



January 10, 2021

GREETING

Pastor Craig

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

PASSING OF PEACE, OUTPOURING OF THE WATER

PRELUDE

The First Noel

arr: D. Laskey

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Diane

O God, come to us in the torn places where tragedy has broken us and we cannot put everything back together again. Come to us in our hectic pace, where we are too busy to pray or listen for whispers of crying voices. Come to us looking to the sky our parents saw, the sky we saw as children, yet knowing we are not the same. We are changed since long ago we felt sunbeams on our faces. Come to us, feeling foolish about believing in you, for your voice is not as loud as others or as plain for us to clearly discern. Come to us in the torn places, oh God, that we might hear you say, "You are my beloved child with whom I am well pleased." Amen

*please stand

OPENING HYMN

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

(vs. 3 and 4) 159

O sing a song of Galilee, of lake and woods and hill,
of him who walked upon the sea and bade its waves be still.
For though, like waves on Galilee, dark seas of trouble roll,
when faith has heard the Master's word, falls peace upon the soul.

O sing a song of Calvary, its glory and dismay,
of him who hung upon the tree, and took our sins away.
For he who died on Calvary is risen from the grave,
and Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored, is mighty now to save.

CALL TO PRAYER

The evidence of God's love is this, while we have been sinners, Christ entered the world for us and died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare with confidence to approach God.

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people, but we have not done as we were told. We often supply silent complicity, when we should speak and usefulness when we should be useful. We have had a lazy faith, timid and heartless, we turn strangers and neighbors away from your love. Have mercy on us, O God, and though we do not deserve your care, forgive us, freeing us from sin through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Who among us is in any position to blame or condemn? The only one innocent is Jesus, the same one who died for us, rose for us and reigns for us at the right hand of God. Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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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

We Thank You, Lord

Words: Diane Hannibal Tune: Traditional

Jeff McCune - soloist

For starry nights, the coolness of the evening;
for golden sun that brightens all our days

for meadow grasses swaying in the noon day breeze,
for sandy shores kissed by the ocean waves.
For forests green with towering trees and birds that sing;
for gentle brooks, that splash along their way,
for lofty mountains reaching to the heavens,
for all good gifts we thank You, Lord. We thank You, Lord.

For fragrant blooms that line the garden pathway;
for rolling hills afresh with morning dew.
For every leaf that autumn turns to red and gold,
and for the spring when love makes all things new.
For fields of grain that glisten in the sunlight;
for eagles soaring in the skies above.
For every wonder of Your grand creation.
For all good gifts we thank You, Lord.
We thank You, Lord.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-8

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. 3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. 6 And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." 7 So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. 8 God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

Mark 1:4-11

4 And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. 6 John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 8 I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." 9 At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

SERMON

God Gave God's Word

Pastor Craig

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Creation and Eternity, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! O God of majesty, you revealed yourself to us in Jesus Christ our light and our salvation. Baptized in Jordan's waters, Jesus took a place among sinners as your voice proclaimed him your beloved. Your Spirit anointed him to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed. He lived among us in peace and truth, touching broken lives with healing grace. By the baptism of his life, suffering, death and resurrection, you gave birth to the church, granting us a new and living covenant of water and spirit.

HYMN

O Carpenter, Why Leave the Bench

(vs. 1 and 5) 162

O carpenter, why leave the bench where wood yields to your art,
and take instead, to try your skill, the stony human heart?

O carpenter, who else could do the work that you have done?

What can we do but sing your praise, O Savior, Mary's son!

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

El Shaddai

J. Thompson/Arr. M. Hayes

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 PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

I Danced in the Morning

(vs. 1-5) 157

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.
They came with me and the dance went on.

Refrain

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die.

Refrain

I danced on a Friday when they sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on.

Refrain

They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Refrain

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Let There Be Glory and Honor and Praises Greenelsh/Arr. M. Hayes
with "To God Be The Glory Glory"

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 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 breath 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.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - January 31, 2021

HYMN SINGER Jeff McCune

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Flowers given by: Anonymous
In Honor of VPC's Prayer Warriors

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
December-2020		Week 1 (1/3/2021)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 66,910	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	89
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 55,096	* YTD 2021 Attendance Sanctuary	89
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 680,463	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	165
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 693,984	** YTD 2021 Viewing On-Line	165
		* YTD 2021 Attendance / On-Line	254
		* YTD 2020 Attendance	493
<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 - dxlb38@cox.net - 520-399-3959 2020 Per Capita is \$46.00 per member</p>			

Exploring Membership Class

Wednesdays, Feb 3 and 10

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in Classroom 5

Thursday, 25, 8:30 a.m.

In this extraordinary time, we offer a shorten New Member class for those of you interested in becoming a member of Valley Presbyterian Church. The class is designed to answer your questions and take you through the steps toward membership. You will meet the pastors and staff, and discover what makes this Body of Christ unique. Contact Pastor Diane Christopher with any questions and/or to register: pastordiane@valleypres.net, or 625-5023.

Flowers

If you are interested in donating flowers in honor or memory of loved ones, the cost is \$45. The available dates below are open at this time along with the rest of the year: January 17, 24 and 31. February 7, 14, 21, 28. Please sign up at the office. Thank you.