

**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 just for you at our Visitor's Table in Fellowship Hall after our worship service.

\***HarpFusion and Flutefinity** will present a unique Christmas concert in our Sanctuary this Friday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available in Fellowship Hall after worship this morning and during the week from the front office. Don't miss this special Christmas event! The Valley Galley will serve refreshments starting at 6:00 p.m.

**Rev. Medina:** Office hours at Posada Java have been concluded. I wish to thank all of you who participated in meeting with me for coffee and conversation.

**Mission Quilts** will meet tomorrow from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bring a snack when staying the entire time. Please call Patti Bright at 520-305-3275 if you have any questions.

**Staff Appreciation Gift:** Over the years, the Valley Presbyterian Church members have given a special Christmas gift to staff members. Once again, we are providing envelopes in the pews on December 9 and December 16 for those who wish to express their additional appreciation for the church staff. Envelopes can be sent to Suzanne Mandeville at the church office. Wishing all of you a blessed Christmas!

**Youth on Their Own (YOTO):** We can share warmth and cheer this Christmas with a homeless student by contributing a \$25 gift card from Walmart or Target, and/or a plush throw. The Missions Table in Fellowship Hall will be ready for your donations today Sunday, December 9. The Mini Mall at YOTO is also in need of restocking. Canned Pasta, Chili, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Breakfast Bars, Jerky, Nuts, Shampoo/Conditioner are much needed items.

**Looking for Christmas Carolers:** On Saturday, December 15, the Fellowship Committee, along with the Valley Galley crew, have planned a Caroling event at three locations in the Green Valley Community and we want to invite you to come along. The more voices, the merrier. To help us plan, please sign up at the "Christmas Caroling" table in Fellowship Hall today.

**From the Disciples to the Dawn of the Reformation** with Professor Luke Timothy Johnson. This class meets on Fridays from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Classroom 1. For more information, contact Grant Stitt at 396-3549.

**Advent Devotionals** are still available at the Welcome Centers and the Faith Formation Kiosk.

## Thank you to our volunteers!

### Coffee Fellowship

Geri & Skip Berry  
Roxane Blair, Barbara Dittmer

### Information Center

Pat Bruner, Kathie Rusk

### Medical Team

Marvin Clark

### Visitor's Table

Mike & Kay Brouwer

### Welcome Centers

Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

### La Posada Service of Worship

Rev. Christopher, Doug Clark

### Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

John Agner, Jean Truitt

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



Carol Rude

November 21

**Friendship Kettle Dinner:** Sunday, December 16 at 5 p.m. Join us for a pork tenderloin dinner, then at 6 p.m. a program by the Green Valley Saxophone Quartet. Tickets (\$13) will be available in Fellowship Hall today and December 9.

**Christmas Poinsettias:** Please sign up at the Information Table for Christmas poinsettias that beautify our Sanctuary and cheer up our shut-ins. Poinsettia plants are \$10 each and must be paid when you sign up. If you would like to announce your plant donation as a memorial, please be sure to let us know when you sign up.

**Free Christmas Concert:** by the Joyful Spirit Ensemble and Valley Ringers on Tuesday, December 4 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Holiday cookies and refreshments will be served after the concert in Fellowship Hall.

### The Source

#### Wednesday, December 5 - Tazié, 5:00 p.m.

A candlelight service with silence, scripture, meditation and simple music followed by a Advent meal of soup and bread, and at 6:15 p.m., the class "Advent messages in Christmas Music" led by Linda Freeman.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Church

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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

†All those who are able, please stand.

9:30 a.m.

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Loving God of power and justice and peace. In our broken world, We seek a new order; Where there is courage to speak truth to power. We seek a new order; Where there is mutual support in church and community. We seek a new order; Where there is abundant time for healing. We seek a new order; Where there is peace and freedom for all. Amen.

Christian Aid

### WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

Rev. Medina

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

### POURING OF THE WATER

L: Jesus is the Living Water. P: Praise be to God.

### PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

arr. Gary Lanier

Pam Coggins - oboe

### INTROIT

Christ, Be Our Light

arr. Joel Raney

Choir: Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church  
gathered today.

### CALL TO WORSHIP Hope for Those Who Wait

Leona Aardema, Charlene Campbell

Leader: Advent is a time for the human heart to wait, while trusting  
God's eternal time.

People: How long, O Lord, how long?

Leader: For those waiting for answered prayer:

People: Grant your steadfast patience.

Leader: For those waiting in the face of uncertainty:

People: Grant unshakable confidence in your sovereign  
provision.

Leader: For those waiting for justice and mercy to reign:

People: Grant a glimpse of your glory in our wounded  
world.

Leader: For all of us waiting for God's kingdom to come:

All: Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as  
we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the  
grace of Christ as we speak.

## LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

CHOIR AND CONGREGATION SING

### Christ, Be Our Light!

*A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent*

Congregation: Words and Music by BERNADETTE FARRELL

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered to day.

## ADVENT PRAYER

HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vs. 1) Veni Emmanuel 9

INVITATION TO PRAISE AND ADORATION Rev. John Dunham

God of redeeming grace, you lead us in paths of righteousness and make your ways known through the birth of a child. We praise your goodness and rely on your wisdom. Accept the sounds of rejoicing we raise to you, and guide our hearing as we seek your instruction. Grant that we may not only worship you joyfully but follow you faithfully all the days of our lives.

## AFFIRMATION OF PRAISE

MUSICAL RESPONSE TO PRAISE *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*  
Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

ANTHEM *Every Valley* John Ness Beck

Sanctuary Choir

Ev'ry valley shall be exalted, and ev'ry mountain made low;  
and the crooked made straight, and the rough places plain.  
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together;  
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Ev'ry valley shall be exalted, and ev'ry mountain made low,  
and the crooked straight, and the rough places plain,  
and all flesh shall see it together.

For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the Lord  
hath spoken it. Amen.

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Elder Judy Aguayo

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God!

## GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 13:24-37

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God!

## SERMON

"Watching for the Signs of the Times" Rev. Medina

## HYMN

*One Bread, One Body* John Michael Talbot

### Refrain

One bread, one body,  
one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many,  
throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew,  
servant or free,  
woman or man, no more. (refrain)
2. Many the gifts,  
many the works,  
one in the Lord of all. (refrain)
3. Grain for the fields,  
scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all. (refrain)

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

## OFFERTORY

*Still, Still, Still* arr. Michele McLaughlin  
Pam Coggins - oboe

## DOXOLOGY

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

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.  
Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
People: We lift them to the Lord.  
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.  
(The prayer continues...)

## SINGING THE LORD'S PRAYER

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE CUP

Worshippers are invited to take the elements as each are passed and then hold until all can take together.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN *People, Look East* vs. 1-4 Besancon 12

## 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 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.

POSTLUDE *Postlude on "Picardy"* arr. Joel Pierce  
**OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!**

## Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Scriptures: Jeremiah 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup>The days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior.

Mark 13:24-37

<sup>24</sup>But in those days, following that distress, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; <sup>25</sup>the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.<sup>26</sup>At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

<sup>28</sup>Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.

<sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. <sup>32</sup>But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. <sup>34</sup>It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.<sup>35</sup>Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. <sup>36</sup>If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you

Week #47 (thru 11/25/18)	
Church Operations Weekly Finances	
Weekly Church Attendance	
Weekly Giving Income	\$9,416
Weekly Giving Budget	\$13,874
*YTD Giving Income	\$612,647
*YTD Giving Budget	\$650,750
*YTD: Year-to-Date	

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sleeping. <sup>37</sup>What I say to you, I say to everyone: Watch!