

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)

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.

New Email Address: If you have an announcement/article/event for the Sunday bulletin, E-blast, Valley Voice, or church calendar, you no longer need to remember which person on staff does which publication. We have created a new email address, notices@valleypres.net, that will get the information to all the right people. When using this email address, please be sure to let us know which publication(s) you want the information put into. This address is effective immediately and we ask that you begin using it instead of emailing individual staff members with these types of items.

Giving Envelopes: The Church Giving Envelopes for 2019 have arrived. Please come to the office and pick them up for 2019.

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.

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.

Thank you to our volunteers!

Coffee Fellowship

Jeff Babcock, Roxanne Blair,
Barbara Dittmer, Kathie Rusk

Information Center

Kathy Rusk

Medical Team

Doug Clark

Visitor's Table

Mike & Kay Brouwer

Welcome Centers

Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

La Posada Service of Worship

Rev. Medina, Rudy Sweisfurth
Parker Long

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.

Christianity & World Religions begins Wednesday, January 9 at 11:00 a.m. in Classroom 5. Books will be available today in Fellowship Hall after worship.

VPC Mission Quilters: The Quilters will meet in Fellowship Hall tomorrow from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Anyone who is interested or has questions, please call Patti Bright at 305-3275.

Volunteer Church Grounds Clean Up: Please come and help us clean up the grounds around the Church on Wednesday, January 9 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Thank you.

Annual Reports are due no later than Thursday, January 31. All groups and committees are being asked to email their reports to Carla Goings at 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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REV. JOE HAWKINS, *Pastor Emeritus*
JOEL PIERCE, *Director of Music*
CHRISTINE ERICKSON, RN, *Parish Nurse*



God's Glory

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

✠ All those who are able, please stand January 6, 2019

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, we come before you as a people gathered to behold the Christ, a light dawned that cannot be extinguished. In this new year, we offer special thanks for this community of faith and your faithful presence. Help us to see more clearly your glorious light, that we will open our hearts to your reign on earth and dedicate our lives to your service.

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 Finance Elder Don Brooks

POURING OF THE WATER

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

PRELUDE

By the Star

Janet Vogt

Linda Freeman - soloist

INTROIT

We Three Kings

**We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.**

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. St. John

Leader: Arise! Shine! The light you have been waiting for is here!

People: Darkness has been banished!

Leader: God's light of hope floods the earth.

People: God's light comes to us all.

Leader: Lord, make us ready to journey to this light.

People: Prepare our hearts to receive this light.

✦HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* 263

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: We recognize that in Christ Jesus our light has come, yet so often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore that light.

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Leader: We confess our pride and smallness of vision. We confess we have failed to reflect your light.

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Gracious God, forgive our sins, and remove from us the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives.

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. [silence]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Forgiven in Christ and illumined by your Spirit, O God, may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE *We Three Kings*

**Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice; Alleluia, Alleluia
Sounds through the earth and skies.
O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.**

ANTHEM *What Is This Brightness Shining?* John Purifoy
Sanctuary Choir

What is this brightness shining? What is this wondrous light where shepherds are abiding in Bethlehem tonight? As angels sing their praises, they worship and adore. What is this brightness shining? The glory of the Lord.

What is this brightness shining? What is this wondrous light that flawlessly is guiding three travelers tonight? An unfamiliar presence, it captivates their eyes. What is this brightness shining? A new star in the sky.

Light in ev'ry corner, light on ev'ry doubt, light on all our sorrows, chasing darkness out. Light in secret places hidden in our souls, light that heals the wounded, light that makes us whole.

What is this brightness shining? What is this wondrous light in human hearts residing across the world tonight? From heaven and the Father, He comes to make us one. What is this brightness shining? Jesus Christ, the Son.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 60:1-6
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Epiphany Glory: It's Good for You Rev. Christopher

HYMN *What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright* (vs. 1-3) 68

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS
**If you haven't already done so, please print your name in the Fellowship Register.*

OFFERTORY *Carol Trilogy for Harp and Organ* Glenn Rudolph

✦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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.
P: And also with you.
L: Lift up your hearts.
P: We lift them up to the Lord.
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
L: Eternal God, it is truly right and our great...

Choir:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

L: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...

Choir:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

L: By your Spirit, make us one in Christ. Empower us by your Spirit, to be Christ's presence in this world. Give us courage to speak truth, to seek justice, to show mercy and to love as Christ loves us.

P: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, forever and ever.

Choir:

Amen, amen! Amen, amen!

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 *Shine, Jesus, Shine* (vs. 1 & 3) 2173

✦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 *March of the Three Kings* Edward Boughton

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: Epiphany Glory: It's Good For You
Scripture Reading:
Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. ²See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. ³Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. ⁵Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. ⁶Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

The visit of the Magi can be found in Matthew 2:1-12

Week #52 (thru 12/30/18)			
Church Operations Weekly Finances		Weekly Church Attendance	
Weekly Giving Income	\$7,601	2018 Attendance	302
Weekly Giving Budget	\$13,874	2017 Attendance	361
*YTD Giving Income	\$679,962	*YTD 2018 Attendance	16,643
*YTD Giving Budget	\$752,592	*YTD 2017 Attendance	19,470
*YTD: Year-to-Date			
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