

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 to register. (625-5023)

\*We welcome Susan B. Anthony and Mike Finkelstein to our worship service this morning. Thank you both for sharing your gifts with us! "Let the Bright Seraphim" comes from Handel's oratorio *Samson*, which tells the story of Samson and Delilah.

**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 VPC. Call Valley Assistance Services at 625-5966 for more information.

**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).

**Women's Ministries:** We are in need of gently used clothes for the Women's Ministries style show on February 19. Please bring your items to the Women's Ministry table on Sunday, February 3.

**Mission Breakfast:** VPC Mission Committee is sponsoring Casa Vida Nueva para Niño's (orphanage) at a Mission Breakfast on Saturday, February 9 in Fellowship Hall. Breakfast tickets (\$5) will be sold in Fellowship Hall today. If you have any questions, contact Reed Olson at 269-7829

**The 2019 Mission Booklets,** "God's Work, Our Hands," are available at each of the Welcome Centers. Please take one to learn more about the individual missions that our church supports.

**HAPPINESS IS . . .** Be sure to "check out" the two bulletin boards in the Sunday School Hallway to see what makes people in our congregation HAPPY! Over 100 cards were filled out at the coffee hour sponsored by the Fellowship Committee on 1/13. The responses are sure to make you SMILE!!

**Coffee Fellowship:** Sunday Coffee Fellowship is happy to provide coffee/cookies and other goodies for your enjoyment. We have a continuing need for cookies and would appreciate your help. Drop them off in the kitchen on your way into church. Thank you in advance. If you have questions, please call Kathie Rusk at 625-0860.

**Presentation on Immigration:** Please join us for a non-political presentation on Immigration on Monday, January 28 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This non-political presentation explains the history of US immigration, and our current laws and procedures.

### Thank you to our volunteers!

#### Coffee Fellowship

Barbara Dittmer,  
Chris & Frank Raymond,  
Mike & Bettie Kiesle-Yoder

#### Information Center

Pat Bruner

#### Medical Team

Doug Clark

#### Visitor's Table

Patti Bright

#### Welcome Center

Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

#### Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

Charlie Ashton



#### The Rose on the Baptismal Font Celebrates these Witnesses to the Resurrection in Jesus Christ

Mary Lou Harper	January 13
Ann Over	January 20
Stanford C. Downs	January 22



**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.

**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.

**Annual Reports** are due no later than Thursday, January 31. Please email your reports to Carla Goings (carla@valleypres.com).

**2018 Year End Pledge Report:** Thanks to all you members for supporting your 2018 pledges. VPC's 2018 Pledge Budget was \$532,721. Actual pledges received were \$519,753 which was 97.57% of the projected budget. Great Job!

**The Annual Women's Luncheon and Patio Sale Style Show** is scheduled for February 19 at 11:30 a.m. Please put this FUN event on your calendar. Tickets (\$11) go on sale on Sunday, February 10 and February 17 and can be purchased at the Women's Ministry Table after worship. Please bring your family and friends.

**Volunteer Church Grounds Clean-up:** A work session is scheduled for Thursday, February 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to clean-up the grounds around VPC. If you are able and can spare a couple of hours to help beautify our church grounds, it would be greatly appreciated.



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JOEL PIERCE, *Director of Music*  
CHRISTINE ERICKSON, RN, *Parish Nurse*



Oasis of Grace



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

✦ All those who are able, please stand January 27, 2019

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O Compassionate One, fill us with your love that we may see deeply into all the needs around us. Help us to care with Your heart. May Your love, Your grace, Your compassion, Your mercy, carry us away, this day and lead us with love to be Your hands and heart in the world. Amen.

