

Welcome to all who enter this place. Drink deeply of the living waters of God's grace as we worship together. **Guests are invited to stop by our Guest Table in Fellowship Hall** to receive a small gift and pick up more information about our faith family. We welcome all who worship with us today as friends; you do not need to be a member to participate in the activities of this congregation.

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

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.

Join the Inquisitors as we watch and discuss "*Early Christianity: The Experience of the Divine.*" Join us for this fascinating course which meets on Fridays at 1:30 p.m. in Classroom 1.

Mission Breakfast: Saturday, January 18 at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Chris Erickson, Executive Director of VAS will be our guest speaker and will explain the urgent need and personal impact of this mission field. Tickets (\$5).

Friendship Kettle Dinner: Sunday, January 19 at 5:00 p.m. Join us for a pork tenderloin dinner, then at 6:00 p.m. a program by Marvin Hass, Cowboy Poet. Tickets (\$13) will be available in Fellowship Hall today after worship.

Gigantic Needlepoint Sale: Saturday, January 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Canvases, Frames, Threads, Scissors, Weights, Laying Tools, Totes, Books, Containers for Equipment. Enter through the front door by the fountain.

Turning the Gem Returns: Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5. We will look at the Bible as one big beautiful story. Your teacher is Pastor Diane.

Being Mortal: Preparing for the End of Life: Tuesdays, beginning January 14 at 1 p.m. in Classroom 5. How do you want to live out the last years or months of your life? Your teacher: Eloise Fredrickson with Parish Nurse, Chris Erickson.

SNACK BAGS for the HOMELESS! Next Sunday in Charter Hall we will begin collecting 10 different items to fill Snack Bags for the needy. These items include: Bottled Water, Boxes of Tuna or Chicken Salad with crackers, Peanut Butter Cracker Packets, Cheese and Cracker Packets, Granola Bars, Trail Mix (in small packages), Vienna Sausage in pop top cans, Apple Sauce Cups/Fruit Snacks, Beef Jerky sticks, and Individual bags of cookies. Collection will continue each Sunday through February 9. Monetary Donations are welcomed.

Piano Trio Concert: Friday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We welcome Freya Creech, Violin, Robert Marshall, Cello and Sheryll McManus, Piano. Program will include works by Mendelssohn, Shostakovich, and more.

Thank you to our volunteers!

Coffee Fellowship

Jeff Babcock, Barbara Dittmer
Bob & Fran Williams

Information Center

Kay & Mike Brouwer

Medical Team

Marvin Clark

Guest Table

Dave & Cheryl Stepp

Welcome Centers

Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

Flowers given by: Beth Phillips

In loving memory of Marcy Dart from her Dominoes Group who loved her very much.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

January 26 immediately following worship. In full transparency, the Session will present reports from every agency and committee of the Church and will answer questions and address concerns of the congregation. At this meeting, we shall elect our Elders, Deacons, Nominating Committee and vote on changes to the Terms of Call for our Associate Pastor. We plan on the written reports being available January 19 for you to peruse and prepare questions. While the Budget for 2020 has been adopted by Session and will be discussed at this time, the 2019 Financial books will not yet be audited, therefore a Second Meeting will be scheduled later in the year to make all of this information clear.

Standing on the Shoulders of Empowered Women: The Women's Ministries group will be privileged to hear Carol Main relate her first-hand experiences at the Finger Lakes Region of New York, the sites of the Women's Rights and the Civil Rights movements. At 11:30 a.m. on January 21, Main, a participant from our Synod, will share her insights about the trip and the rich history of the region. Luncheon reservations (\$11.00) can be made at the Women's Ministries table on Sundays, January 12 & 19.

Emotionally Healthy Relationships: Class continues on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5. Your teacher: Rev. Mark Horton

