



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

January 2, 2022

PRELUDE *I Wonder as I Wander* J.J. Niles/Arr. M. Hayes

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Pastor Craig

PASSING THE PEACE

RINGING THE BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Diane

Christ is born! Salvation has appeared! Angels are singing and Archangels rejoicing! Today “the Just” exalt and say: Glory to God in the highest! Alleluia!

✠ OPENING HYMN

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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CALL TO PRAYER

In this O God, your love was revealed among us, that you sent your only son into the world, that we might live through him.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, before the mountains were brought forth, or Thou had formed the earth, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God. All powerful and unseen the coming of your light into the world has brightened weary hearts with visions of “peace”. Teach us to proclaim the birth of your Son Jesus Christ through our lives. We thy transient children, would set our lives against thine everlastingness, there to learn humility, there to find inner stability and peace. Our lives can feel shallow, grant us depth. Life can be fretful and irritating, grant us serenity. In the shadow of holidays, we ponder the silence of meaning. We come with penitence for the sorry failures that spoil our recollections. We bring before Thee, our care for the New Year and its many interests. Grant us fresh faith and inspiration for the task. Gather us into Thy sustaining power. Children with their eagerness and gaiety; youth with growing strength and worthy interests; the mature, in the fullness of their power may they be dedicated to unselfish desires. Those who draw near the end of journeys, may each approach the gates open to eternal dawn. Make us adequate to our temptations, trials, challenges and dreams. We pray all this in the spirit of Christ Jesus.

(Silent prayer) Amen

POURING OUT THE WATERS/ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God makes all things new, forgiving old wrongs we cannot seem to forget. As old calendars condemn our actions, God brings love through relationships of faith. Brothers and Sisters, believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

GLORIA PATRI

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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

We Three Kings of Orient Are J.H. Hopkins, Jr.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

The Gospel of John 1: 1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

There was a man who was from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made

through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’” From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but the One and Only, who is at the Father’s side, has made him known.

SERMON

“A DIFFERENT REALITY”

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving & Singing The LORD’s Prayer

Our Father which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
 With ev'ry step 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** *The First Nowell* Traditional Arr. A. Fedak

✦ **All those who are able, please stand**

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VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
November-2021		Through Week #52 (12/26/21)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 58,229	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	149
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 63,721	* YTD 2021 Attendance Sanctuary	7,687
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 619,350	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	145
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 577,873	** YTD 2021 Viewing On-Line	7,883
		* YTD 2021 Attendance / On-Line	15,570
		* YTD 2020 Attendance Sanctuary	6,166
<small>* YTD = Year to Date ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service</small>			
<small>D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dx38@cox.net - 520-399-3959 2021/22 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member</small>			

Flowers for the Sanctuary were provided by: David and Margot Elsner in memory of Margot's mom and dad, brother and sister.

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized or in rehabilitation: Sandy Vold.

WELCOME to all who enter this place. Drink deeply of the living waters of God's grace as we worship together in spirit.

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. If you would like more information about our church, visit us at valleypres.net where you can sign up for our daily email blasts and monthly newsletter.

We are glad you have joined us today.

NEW CLASS STARTING JANUARY 13 AT 2:00 P.M.

Written by Dr. Atul Gawande, *BEING MORTAL* discusses the last stages of life from his experiences with patients. This class will meet for 6 weeks for 90 minutes, and will be facilitated by Eloise Fredrickson, Chris Erickson and Pastor Diane Christopher. Purchase books online or through Pastor Diane. Please read the first chapter prior to the start of the class.

FRIENDSHIP KETTLE DINNER

The Sunday, January 16 Kettle event will feature a pork tenderloin dinner at 5 pm, then at 6 pm a performance by Hardscrabble Road with Katie Sayre as the female vocalist. Tickets will be \$13 for this dinner and will be on sale TODAY and January 9th.

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

We are currently taking orders to reserve a bouquet of flowers for the sanctuary on Sundays in 2022. To order, please contact the Church office 520-625-5023. We have openings for January 9, 16, & 30, and other dates throughout the year.

CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES DAVE AND PAM LOVETT will be at Valley Presbyterian Church January 22 and 23rd. Please plan to come to an Open House, to talk with the Lovetts and visit in the Lindsey's home at 4151 South Westcotta Drive (San Ignacio Heights) at 1pm, January 23rd.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING of the Valley Presbyterian Church will be January 30th, here in the Sanctuary, immediately following divine worship. Our Elders, Deacons and Nominating Committee have each been elected and installed, this annual meeting is for the purposes of approving the Terms of Call of our Pastors, and open discussion of any matters upon the faith of the congregation. Please come!

TORNADO RELIEF—HOW YOU CAN HELP!

The Valley Presbyterian Mission Committee will donate \$5,000 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). PDA meets immediate needs and then stays for long term rebuilding efforts. The Mission Committee has challenged the congregation to match the funds.

To give, write a check to Valley Presbyterian Church and write in the memo line "PDA" or Tornado Relief." You may place it in the offering plate on Sunday, bring to the office, or mail it in.

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY:

- 9:00 a.m. Cardio Drumming
Women's Ministries Coordinating Team
- 9:30 a.m. Prayer Ministry
- 11:00 a.m. Network of Caring
- 1:00 p.m. Membership Outreach Committee
- 2:00 p.m. Joyful Spirit Ensemble Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY:

- 8:00 a.m. Ministry of Presence
- 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Chair Exercise with Mia Lee Cooper
- 2:00 p.m. Bell Rehearsal
- 3:15 p.m. Choir Practice

FRIDAY:

- 9:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training



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