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION Congregational Care Sue Horton

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### POURING OF THE WATER

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

PRELUDE *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Heather Sorenson

INTROIT *Here I Am, Lord*

Refrain:

Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP by Eliza Buchakjian -Tweedy Doris Steffy

L: *What does the Lord require of you?*

P: **To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.**

L: *What does God command of us?*

P: **To love God with all our heart, and all our soul, and all our mind, and all our strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

L: *God does not call us to ease or to comfort.*

P: **But to presence, and abundance, and grace in our struggle.**

L: *Let us worship the God who believes in us, and trusts in us, and abides with us.*

P: **Let us worship the God who will ask much of us, but will be beside us every step of the way.**

The world teaches us many ways to love, but all are based on selfish desires and needs. God teaches us how to love: completely, uniquely, unconditionally. Let us confess our difficulty in loving as God teaches us, as we pray saying.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We are hesitant to confess, Holy God, how hard it is to love as you wish; It is easy to love you with all that we are, except when you ask us to love our neighbor with all that we have. We find it hard to love our neighbor, when it is linked to the way we love ourselves. And it is difficult to love anyone—even You—more than we love ourselves. Forgive us, Love Eternal. As you took a risk in creating us, help us to take risks to love others compassionately, to love ourselves genuinely, and to love you as completely as you love us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In God's Kingdom, all are loved for who they are, not what they do;  
 In God's Kingdom, all are forgiven for what they do, and don't.  
 In God's Kingdom, all are welcomed and fed by God's grace and hope.  
 Forgiven, loved, sent forth—we are not far from God's Kingdom! Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANTHEM *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* arr. Jack Schrader

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand,  
 I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm,  
 through the night, lead me on to the light.  
 Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand,  
 I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm,  
 through the night, lead me on to the light.  
 Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
 when my life is almost gone; hear my cry, hear my call,  
 hold my hand lest I fall. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand,  
 I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm,  
 through the night, lead me on to the light.  
 Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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**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.**

YOUTH CHAT (September-May)

Chris Erickson, Beth Phillips, Sophia St. John

STEPHEN MINISTER CONFIRMATION

John Agner  
 Rev. Medina, Gayle Tompkins

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lynne Szabo

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 25:34-40

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

INTERACTIVE SERMON: *The People at the Inn?*

Luke 10:25-37

Peggy Babcock, Betty Singleton

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION & MUSIC

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

Linda Jorn

✦HYMN

*We Are Called*

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PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY

*Let the Bright Seraphim*

G.F. Handel

Susan B. Anthony\* - soloist, Mike Finkelstein\* - trumpet

✦DOXOLOGY

Old One Hundredth

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**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

Peggy Babcock

✦HYMN

*The Servant Song*

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✦BENEDICTION

Jean Hein

*L: The Spirit of God is upon you.*

**P: We go forth proclaiming God's love and care for us.**

*L: The Spirit of God is upon you.*

**P: We go forth to live lives of justice and loving kindness.**

*L: The power of the Spirit is upon you.*

**All: We go forth as one body, one spirit, one witness to the promises of our God. Be a compassionate community of faith and go in peace.**

✦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.**

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

*Worship Aids/Sermon Notes*

Sermon Title: *"The People at the Inn?"*

**Matthew 25:34-40**

<sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on his right, Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup>I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? <sup>40</sup>The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

**Luke 10:25-37**

<sup>25</sup>On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. Teacher, he asked, what must I do to inherit eternal life? <sup>26</sup>What is written in the Law? he replied. How do you read it? <sup>27</sup>He answered, Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, Love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>28</sup>You have answered correctly, Jesus replied. Do this and you will live. <sup>29</sup>But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, And who is my neighbor? <sup>30</sup>In reply Jesus said: A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. Look after him, he said, and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have. <sup>36</sup>Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers? <sup>37</sup>The expert in the law replied, The one who had

Week #3 (thru 1/20/19)			
Church Operations Weekly Finances		Weekly Church Attendance	
Weekly Giving Income	\$11,737	2019 Attendance	447
Weekly Giving Budget	\$19,335	2018 Attendance	458
*YTD Giving Income	\$54,208	*YTD 2019 Attendance	1,287
*YTD Giving Budget	\$57,877	*YTD 2018 Attendance	1,371
*YTD: Year-to-Date			
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mercy on him. Jesus told him, Go and do likewise.