



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 30, 2022

PRELUDE *Morning Hymn* H. Gardiner

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Pastor Craig

NOISY OFFERING

PASSING THE PEACE

RINGING THE BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Diane

God's Son called disciples to service. May we who have also heard his Call, rise up to follow where God leads, obedient to Jesus' perfect will. Great God, give us patience to speak good news to those who oppose us, help to those who may rage, so that following the way of Jesus we may rejoice even when rejected.

✠ **OPENING HYMN**

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, through your Son you have called us to repent of our sin, to believe the good news, and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom. Like Christ's first apostles, may we hear his call to discipleship, and forsaking old ways, proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken world. Anoint us with your Holy Spirit, that we too may bring good news to the poor, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known to us your glory.

(Silent prayer) Amen

POURING OUT THE WATERS / ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Holy God confounds the world's wisdom in giving the kingdom to the lowly and pure in heart. 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

Thy Word

W. Smith, A. Grant
/Arr. J. Schrader

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
still You're there right beside me.

And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.

Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, I will still give thee aid.

I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

I will not forget Your love for me, and yet
my heart forever is wandering.

Jesus, be my guide, and hold me to Your side;
and I will love You to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

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

SCRIPTURES

Luke 4: 16-30

Jim Nelson

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, and he began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself! Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”

“I tell you the truth,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

I Corinthians 13: 1-13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears.

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

SERMON

“THE WORD IN OUR MOUTHS”

✠ **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** *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* 187

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus* Arr. D.L. McKechnie
(with *Claire de Lune* by Debussy)

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

✠ **DOXOLOGY** 606

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** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* 169

✠ **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** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee with Rondeau*
Beethoven, Mouret/Arr. R. Lau

✠ **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: Geneva Halliday in honor of Rev. Diane Christopher.

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized or in rehabilitation:

The Noisy Offering Today provides salary support to Pam and Dave Lovett, who are missionaries to Southern Asia.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
December-2021		Through Week #4 (1/23/22)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 63,748	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	216
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 51,404	* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	872
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 683,097	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	254
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 629,277	** YTD 2022 Viewing On-Line	895
		* YTD 2022 Attendance / On-Line	1,767
		* YTD 2021 Attendance Sanctuary	323
<i>* YTD = Year to Date ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service</i>			
<i>D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dxb38@cox.net - 520-399-3959 2022 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member</i>			

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.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING of the Valley Presbyterian Church will be TODAY, January 30, 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!

GOSPEL HYMN SING

Today we will celebrate the 5th Sunday of the month by having an Old-Time Gospel Hymn Sing at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will sing Gospel and spiritual tunes from the American evangelical tradition.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY The photographer for our church Pictorial Directory will be here this week. Check the article in the February Valley Voice for what to expect at your appointment. If you need to cancel or change your appointment, please follow the instructions at the very top of the confirmation email you received at the time you booked your appointment. Can't find that confirmation? Check your SPAM folder - the sender is *Online scheduler*. Thank you for participating in making our Pictorial Directory the best it can be!

EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP CLASS,

Thursdays: February 3, 10, 17, 10:00 – 11:30a.m.

and Thursday, February 24, 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

The Exploring Membership Class is designed to answer your questions and take you through the steps toward membership. Contact Pastor Diane Christopher to register (520-625-5023).

JOIN US FOR EMPTY BOWLS, February 19th, beginning at 10:00 A.M. This will be a walk-through event with wonderful raffle baskets and silent auction items to view. Soup will be to-go with many varieties to select from. Tickets are \$25.00 and will be on sale beginning today.

HOW THE HECK CAN I EXPRESS MY FAITH?

Mondays, Feb 14, 21, 28 at 1 p.m. in Classroom 5 and on Zoom

Pastor Diane and Linda Freeman will guide you in how you can communicate your faith through writing a devotion. Your devotion will be used in our email blasts during Lent. If you would like to attend by Zoom, contact Pastor Diane (pastordiane@valleypres.net; 520-625-5023).



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