



L: Lent calls us to worship together, to tell future generations the good news.

**P: Lent calls us to practice justice, to bring God's hope to all people.**

L: Lent calls us to faithful living, to trust the One who gives us life.

**P: Lent calls each of us to take up our cross, to trust the One who bears it with us.**

L: Lent calls us to journey with God.

**P: Let us worship God, who walks with us, this and every day.**

✠ HYMN

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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**CALL TO PRAYER**

Pastor Craig

As our hymn said, our hearts are prone to wander, to leave the God we love. Let us ask God to seal our hearts for God's courts above.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

L: I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you, says the Lord.

**P: A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.**

L: Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart,

**P: A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.**

L: I will give you a heart with which to understand that I am the Lord. You shall be my people and I will be your God,

**P: A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.**

L: Oh, that today you would hear his voice: “Harden not your hearts.”

**P: A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.**

(Silent Confessions) Amen

### **POURING OUT THE WATERS/ ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

My friends, know that God hears the prayers we say together and those we have lifted in the silence of this sanctuary. Lent offers us a chance to begin again, knowing that God knows us and loves us still. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

✠ **KYRIE**

*Lord, Have Mercy*

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Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Amen, Amen.

**ANTHEM**

*If You Love Me*

J. Raney

My peace I give you, my peace I leave with you,  
And I will comfort you in times of trouble.  
And if you love me keep my commands.  
Though I may leave you, I will return,  
I'll go prepare for you a place beside me.  
And if you love me keep my commands.

Because I live, you too, shall live.  
I bring you peace that the world cannot give.  
If you love me.

**PASTORAL 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.**

**(CHORAL RESPONSE)**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

*\* After Children's Time, children are invited to Classroom 3 for Sunday School.*

**SCRIPTURE**

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.  
I am your shield,  
your very great reward.”

But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness. He also said to him, “I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.”

But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?”

So the LORD said to him, “Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.”

Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him....

When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates—

**SERMON**

**“Cutting a Deal”**

**INSTALLATION OF DEACONS**

Cheryl Stepp  
Victor (Bud) Landry

⌘ **HYMN**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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**CALL FOR OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings*  
*from A German Requiem*

J. Brahms

*\*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**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehova*

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✠ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

✠ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *No End There Is!*

No end there is!  
We depart in peace.  
He loves beyond our uttermost:  
In every room in our father's house  
Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

✠ **POSTLUDE**

*Voluntary V*

H. Purcell

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

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**All Worship Services are available for replay on our website:**

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**FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY ARE PROVIDED BY:** Gee-Gee Smith in  
Memory of her father.

**Please remember those hospitalized or in rehabilitation:**  
 Mary Lou Browne, Mike Peake

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
February-2022		Through Week #10 (03/06/22)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 68,702	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	304
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 85,878	* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	2,667
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 162,944	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	164
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 185,481	** YTD 2022 Viewing On-Line	1,908
		* YTD 2022 Attendance / On-Line	4,575
		* YTD 2021 Attendance Sanctuary	968
<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](http://valleypres.net) where you can sign up for our daily email blasts and monthly newsletter. Children are invited to worship in the sanctuary then attend Sunday School after children’s Time.

We are glad you have joined us today.

**LENTEN TAIZÉ WORSHIP SERVICE, THURSDAYS AT 5:00 PM.**

Spend time in meditation and song during the Lenten Taizé service, at 5:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center.

**HOLY SOLITUDE, MONDAYS AT 10:00 A.M.**

We invite you to join us as we discuss our reading and our experiences of fasting and giving. This book may be purchased for \$12 from Pastor Diane.

### **UKRAINIAN REFUGEE RELIEF**

Those wishing to make an additional offering to support Ukrainian refugee Relief can simply write that in the memo line of checks made out to the church, or with a notation on your giving envelope.

**Mission Breakfast March 26 at 8:30 a.m.** Tickets are \$5 and will support the St. Andrews Children's Clinic.

### **LINES, CURVES AND COLORS, YOUR GUIDE LINDA FREEMAN:**

Mondays beginning March 14th, 1:00pm—1:30pm. Classroom 5. This Lenten Class is for the visual in you. Using Music and the art of Coloring.

### **SNACK BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS:**

The mission Committee will be sponsoring Snack Bags for the Homeless during Lent. We will be collecting 13 different items to fill each bag. Today will be our INTRODUCTION SUNDAY!

### **FRIENDSHIP KETTLE DINNER MARCH 20, 2022:**

The Irish themed event will include a dinner of Corned Beef and Cabbage. Then the highlight will be a performance by Celtic Steps, an Irish Dance Group. Tickets are \$15 and will be available Sunday March 6th and 13th after the Worship Service.

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRIES GATHERING LUNCH MARCH 15, AT 11:30 A.M.**

Featuring Nancy Kirk, Director of Philanthropy for the local Ronald McDonald House. Tickets are available this Sunday for \$11.

## THIS WEEK

### Monday

- 9:00 am Parkinsons Chair Exercises
- 9:00 am GVCC Rehearsal
- 10:00 am Holy Solitude
- 1:00 pm Lines, Curves and Colors
- 2:30 pm Journey Through Grief
- 6:30 pm GVCC Concert

### Tuesday

- 8:00 am Mission Committee
- 9:00 am Cardio Drumming
- 9:30 am Prayer Ministry
- 11:30 am Women's Ministries Gathering & Lunch
- 2:00 pm GVCC Concert
- 4:00 pm Faithworks—Zoom Class

### Wednesday

- 9:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 am Parkinson's Chair Exercises
- 10:00 am Chair Exercise with Mia
- 10:00 am Finance Committee
- 11:00 am Patio Sale—Volunteers Lunch
- 2:00 pm Bell Rehearsal
- 3:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday

- 1:00 pm Southern Arizona Genealogical Society
- 2:30 pm Journey Through Grief
- 5:00 pm Lenten Taizé

### Friday

- 9:00 am Parkinson's Chair Exercises
- 9:00 am Stephen Ministry Training



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