



NOC SUNDAY
October 9, 2022

PRELUDE

Prelude Modal

J. Langlais

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Pastor Diane

POURING OUT OF WATERS, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

RINGING THE BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Craig

Leader: Come gather together here in the presence of Christ, who is our friend and healer.

People: We have entered here, and in our worship together, we yearn for hope and comfort.

Leader: Let us reach to the heart of Jesus, who is our life.

People: We encounter our Lord, who makes us whole.

Leader: Here we are welcome and loved and cherished.

People: Here we are the people of God. Let us rejoice and give God praise.

✠ **OPENING HYMN**

*Here in This Place
(Gather Us In)*

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CALL TO PRAYER

Jean Hein

We know that we have not lived according to God's desires for us. Yet God is our hope and our firm foundation. Let us confess our sin before our gracious God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: O God, Creator of All, when we are dry and scattered, when we are divided and alone, we long for community ... we long to know our neighbors.

P: With those we live beside, who are often strange to us, whom we may be afraid to approach, yet who have riches of friendship to share ... we long for community; we long to know our neighbors.

L: With those we have only heard of, who see with different eyes, whose struggles we try to imagine, we long for community ... we long to know our neighbors.

P: With those we shall never know, who speak languages we do not understand, we long for community ... we long to know our neighbors.

L: Seek shalom wherever you are, and pray to the Lord for your shalom shall be found in the shalom of the community.
(silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear this good news. Jesus Christ's power is unequaled, his grace is unrestrained, his strength is steadfast, and his embrace is sufficient to carry all that we are and hope to be. Friends, believe the good news! 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

The Prayer with Lead Us, Lord

C. Sager, D. Foster/Arr. T. Fettke

We pray You'll be our eyes, and watch us where we go,
And teach us to be wise in times when we don't know.
Let this be our prayer when we lose our way.
Lead us to a place, guide us with Your grace
To a place where we'll be safe.

We pray we'll find Your light, and hold it in our hearts
As darkness falls each night, remind us where You are.
Let this be our prayer, when shadows fill our day.

Lead us to a place, guide us with Your grace.
Give us faith so we'll be safe.

Lead us, Lord, lead us in Your righteousness;
Make Your way plain for us to see.

Let this be our prayer, just like every child
Needs to find a place, guide us with Your grace.
Give us faith so we'll be safe.
Lead us, Lord.

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

Linda Piotrowski

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 RESPONSE

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

Linda Freeman

This is the text of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in

number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “SEEKING THE WELFARE ”

Testimony by: Sylvia Landry

✠ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostle’s 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** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* 306

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* Arr. R. Macdonald

**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**

⌄ **HYMN**

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

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⌄ **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**

Recessional in F

A. Fedak

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

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FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY: Helen and Larry Phillips in honor of their 42nd Wedding Anniversary.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION:
Kathy Fogarty, Sue Wilson.

Today is Network of Caring (NOC) Sunday. The purpose of NOC is to care for each other through a network of personal connections. In response to today's worship service, if you would like to be a part of NOC, come to their table in Charter Hall to hear more about this ministry and to sign up.

Chili Cook-off Today in Fellowship Hall immediately following the Worship Service.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIBLE REFLECTIONS—MONDAY OCTOBER 10, 2022, AT 1:00 P.M.

We invite you to join Pastor Craig in a discussion of what the Bible means. Chapter by chapter each week; in-person in Classroom 5 and on Zoom.

THE BOOK: The Grand Story of God, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, at 1:00 P.M. in classroom 5. We will cover the book of Joshua. This class is recorded and available on the VPC website.

A FIESTA OF REMEMBRANCE-Compañeros en Misión (International Presbyterian Border Ministry) Fundraiser Dinner- October 22, at 4:00 p.m. to honor the lives of Rev. Dr Jorge Isaac-Pazos Aragon and Rev. Robert Edward Seel. VPC is selling tickets for \$10.00 each and will be available Sunday after worship and at our VPC office.

SUPPER CLUSTERS –Sign-up for Supper Clusters today through December. Stop by the Supper Cluster table in Fellowship Hall following worship to find out more about this program and to sign up. Don't miss out!

PRESBYTERIAN CAMPUS MINISTRY GASLIGHT FUNDRAISER - Thur. Dec. 8th at 5 p.m. This is the Christmas Show. Tickets are \$40 (\$10 is a donation to PCM). Tickets will be on sale in Fellowship Hall on Oct. 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd.

CONGREGATION IS INVITED!

Occasionally, the Stephen Ministry continuing education is something that might be of interest to the whole congregation. Everyone is invited to come to the Spiritual Life Center 9-10 a.m. on October 14 to learn about ministering to and caring for people experiencing challenges related to aging.

Join us if you are interested in this topic or if you just want to experience what Stephen Ministers do—perhaps you'd like to be a Stephen Minister!

WOMEN'S GATHERING LUNCHEON, OCTOBER 18, 11:30 A.M.

Sign up after the Worship Service today in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a brown-bag lunch to this event. Beverages and desserts will be provided. Our speaker is Grace Stockdale, Founder of More than a Bed.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
September-2022		Through Week 40 (10/02/2022)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 53,302	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	191
Monthly Giving Budget	37,631	* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	8,537
*YTD Giving Support	539,166	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	280
*YTD Giving Budget	567,405	** YTD 2022 Viewing On-Line	6,862
		* YTD 2022 Attendance / On-Line	15,399
		* YTD 2021 Attendance Sanctuary	5,493
* YTD = Year to Date		** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service	
D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dxb38@cox.net - 520-399-3959 2022 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 www.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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