

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. The next new member class begins February 5. Contact Pastor Diane for more information. (625-5023)

**Music in the Valley Tickets** are available in Fellowship Hall after the service this morning. The next concert will feature pianist Nino Bakradze on January 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Giving Envelopes:** The Church Giving Envelopes for 2019 have arrived. They will be in Fellowship Hall today after worship.

**Moses:** Books for the class on Moses, starting January 17 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Classroom 5, will be available after worship today. The cost (\$12).

**Empty Bowls:** Tickets are available for \$20 in advance and will be sold in after Sunday worship today through February 10. Join us and participate in Empty Bowls, Saturday, February 16 at Valley Presbyterian Church. Call Valley Assistance Services at 625-5966 for more information.

**Friendship Kettle Dinner:** Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Join us for a pot roast dinner, then at 6:00 p.m., a program by the Saguaro Sunset Trio: bluegrass, country and folk music. Tickets (\$13) will be available in Fellowship Hall after worship today.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!:** The Fellowship Committee invites you to a special coffee hour after church today to RING IN the NEW YEAR, 2019. Our theme is "HAPPINESS IS...." Come and share some smiles!!

**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, starting on January 25 in Classroom 1, to continue discussing this topic. For further information contact: Grant Stitt (396-3549 or email stitt@unr.edu).

## Thank you to our volunteers!

### Information Center

Kay and Mike Brouwer

### Medical Team

Marvin Clark

### Visitor's Table

Dave and Cheryl Stepp

### Welcome Centers

Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

### Flowers Purchased Anonymously:

Happy Birthday to Billie and Helen

**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 from Room 4. Ask an usher for directions to Room 4.

**Emotionally Healthy Spirituality:** Begins Monday, February 4 at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5. Books will be available after worship at the Faith Formation kiosk in Fellowship Hall.

**Women's Ministries:** Tickets (\$11) for the luncheon on January 15 are being sold at the Women's Ministries table after worship this Sunday.

**Mission Breakfast:** Pam and Dave L, our Missionaries to Iran, Pakistan, and Bangladesh will present their adventures on Saturday, January 19 at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall with a fabulous breakfast. Tickets are \$5 and will be on sale today in Fellowship Hall after our worship service.

**Annual Reports** are due no later than Thursday, January 31. All groups and committees are being asked to email their reports to Carla Goings (carla@valleypres.com).

### Movement & Exercise:

**Parkinson's Support/Exercise** meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact instructor Mia Cooper at 204-5264.

**Chair Exercise** classes are on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. There is a fee. For more information, contact instructor Mia Cooper at 204-5264.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Church



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REV. DIANE CHRISTOPHER, *Pastor of Discipleship*

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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 January 13, 2019

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Most wonderful God, foolish and flawed though we are, we too delight in your beloved Son. As in his name we gather in the house of many praises, may the heavens be opened for us, that we may catch a glimpse of that Light and Love that transforms our common days with a beauty not of our making. Through Christ Jesus our Lord. 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 MISSION Mission Sunday Doug Clark

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

### POURING OF THE WATER

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

PRELUDE *Amazing Grace* arr. John Wilson  
Valley Ringers

INTROIT *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 Rev. Medina

Leader: *The heavens open. The Spirit descends.*

People: **Jesus emerges from the water.**

Leader: *And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.*

People: **"This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."**

Leader: *Jesus is named. Claimed.*

People: **We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.**

Leader: *Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.*

People: **Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.**

✠HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Nettleton 356

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, have mercy upon us.
Forgive us for shouting over our neighbors, when your Spirit beckons us to listen.
Forgive us for our complacency, when we are called to be agents of change.
Forgive us for working, rather than serving.
Forgive us for producing, rather than creating.
God of grace, have mercy upon us, and move us into life.
Hear us now, O God, as we bring our silent prayers of confession to you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE Hear the Good News of Salvation

All the sins I have committed to my Savior now I bring.
I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:
Jesus Christ, how much I love You!
Jesus Christ, You save from sin!
How I love You! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.

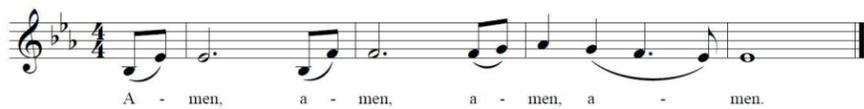
ANTHEM My Lord, What a Mornin' Howard Helvey
Sanctuary Choir

My Lord, what a mornin', my Lord, what a mornin',
oh, My Lord, what mornin' when the stars begin to fall.
My Lord, what a mornin', my Lord, what a mornin',
oh, My Lord, what mornin' when the stars begin to fall.
I'm done with all my worldly ways, joined that heav'nly band,
done with all my worldly ways, joined that heav'nly band.
My Lord, what a mornin', my Lord, what a mornin',
oh, My Lord, what mornin' when the stars begin to fall.

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.

Please join the Choir in singing the Great Amen.



YOUTH CHAT (September-May)

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS & DEACONS

Elders: Bob Campbell, Richard Horn, Marcia MacDonald, Tom Macfarlane

Deacons: Lee Ann Calhoun, Dick Christensen, Joan Dakin, Jean Hein, Betty Kiesle-Yoder, Mike Yoder, Kathie Rusk

SPECIAL MUSIC Simple Gifts Traditional Shaker Tune
Joyful Spirit Ensemble

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Elder Marie Valade

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 43:1-7

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

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

SERMON "What's in a Name?" Rev. Medina

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Confession of 1967 - 9.51

By humble submission to John's baptism, Christ joined himself to humanity in their need and entered upon his ministry of reconciliation in the power of the spirit. Christian baptism marks the receiving of the same Spirit by all his people. Baptism with water represents not only cleansing from sin but a dying with Christ and a joyful rising with him to new life. It commits all Christians to die each day to sin and to live for righteousness. In baptism the church celebrates the renewal of the covenant with which God has bound his people to himself. By baptism, individuals are publicly received into the church to share in its life and ministry, and the church becomes responsible for their training and support in Christian discipleship. When those baptized are infants, the congregation, as well as the parents, has a special obligation to nurture them in the Christian life, leading them to make, by a public profession, a personal response to the love of God shown forth in their baptism. Amen.

✠HYMN Baptized in Water Bunessan 492

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY Do Lord arr. Valerie Stephenson
Valley Ringers

✠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 Here I Am, Lord Here I Am, Lord 525

✠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 Happiness Is...

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: What's in a Name?

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now, this is what the Lord says - he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Table with 2 main columns: Church Operations Weekly Finances and Weekly Church Attendance. Includes rows for Weekly Giving Income, Budget, and Attendance for 2019 and 2018.