

another in faith rather than avoiding one another in fear. Talk sense to us, that we may wisely put a stop to cruelty which divides and wounds. Great God, long years ago you gave our ancestors this land as a home for freedom. Show us there is no law or freedom apart from you. Allow us to serve you modestly, as devoted people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

LITANY FOR THE CHURCH

L. Father, save us from living in the past, resting on the work of others. Let us find a new beginning and a new vision; that we may know our duty in this place and this world today.

P. O Lord, please hear us.

L. Keep us from pride that excludes others from the shelter of your love; from prejudice and mass evils that scar the tissues of our common life.

P. Lord, please hear us.

L. Spare us from the selfishness that uses your house as a means for social position and personal glory, and let us not hold back what we have or what we are when there is so much need.

P. Lord, please hear us.

L. Defend us from the ignorance that nourishes injustice, from indifference that causes hearts to break; that, in these times

of racial bitterness, we may demonstrate your love and live beyond caste or color as women and men of Christ.

P. Lord, please hear us.

L. Help us to avoid isolation in our homes, while others near us do not have a bed of their own, or any quiet place; and, as we work to bring a decent life to others, let us know a purer enjoyment of all your blessings.

P. Lord, please hear us.

(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!

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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

Celtic Prayer

M. Cabaniss /Arr. J. Purifoy

Mike Finkelstein, Trumpet

Hear my voice, most gracious Lord.
O hear the prayer within my soul.

May the words rise to You with songs of praise.
Give me peace, touch my heart to feel Your everlasting love.
Hear my prayer, Holy Lord, in the morning when I rise.

Lead my life, most faithful Lord,
to seek Your thoughts and know Your will.
For my soul longs to dwell within Your care.
Give me strength, guide my steps to live according to Your Word.
Lead my life, Holy Lord, in the beauty of Your grace.

Search me, O Lord, and know my heart.
Try me, O God, and know my thoughts.
Find any wrong that dwells within my heart.
And lead me forever in Your everlasting love.

I will sing with all my heart, I sing of God's unchanging love.
For His mercy endures forevermore.
May my trust rest in God to know the fullness of His grace.
Here my prayer, Holy Lord, in the stillness of this hour.
Hear my prayer, Holy Lord, in the stillness of this hour.

PASTOR PRAYER AND 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

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43: 1-10

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.”
Lead out those who have eyes but are blind,
who have ears but are deaf.
All the nations gather together

and the peoples assemble.
Which of their gods foretold this
and proclaimed to us the former things?
Let them bring in their witnesses to prove they were right,
so that others may hear and say, "It is true."
"You are my witnesses," declares the LORD,
"and my servant whom I have chosen,
so that you may know and believe me
and understand that I am he.
Before me no god was formed,
nor will there be one after me.

Luke 3: 21-22

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."

SERMON

"FEAR NOT"

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* 35

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty: from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN

What Child Is This

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CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

We Three Kings

(with *Farandole* from “L’ Arlesienne Suite no 2 “by Bizet)

J.H. Hopkins Jr. /Arr. L. Mckechnie

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

✠ **DOXOLOGY**

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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

✠ **HYMN**

Born in the Night, Mary’s Child

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✠ **CHARGE AND 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 as 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 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**

Zadok the Priest

G.F. Handel

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

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All Worship Services are available for replay on our website:

www.valleypres.net

Flowers for the Sanctuary were provided by: Pastor Craig, for the joy of being your pastor!

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized or in rehabilitation: Nancy Lamphere

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
December-2021		Through Week #1 (1/2/2022)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 56,218	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	178
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 51,404	* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	178
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 675,567	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	221
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 629,277	** YTD 2022 Viewing On-Line	221
		* YTD 2022 Attendance / On-Line	399
		* YTD 2021 Attendance Sanctuary	89
* YTD = Year to Date ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service			
D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dxh38@cox.net - 520-399-3959 2022 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member			

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, 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 JANUARY 11—FAITH WORKS

How do we make sense of the complexity of modern life from a Christian worldview? In partnership with the Faith Formation group, a new class named "Faith Works" will be starting Tuesday, January 11 at 4:00 p.m. This class centers on lively discussion about current events. We will be using a website wiredword.com most of the time, but will always allow for more current events to be discussed. For more information, contact Chuck Ramsay at chuckramsay517@gmail.com or 520-526-2593.

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!

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 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!

VPC Pictorial Directory, What Happened? In 2019 we started a Pictorial Directory, but Covid-19 ended it. That provider is out of business, so we are starting over. Please reserve a date and time to get your picture taken today at the **Directory Table** or later on-line.

Women's Ministries WILL have a lunch Gathering on January 18th at 11:30. The program will be about Ronald McDonald House in Tucson and the Presby Gift will be cash donations to go to Ronald McDonald House. Reservations will be taken before and after Worship Service at the Women's Ministries table on January 9th and 16th. Cost is \$11.00

Music In The Valley Presents Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. An afternoon of popular classical, Broadway and pop String Quartet Music.

 <p>Valley Presbyterian Church <i>Oasis of Grace</i></p> <p>2800 S. Camino del Sol Green Valley, AZ 85622 Telephone: (520) 625-5023 Web: www.valleypresbyterian.net Email: vpc-office@valleypres.net</p> <hr/> <p>We are a Stephen Ministry Church</p>	 <p>Valley Presbyterian Church (USA)</p> 	<p>REV. DR. CRAIG LINDSEY, <i>Head of Staff</i> REV. DIANE CHRISTOPHER, Associate <i>Pastor of Discipleship</i></p> <p>CHRISTINE ERICKSON, RN, <i>Parish Nurse</i> JAMIE REED, <i>Director of Music</i> WES MOULTON, <i>Organist/Accompanist</i> REV. JOE HAWKINS, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i></p>
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