

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

**Visitors:** Consider yourself at home while you are here! Please pick up a Visitor's Information Packet while enjoying refreshments at our Visitor's Table in Fellowship Hall.

**Children:** Children up through 2nd grade are invited to "The Kids Room," Room #4, during the worship service. Children 3rd grade and up remain in the worship service. Children who remain in the service can obtain an activity bag in the sanctuary.

**Prayer Request Cards:** Anyone who would like the Prayer Ministry to pray for someone, please pick up a blue Prayer Request Card located in the Narthex next to the office and in the pews. All cards are kept confidential.

**Prayer Ministry:** The Prayer Ministry group meets once a week to pray for our church, community, families, friends and the needs of the world. We are looking for a few more prayer warriors to join us in the Sweet Family Room every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

**The History of Christianity: From the Disciples:** Fridays at 1:30 p.m. in Classroom 5. The Inquisitors explores and attempts to understand "The History of Christianity from the Disciples through the Dawn of The Reformation," with Professor Luke Timothy Johnson. The course will address what are usually regarded as the more "religious" aspects of Christianity: its experiences and convictions, its beliefs and practices, its mode of worship and its manner of life. For more information, contact Grant Stitt (396-3549 or email stitt@unr.edu).

**Campus Ministry Gaslight Fundraiser:** This is the final day for ticket sales. Valley still has 13 seats available. Stop by the Campus Ministry table in Fellowship Hall after the service. Cost is \$35.

**Sanctuary Flowers:** Consider sponsoring a Sunday morning flower bouquet in remembrance of a loved one or as a celebration of a special occasion. Sign up at the Information Table in Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$45 for a large bouquet.

**Executive Secretary:** After six years of serving as the Executive Secretary For Valley Presbyterian Church, Gay Larson has announced her retirement. She and her husband Kirby feel it is time to take their motorhome and start traveling. It is, of course, with regrets that we receive that information, but it is with joy in our hearts that we wish them both a happy retirement. VPC will be looking for an Executive Secretary. If anyone is interested or knows someone who might be interested, please contact Tommy Calhoun, Chair of the Personnel Committee at [thomas7487@cox.net](mailto:thomas7487@cox.net).

**Blood Pressure Screening** will be right after worship service in the Sweet Family Room.

Thank you to our volunteers!

**Coffee Fellowship**

John & Gretchen Pyburn  
Barbara Dittmer

**Information Center**

Pat Bruner

**Medical Team**

Doug Clark

**Visitor's Table**

Patti Bright

**Welcome Centers**

Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

**Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:**

Pat Bruner, Dorothy Foucher

**Flowers given by:** Randy, Bruce & Rex Blaine

**In loving memory of Bob and Rita Blaine**

**The Rose on the Baptismal Font Celebrates this Witness to the Resurrection in Jesus Christ**



Roger McFarland

April 24



**Sunday Morning Schedule**

9:20 a.m. Announcements & Welcome

9:30 a.m. Worship Service Begins

**Free Will Offering:** Today, we will be receiving a free will love offering to show Joel how much we have appreciated all that he has done these past seven years as accompanist and Music Director at VPC. Donations of cash or checks should be placed in the basket marked for that purpose in Fellowship Hall during the reception after the service. All checks should be made out to **Joel Pierce**, not to Valley Presbyterian Church. Thank you.



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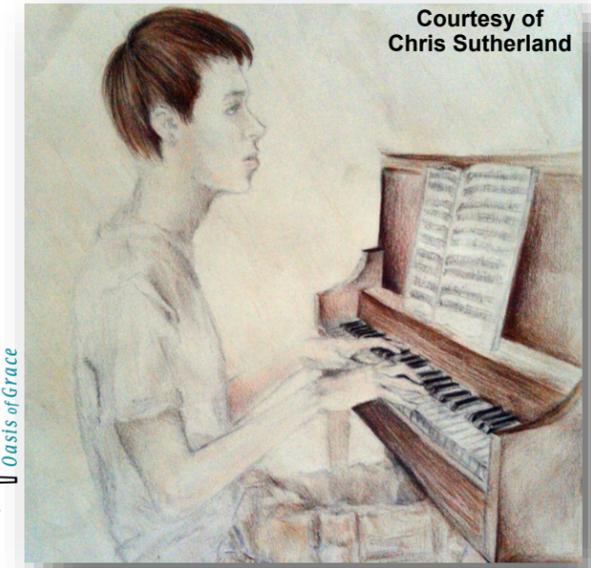
REV. MARK A. MEDINA, *Transitional Pastor*

