i>S. Ginader - VPC treasurer - steveginader@gmail.com - 952-687-1879 2023 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member</i>			

WELCOME to all who enter this place. Drink deeply of the living waters of God's grace as we worship together in spirit.

VISITORS: Consider yourself at home while you are here! Please enjoy a cup of coffee, lemonade and a cookie while visiting the Visitor's Table in Fellowship Hall after the church worship service. You can pick up a Visitor's Information Packet at the Visitor's Table or the Welcome Centers. If you would like to receive more information about us, visit us at valleypres.net where you can sign up for our daily email blasts and monthly newsletter.

Children are invited to worship in the sanctuary then attend Sunday School after Children's Time.

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