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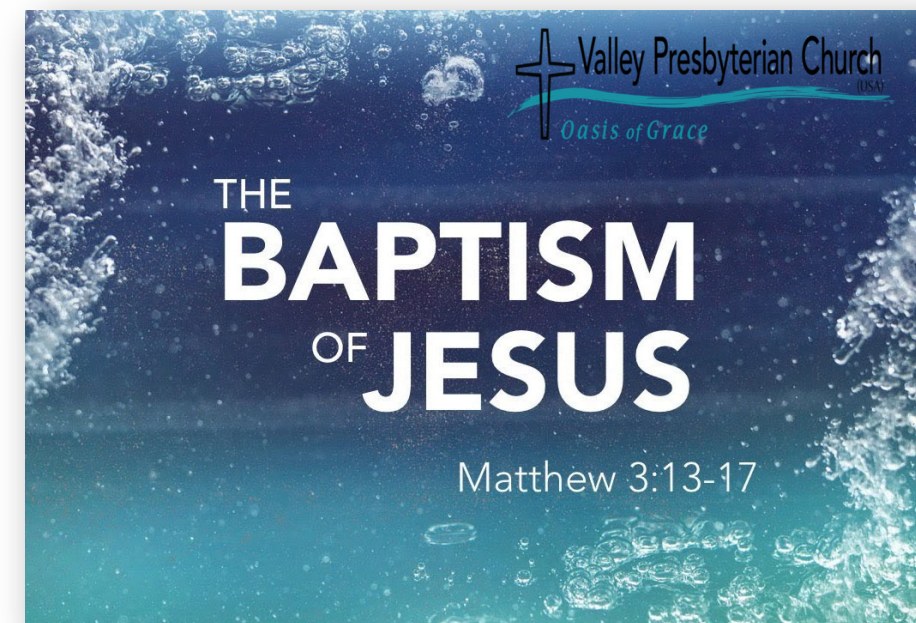
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JAMIE REED, *Director of Music*
WES MOULTON, *Organist/Accompanist*
REV. JOE HAWKINS, *Pastor Emeritus*



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

WELCOME HOME SUNDAY

☩ All those who are able, please stand January 12, 2020

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

For God risk everything! Since everything we own, our laughter, tears, the songs we sing, our breath, our flesh and blood and bone, are no more ours to keep than wind that rushes by, or dreams that flicker in our sleep, or clouds that fade to sky. How shriveled Lord, the soul that grips what it receives, daring not to free an anxious grip, but foolishly believes that God is too severe to pardon loss, forgetting how your son made clear forgiveness on the cross. From hearts that hide and hoard the treasures you send, FREE US Lord, until we act by faith, act as you intend, risking all to act in love, risking everything you give, and risking, learn what Jesus knew: By risking all, we live.

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

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POURING OF THE WATER

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

PRELUDE

Coronation March

J. Rogers

INTROIT

As with Gladness Men of Old

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may be evermore be led to thee.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ still walks these wooded hills, as he walked them in the days when workers from the mines gathered in this house of praise, where they shared Christ's wine and bread, then went home through field and wood giving thanks their hearts were fed and their lives were understood. Though the earth has long received those who built these hallowed walls, yet we trust as they believed in the living Christ who calls, who invites us into this place, where the Spirit brings to view how our mission can embrace worlds our founders never knew. Through the windows of the church we can see the tree tops toss, while inside we pray and search for the strength to bear the cross, there we meet a stronger gale than the stoutest tree that bends, breath whose strength will never fail as we live what God intends.

✦HYMN *We Three Kings of Orient Are* 151

INVITATION TO CONFESSION Pastor Diane

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, we confess that there are times when life is just too much. The strains of being a partner, when the other is so much in need. The difficulties of family. The aches and pains that only lessen and never go away. The worries and the doubts that manifest in anxiety. Sometimes Lord, we lash out and blame others, because we imagine it is safe to do so, without recognizing the cost and hurts to others. At times God, we are mad at you, that life is so tarnished, and we want to seize control. Dear God, be God to us, because living our lives is hard enough. Forgive us words said in haste and bridle our tongues for the future. All this we pray, wanting to follow as Christ taught us. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Repenting and confessing our sins before one another and God, the clouds of heaven opened, as a voice declared "You are my beloved! With you I am Well Pleased!"

✦GLORIA *Gloria Patri* Greatorex
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 *The First Noel* Arr. J. Raney, J. Reed

The First Noel, the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Noel.
Born is the King of Israel!
Noel.

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

CHILDRENS MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 3:13-17

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

SERMON "The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same"
Pastor Craig

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed 35

✦HYMN *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright* 152

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY *Elegy* C. H. H. Parry

✦DOXOLOGY 606
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 *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem* 159

✦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 *Royal March* D. Bellando

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title:

"The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same"

Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. ¹⁶As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

**BIG PRINT HYMNS FOR SUNDAY'S SERVICE
ARE AVAILABLE AT
BOTH INFORMATION CENTERS**

VPC FINANCIAL/ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Week # 1 (through 1/5/20)			
Church Weekly Operations Finances		Church Weekly Attendance	
Weekly Giving Income	\$ 28,724.00	2020 Attendance	493
Weekly Giving Budget	\$ 17,009.00	2019 Attendance	445
*YTD Giving Income	\$ 28,724.00	*YTD 2020 Attendance	493
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<small>*YTD: Year-to-Date</small>			
<small>D. Brooks - VPC Treasurer - dxb38@cox.net - 520-399-3959</small>		<small>2020 Per Capita is \$46.00 per member</small>	