

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.

\*This morning's anthem was written by contemporary composer Deborah Govener. It was commissioned by the music committee and is dedicated to the congregation of Valley Presbyterian Church. We also welcome Music in the Valley scholarship recipient Jacob Fernandez to our service this morning, and we thank him for sharing his gifts with us. You can hear Jacob at our April 5 Scholarship Recipients' concert as part of the Music in the Valley series.

**Adult Sunday School:** Adult Sunday School Class meets in Classroom 5 at 8:30 a.m. before worship. Each Sunday's discussion topic will be the day's sermon scriptures.

**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.

**The Inquisitors:** Last Spring, with "Living the Questions," we started examining our faiths in an environment where participants could interact with each other and fine tune our beliefs to make them more worth having and living. Join us on Fridays at 1:30 p.m. in Classroom 1, to continue discussing this topic. For further information contact: Grant Stitt (396-3549 or email stitt@unr.edu).

**Patio Sale:** The Amigos are deep into planning mode for the annual Patio Sale held this year on March 14, 15, and 16. In fact, we will hold our Department Heads' meeting on Tuesday, February 26 at 9:00 a.m. in Classroom 5. Now is your opportunity to go through your things and cull out those that are no longer used or no longer needed. Be sure to bring us things that are still good enough for someone else to consider buying and using. For some reason, we have received less jewelry this year than usual. If you have some that you no longer use, consider donating it to the sale. It is sure to bring someone else great pleasure!

**Patio Sale Setup:** If you can help move the setup material from storage to the church on Friday, March 8, be at the church back parking lot at 8:30 a.m. With enough help this should be done in a few hours.

**Ash Wednesday** is March 6. There will be two services: noon and 5 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center. The 5 p.m. will be a Taizé service. Come to receive ashes on your forehead as we begin the season of Lent.

## Thank you to our volunteers!

### Coffee Fellowship

Don & Karen Brooks,  
Barbara Dittmer, Carol Wilking

### Information Center

Pat Bruner

### Medical Team

Jim Penney

### Visitor's Table

Patti Bright

### Welcome Centers

Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

### Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

Helen Fuller

### Flowers given by:

Leslie Bruce

Celebration of Husband, Joe's Birthday

**Congregational Meeting** is today after worship. We will receive the 2019 budget and approve the pastors' terms of call.

**Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) Update:** Have you seen the posters by the Welcome Centers and in the main hall? They graphically show the steps involved in the process of searching for a new Pastor/Head of Staff and where the PNC is in that process. The PNC will update them as we climb to each next step.

**Liturgy of the Ordinary:** A Lenten Study. Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. beginning March 5 in Classroom 3. Pastor Diane will look at all the ordinary things we do each day (getting out of bed, brushing our teeth, checking email), and show us how to become aware of God in our daily routines. Books can be purchased today (\$13) at the Faith Formation Kiosk in the Fellowship Hall.

**St. Andrews Children's Clinic:** On Thursday March 7 we will take a tour to St. Andrew's Children's Clinic in Nogales, Arizona. If you want more information and might like to join the tour, call Kay Brouwer at 573-552-2313 or email her at [kbrouwer1942@gmail.com](mailto:kbrouwer1942@gmail.com).

**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.



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REV. DIANE CHRISTOPHER, *Pastor of Discipleship*

REV. JOE HAWKINS, *Pastor Emeritus*

JOEL PIERCE, *Director of Music*

CHRISTINE ERICKSON, RN, *Parish Nurse*



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

✦ All those who are able, please stand

February 24, 2019

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, May we love in your name  
speak in your name; care in your name  
that willingness to touch the outcast  
feed the hungry, remember the sick, visit the imprisoned  
clothe the naked, give water to the thirsty, in your name. Amen.

**9:20 A.M. WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH** Rev. Christopher  
*Please print your name in the Friendship Register provided in your pew.*

**MINUTE FOR MINISTRY** PNC Update Elder Tommy Calhoun

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

### POURING OF THE WATER

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

**PRELUDE** *On Eagles' Wings* arr. Marcus Bitters

**INTROIT** *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place*

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.  
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,  
I see glory on each face; surely the presence,  
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Lectionary Liturgies Rev. Medina

*We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:*

**where the hungry are served first,  
where the thirsty drink life's water.**

*We come, for God welcomes us here, into that home called grace:*

**where the naked are clothed in robes of hope;  
where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.**

*We come, for God reunites us here, in that family called love:*

**where the imprisoned model justice,  
where the sick are cradled in God's peace.  
Let us worship the God of hope and love.**

◆HYMN *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets* Austrian Hymn 285

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Many voices

God of the people, you have called us to walk humbly before you and to share in the struggle with the least of these, yet we have failed to live up to this call. Today, we come before you asking your Spirit to empower us to be agents of transformation for the world. Make us a chalice from which all the oppressed can find the living waters of God, who calls us to live a life of service, of humility, and of reconciliation with you, with creation, and with the world. Hear us now, O God, as we bring our silent prayers of confession to you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*God searches for the lost, and finds us;*  
*God invites the hungry to the table, and feeds us;*  
*God sends Jesus, and frees us from death's prison;*  
*God forgives all who sin, and heals us with mercy and grace.*  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE *God of Grace and God of Glory*  
CWM Rhondda

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;**  
**let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.**  
**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,**  
**serving you whom we adore.**

ANTHEM *Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing!*\* Deborah Govenor  
Commissioned for the Sanctuary Choir.

Dedicated in grace to the congregation of Valley Presbyterian Church.

Rejoice ye pure in heart, Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high, the Cross of Christ your King.  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth,  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth.

With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,  
send forth the pow'ful hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days;  
rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

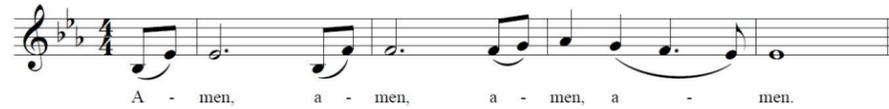
Still lift your standard high, still march in firm array,  
as pilgrims through the darkness wend till dawns the golden day.

At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest,  
rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Then on, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
Praise Him who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore;  
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER Carol Wilking  
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.

*Please join the Choir in singing the Great Amen.*



YOUTH CHAT (September-May)

PRAYER OVER THE PRAYER SHAWLS Peggy Babcock

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON & GOSPEL LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6, John13:31-35

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

SERMON: *"The Future Awaits Us"* Rev. Medina

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION & MUSIC

◆HYMN *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength* Winchester Old 191

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY *Due Tramonti* Ludovico Einaudi  
Jacob Fernandez\* -bassoon

◆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 *Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand* Wareham 265

◆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 *Voluntary in C-major* Henry Purcell

**OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!**

*Worship Aids/Sermon Notes*

Sermon Title: *"The Future Awaits Us"*

Scriptures:

Revelation 21:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.<sup>2</sup>I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup>'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'" <sup>5</sup>He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life."

John 13:31-35

<sup>31</sup>When he was gone, Jesus said, Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. <sup>34</sup>A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

Week #7 (thru 2/17/19)			
Church Operations Weekly Finances		Weekly Church Attendance	
Weekly Giving Income	\$15,074	2019 Attendance	471
Weekly Giving Budget	\$21,825	2018 Attendance	517
*YTD Giving Income	\$133,178	*YTD 2019 Attendance	3,101
*YTD Giving Budget	\$139,719	*YTD 2018 Attendance	3,286
*YTD: Year-to-Date			
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