



January 1, 2023 Worship

PRELUDE

Away in a Manger
Joyful Spirit Ensemble

Arr. M. Murray

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Pastor Diane

POURING OUT OF WATERS, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

RINGING THE BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bud Landry

L: A new day has dawned, a new year begun

P: O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice

L: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future

P: O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path

L: We enter this new year with hope and excitement

P: O Lord, remind us that You lead us. Guide us as we look to You, and worship You.

✠ **OPENING HYMN**

Love Has Come

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CALL TO PRAYER

For all the things we have done wrong in the past against God and against people, we now ask the Lord and one another to forgive us.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, yours are the seasons and the ages. Give us a new heart and a new spirit:

Lord, have mercy. ***Lord, have mercy.***

Jesus Christ, you are the beginning and the end of all that is, including our lives. Make a new beginning with all of us:

Christ, have mercy. ***Christ, have mercy.***

Lord Jesus, you breathe your Spirit on all creation. Make our old world new again:

Lord, have mercy. ***Lord, have mercy.***

Have mercy on us, Lord, and let your forgiveness and love come down on us day after day. Lead us to everlasting life.

(Silent prayer) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (From Revelation 21)

Behold: there is a new heaven, a new earth and a new city, where the river of life flows, where the tree of life bears fruit in every season. This heaven, this city, this river, this tree are a vision of your life reborn, restored, and renewed. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

✠ **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 *And the Glory of the Lord with The First Noel*

Arr. J. Purifoy

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:13-23

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

**If you haven't already done so, please print your name in the Fellowship Register.*

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

⌘ **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.

⌘ **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

COMING EVENTS

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, January 2nd in observance of the New Year's Day Holiday.

NETWORK OF CARING will meet on Tuesday, January 3rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Life Center.

THE BOOK: THE STORY OF GOD will start back up again on Thursday, January 5th at 1:00 p.m. This week: I and II Chronicles. The class is taught by Pastor Diane and Chuck Ramsay.

FLOWERS FOR SANCTUARY: If you would like to honor someone in your family or celebrate an event with flowers, please sign up in Fellowship Hall after the Service. The Flowers for the Sanctuary are \$55. If you prefer, you may use a debit/credit card online to order your flowers. Just go to <https://secure.myvanco.com/YM77/home> and make your selection.

THE MISSION COMMITTEE will be holding a breakfast on Saturday, January 14th at 8:30 a.m., with a presentation by Alexa Delgado, Hands of a Friend's Executive Director. She will speak about Hands of a Friend's mission, and services offered at Genesis House, the goals of DaZee's and the need for shelters in our community. Tickets for the breakfast and presentation will be on sale for \$5.00 each in Fellowship Hall. Please join us and learn more about their mission.

FRIENDSHIP KETTLE DINNERS will resume in January 15, 2023. We'll get to see how much fun the line dancers had this summer learning their steps under the guidance of Steve Hart. Sweet Peas Catering will again provide their excellent meals. For January: Chicken in sun dried tomato cream sauce, wild rice blend, sauteed green beans and apple cobbler.

Tickets (\$15) will be available in Fellowship Hall on Sundays January 1 and 8.

THE GRACE OF LES MISERABLES, Beginning Monday, January 9 at 10 a.m. in Classroom 5. Les Miserables is a masterpiece steeped in Christian imagery. The story invites us to see what happens when grace and justice collide. Today, your teacher, Eloise Frederickson, will be selling books used for class discussion in Fellowship Hall. Books are \$9.00.

| VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics | | | |
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| Monthly Giving Support Contributions | | Weekly Attendance / Viewing | |
| November-2022 | | Through Week 52 (12/25/22) includes 12/24/22 | |
| Monthly Giving Support | \$ 48,213 | Weekly Attendance Sanctuary | 597 |
| Monthly Giving Budget | 59,679 | * YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary | 11,841 |
| *YTD Giving Support | 651,753 | ** Weekly Viewing On-Line | 194 |
| *YTD Giving Budget | 677,567 | ** YTD 2022 Viewing On-Line | 8,790 |
| | | * YTD 2022 Attendance / On-Line | 20,631 |
| | | * YTD 2021 Attendance Sanctuary | 7,687 |
| <p style="text-align: center;">* YTD = Year to Date ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service</p> <p style="text-align: center;">D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dxb38@cox.net - 520-399-3959 2022 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member</p> | | | |

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.

We are glad you have joined us today.



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