REV. DIANE CHRISTOPHER, *Pastor of Discipleship*

REV. JOE HAWKINS, *Pastor Emeritus*

JOEL PIERCE, *Director of Music*

CHRISTINE ERICKSON, RN, *Parish Nurse*



Courtesy of Chris Sutherland

**To make Christ known through reconciliation while communicating respect and love to all people.**

☩ All those who are able, please stand

April 28, 2019

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Mighty God, on this Second Sunday of Easter, we joyously repeat the ancient Christian greeting: "Christ is risen!" "He is risen indeed!" Accept now our homage for the forgiveness and the promise of newness, in this life and beyond, which in your amazing grace, you extend to us. Amen.

**9:20 A.M. WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

Rev. Medina

*Please print your name in the Friendship Register provided in your pew.*

**MINUTE FOR MINISTRY**      Flowers

Lee Ann Calhoun

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**POURING OF THE WATER**

Jesus is the Living Water.      **Praise be to God.**

**PRELUDE**

*Claire de Lune*

Claude Debussy

Joel Pierce - piano

**INTROIT**

*The First Song of Isaiah*

**Surely, it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold  
and my sure defense,  
and he will be my Savior.**

☩ **CALL TO WORSHIP**      (based on Psalm 92)

Rev. Christopher

It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name,  
O Most High.

**To proclaim your love in the morning and your  
faithfulness at night,**

To the music of the organ

**And the melody of the piano**

For you make us glad by your deeds, O Lord;

**We sing for joy at the works of your hands.**

◆HYMN *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* (v. 1, 2, 4) 460

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord, deep within, we know how we have failed to be your people. Our hearts often block the fullness of your grace from transforming our lives; our trust in the powers of the world reveals our foolish nature. Have mercy on us and pour out the rich blessing of forgiveness on our parched souls. Shape us as your people, and restore us to faithful living, as we seek to follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. (silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE *Abide with Me*

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Be Thou My Vision* Traditional Irish Melody  
Betty Clapp - flute

ANTHEM *Lead Me, Lord* Wesley/arr. Pierce  
Ivo Shin - flute  
Jessica Cunningham - violin  
Laura Casarez- violin

Lead me, Lord. Lead me in thy righteousness,  
make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,  
that makest me dwell in safety.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 20:36-38

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON Ephesians 3:14-19

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “A Farewell Blessing” Rev. Christopher

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We walk by faith, and not by sight:  
no gracious words we hear of him  
who spoke as none e’er spoke,  
but we believe him near.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Gabriel’s Oboe*  
Pam Coggins - oboe

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY *Be Thou My Vision* Selah/Pierce  
Todd Wachsman, Joel Pierce - soloists  
Ivo Shin - flute  
Jessica Cunningham - violin  
Laura Casarez - violin

◆DOXOLOGY Old One Hundredth 592  
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 DEDICATION

◆HYMN *To God Be the Glory* 485

◆BENEDICTION

◆CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Battle Hymn of the Republic*  
Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword  
His truth is marching on.

Refrain:  
Glory, glory, Hallelujah! Glory, glory, Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea  
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me  
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free  
While God is marching on.  
(refrain)

◆POSTLUDE *Symphony No. 5* Charles Marie Widor  
V. Toccata  
(arranged for piano and organ duet)

**OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!**

**Worship Aids/Sermon Notes**

Sermon: “A Farewell Blessing”

Scriptures:

**Acts 20:36-38**

<sup>36</sup>When Paul had finished speaking, he knelt down with all of them and prayed. <sup>37</sup>They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him. <sup>38</sup>What grieved them most was his statement that they would never see his face again. Then they accompanied him to the ship.

**Ephesians 3:14-19**

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup>may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup>and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Week #16 (thru 4/21/19)			
Church Weekly Operations Finances		Church Weekly Attendance	
Weekly Giving Income	\$22,966	2019 Attendance	479
Weekly Giving Budget	\$15,029	2018 Attendance	356
*YTD Giving Income	\$281,163	*YTD 2019 Attendance	7,110
*YTD Giving Budget	\$319,485	*YTD 2018 Attendance	7,568
*YTD: Year-to-Date			
2019 Per Capita is \$40.22 per member			