



ADVENT II: GOD'S PEACE

December 4, 2022

Communion Sunday

PRELUDE

O Come, All Ye Faithful
Valley Ringers

Arr. A.B. Sherman

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Pastor Craig

POURING OUT OF WATERS, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

RINGING THE BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pat & Jim Brownlee

This morning we light Two Candles for the coming of Christ. We are preparing ourselves for the days when the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard lay down with the goat kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

☩ **OPENING HYMN** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (verses 1,2,4,7) 88

CALL TO PRAYER

O Wisdom, coming forth from the Mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all Creation, you re-order all things with gentleness and strength: Come now and teach us the way of salvation!

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you sent your messengers, the prophets, to preach repentance and prepare the way of salvation. Grant us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts, smoothing the places made rough by sin. Keep our conduct blameless, keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us.

(Silent prayer) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

A voice cries: "In the wilderness, prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God!" In accordance with God's promise, we wait for New Heavens and A New Earth where righteousness is at home. Brothers and Sisters, 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

He Will Come!

P. Liebergen

Ellen Entwistle, Flute

Valley Ringers

Prepare for the Lord! Allelu! The child adored! Allelu!
He will come from God above, he will come in peace and love!
The angels sing! Allelu! Good news they bring! Allelu!
He will come from God above, he will come in peace and love.
Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.
The birth is near! Allelu! Loud joy we hear! Allelu!
Come from God above, he will come in peace and love.
He will come! Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 11: 1-10

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—
and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;
but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.
Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.
The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.
The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.
They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

CHORAL RESPONSE

SERMON

“NEW HEAVENS & A NEW EARTH”

✠ **HYMN**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Holly and the Ivy
Valley Ringers

Arr. S. Eithun

**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.

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.**

Sharing the Elements

(Please hold your elements until all may receive together)

✠ **HYMN** *Creator of the Stars of Night* 84

✠ **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**

Hyfrydol

Arr. L. Smith

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

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All Worship Services are available for replay on our website.

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FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY:

Del and Sherry Harsh.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION:

Phil Conklin, Jim Nelson, George Higginson

COMING EVENTS

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING The offering supports past, present and future leaders by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and is used to develop future leaders in our denomination.

Offerings will be received through December 18. Purple envelopes are on the Welcome Centers by the main entrances. Write checks out to VPC with Christmas Joy on the memo line and place the envelopes in the offering plate.

THE JOYFUL SPIRIT ENSEMBLE AND THE VALLEY RINGERS FREE CONCERT

TODAY AT 2:00 P.M. A variety of music with melodic percussion instruments. It includes Christmas caroling, cookies and punch.

VPC MISSION QUILTERS & INTERESTED PERSONS— The quilting group will meet in Fellowship Hall, Monday from 9:30—2:00 pm. Anyone interested or having questions, please call Patti Bright (520) 305-3275.

THE ANGELS OF CHRISTMAS: This Advent class will be offered on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. and Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. Books are \$13 and on sale today in the Fellowship Hall.

BIBLE REFLECTIONS—MONDAY, 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.

BEGINNING YOGA— TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT 10:00 A.M. in Charter Hall.

Join certified yoga instructor Josie Trobec as she leads the yoga practice that focuses on centering ourselves in the Presence of God. \$5.00 per session.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—WEDNESDAY, AT 9:00 A.M. The Men's Bible Study is working their way through II Corinthians. All are welcome.

ADVENT ON THURSDAYS: This Thursday (December 8) is a Taizé worship service at 5 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center followed by a soup and bread meal. Taizé is a meditative worship service in candlelight with the Taizé choir.

SUPPER CLUSTERS —

This is the last Sunday to sign up for SUPPER CLUSTERS. This program is designed for you to meet new people or renew old friendships. Don't miss out! Stop by the Supper Cluster table in Fellowship Hall today.

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY/POINSETTIAS: 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, and Poinsettias are \$10. 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.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be held Saturday, December 17th at 3:00 p.m. We invite you to bring a

neighbor or 10, friends, family, spread the word! From Classics to Contemporary, Carols to Broadway, join us on a journey of hope, peace, love and joy. This is a free concert.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
October-2022		Through Week 48 (11/27/22)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 64,020	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	252
Monthly Giving Budget	58,680	* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	10,448
*YTD Giving Support	603,541	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	120
*YTD Giving Budget	617,888	** YTD 2022 Viewing On-Line	8,156
		* YTD 2022 Attendance / On-Line	18,604
		* YTD 2021 Attendance Sanctuary	6,905
<i>* YTD = Year to Date ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service</i>			
<i>D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dxb38@cox.net - 520-399-3959 2022 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.

We are glad you have joined us today.



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