



January 14, 2024
Mission Emphasis Sunday

PRELUDE *Softly and Tenderly* Arr. D. Forrest

**POURING OUT OF WATERS, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST,
TRINITY RINGING, CHOIR PROCESSIONAL** 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 *Martin Luther King, Jr.* Rudy Sweisfurth

If you want to be important, wonderful. If you want to be great, wonderful. But recognize that he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. That is your new definition of greatness. And this morning the thing that I like about it ... by giving that definition to greatness, it means that everyone can be great. Because everybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You don't have to know Einstein's Theory of Relativity to serve. You don't have to know the second theory of Thermodynamics in Physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. And you can be that servant.

✠ **OPENING HYMN** *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* 69

THE CALL TO PRAYER

L: The Word became flesh and lived among us.

P: We have seen his glory!

L: To all who received him,

P: he gave power to become children of God.

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Light of the world, may your people, illumined by Word and Sacrament, shine with the radiance of your glory rather than our competing for our own. Grant us the unity which your Spirit gives. Keep us in the bond of peace. Bring all creation to worship

together before your throne. Great God, your mercy is an unexpected miracle. Help us to believe and obey, that we may be filled with the wine of new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Silent prayer) **Amen**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord delights in you. As the Bridegroom rejoices over the Bride, so shall GOD rejoice over you. Brothers and sisters, believe the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

✠ GLORIA PATRI

581

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

For Those Who Serve

J.M. Martin

Lord, thank you for the hands, the hands that calm our fear;
tender hands that hold the sick and catch the falling tear.
Lord, thank you for the lips that speak the words of grace,
all those who break the bread of life and wake the world to
praise.

Thank you, God, for those who serve, for the ones who share
your love,
Lord, the ones who give their lives away and lift our eyes above.
Thank you for their song. Thank you for their light.
Thank you for the ones who serve the body of Christ.

Thank you for the feet of those who lead us into peace,
leaving in the sands of time a path for all to see.
Thank you for the arms of those who reach into the night,
arms that carry those who fall and lift the cross of Christ.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

35

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHORAL AMEN**CHILDREN'S TIME****SCRIPTURE**

1 Samuel 3: 1-5, 10-11

The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

And the LORD said to Samuel: "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle.

John 1: 43-51

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip.

When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."

Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON

"TINGLING EARS"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed 35

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into
heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I
believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of
the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

✠ HYMN *Will You Come and Follow Me* 726

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Panis Angelicus* *C. Franck*
Marie Valade, Soloist

****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 606

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.

✠ 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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Arr. D. Bish

✠ All those who are able, please stand

.....
All Worship Services are available for replay on our website.

www.valleypres.net

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY: The Worship Committee.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION:

Norman Kwak, A.J. Barrios, David Bowen, Carol Cikanek,

Peg Stock-Penney, Jim Penney.

THE FLOWER ON THE BAPTISMAL FONT IS IN MEMORY OF De Etta Haynes.

THIS WEEK:

TODAY IS NOGALES CROSSROADS MISSION SUNDAY — Please drop off your non-perishable items in Fellowship Hall.

MONDAY:

9:00 A.M. **PARKINSON'S CHAIR EXERCISES**— Charter Hall.

9:00 A.M. **MISSION QUILTERS**— Fellowship Hall & Classroom 1.

1:00 P.M. **BIBLE REFLECTIONS**—Classroom 5, and on Zoom

3:00 P.M. **RUTH CIRCLE**— Classroom 5.

TUESDAY:

9:00 A.M. **CARDIO DRUMMING**— Overflow Room

9:30 A.M. **PRAYER MINISTRY**—Sweet Family Room.

10:00 A.M. **YOGA WITH JOSIE**—Charter Hall. There is a \$5 fee.

11:30 A.M. **WOMEN'S MINISTRY LUNCHEON**—Fellowship Hall

2:00 P.M. **JOYFUL SPIRIT ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL**—Sweet Family Room

WEDNESDAY:

9:00 A.M. **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** - in Classroom 1.

9:00 A.M. **PARKINSON'S CHAIR EXERCISE**—Charter Hall

10:00 A.M. **CHAIR EXERCISE CLASS**— Charter Hall

10:00 A.M. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**—Classroom 5

12:30 A.M. **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**—Classroom 3

2:00 P.M. **VALLEY RINGERS**—Sweet Family Room

3:00 P.M. **CHOIR REHEARSAL**— Spiritual Life Center

THURSDAY:

1:00 P.M. **THE BOOK – THE STORY OF GOD** - Classroom 5.

3:00 P.M. **LINE DANCE CLASS**- Fellowship Hall.

FRIDAY:

9:00 A.M. **PARKINSON'S CHAIR EXERCISES**—Charter Hall

9:00 A.M. **HEAD USHER MEETING** – CLASSROOM 5

SATURDAY:

9:00 A.M. **RHYTHMS OF THE GOD-LIFE (BRAD MONROE)**- Fellowship Hall

Tour Youth on Their Own and Ben's Bells—Thursday, February 15th. Sign up today.

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
*Reflects Fifth Sunday in December			
S. Ginader - VPC treasurer - steveginader@gmail.com - 952-687-1879 2023 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member			

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.



2800 S. Camino del Sol
Green Valley, AZ 85622
Telephone: (520) 625-5023

Web: www.valleypres.net
Email: vpc-office@valleypres.net

We are a Stephen Ministry Church



REV. DR. CRAIG LINDSEY, *Head of Staff*
CHRISTINE ERICKSON, RN, *Parish Nurse*
JAMIE REED, *Director of Music*
JAN BRACHEL, *Organist/Accompanist*
REV. JOE HAWKINS, *Pastor Emeritus*