

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.

Joel will present a class on Valley Presbyterian's Music Ministry this coming Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center. Come with your questions and learn about what really goes on in the music ministry at VPC!

The Inquisitors: Last Spring, with "Living the Questions," we started examining our faiths in an environment where participants could interact with each other and fine tune our beliefs to make them more worth having and living. Join us on Fridays at 1:30 p.m. in Classroom 1, to continue discussing this topic. For further information contact: Grant Stitt (396-3549 or email stitt@unr.edu).

Women's Ministries is co-sponsoring the PW de Cristo Spring Gathering. Please join us for a rewarding day with keynote speaker, Rev. Yung Me Morris, whose presentation will focus on trauma and healing. More information and registration forms are available at the Women's Ministries Table in Charter Hall. Please stop by to reserve your spot for an inspirational day of spiritual renewal.

The Tucson Highlanders Concert: Saturday, March 23 at 3:30 p.m. Come and enjoy this outdoor concert under the solar panels in the church parking lot. Please bring your own chairs if possible. There is no charge, but a free-will offering will be taken. And, the Valley Galley will be on-site with "goodies" for sale to satisfy your sweet tooth.

Snack Bags for the Homeless! Today, in Charter Hall we will begin collecting 10 different items to fill Snack Bags for the needy. These items include: Bottled Water, Tuna and Cracker Packets, Peanut Butter Cracker Packets, Cheese and Cracker Packets, Granola Bars, Gorp/Trail Mix (in small packages), Vienna Sausage, Apple Sauce Cups/Fruit Snacks, Peanuts, and Wet Wipes.

Youth on Their Own (YOTO): Join us for inspirational card making on Wednesday, March 27 at 2:00 p.m. in Classroom 5. Come join in the creative fun as we make cards to be included with stipend checks which are given to YOTO students each month.

Presbyterian Campus Ministry (PCM): Mark your calendar for the PCM Mothers Day fundraiser at Gaslight on Sunday, May 12th at 6:00 p.m. Contact George Curtis 520 625-23094 or email crtkar9@cox.net to make a reservation for tickets (\$35).

Lenten Devotionals (*On Calvary's Hill* by Max Lucado) are still available for \$5. They can be purchased in the church office during the week or at the Welcome Center.

Thank you to our volunteers!

Coffee Fellowship

Rosie Blair, Barbara Dittmer
Nancy & Bill Sproul

Information Center

Jim & Shelly Bellotty

Medical Team

Marvin Clark

Visitor's Table

Rick & Pat Nau

Welcome Centers

Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

La Posada Service of Worship

Marti Long, Darlene Herrick,
Parker Long

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

Roger McFarland

Patio Sale News: Patio Sale pick-ups will resume on Friday, March 29. There will be no pick-ups on March 22.

Friendship Kettle Dinner: Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Join us for a meal of Corned Beef and Cabbage, then at 6:00 p.m. enjoy a program of old band music by the AZ Banjo Blasters. Tickets (\$13) will be available in Fellowship Hall today after the worship service.

Mission Breakfast is Saturday, March 30 at 8:30 a.m., will focus on services offered by Posada Life Community Services. Tickets (\$5) can be purchased on March 17 in Fellowship Hall after the worship service.

One Great Hour of Sharing: During the Lenten season, we Presbyterians, nationwide, join together to fulfill the needs of others during the time of disaster. You may ask "Where does our money go?" A gift to ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGH) enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief to those affected by national disasters, provide food for the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Please contribute by using the special envelope in your box or use the pew envelope with your check to VPC marked OGH. Thank you.

Lenten Taizé Service

Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center. If you have not experienced Taizé worship, please come for a service of beautiful music, prayer and scripture.



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REV. JOE HAWKINS, *Pastor Emeritus*

JOEL PIERCE, *Director of Music*

CHRISTINE ERICKSON, RN, *Parish Nurse*



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

✦ All those who are able, please stand **March 17, 2019**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (from St. Patrick's Breastplate)

I arise today through God's strength to pilot me; God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me.

9:20 A.M. WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH Rev. Medina

Please print your name in the Friendship Register provided in your pew.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POURING OF THE WATER

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

PRELUDE

It Wasn't His Child

Sawyer Brown

*"He grew up with His hands in wood.
And He died with His hands in wood."*

Marie Valade – soloist, Larry Worster – guitar

INTROIT *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place*

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face; surely the presence,
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Christopher

Leader: On these days of Lenten journey,
People: Christ goes with us side by side.

Leader: While we gather here for worship,
People: May our lives be focused with praise and care.

Leader: As we sing, pray and listen,
People: May God's Spirit deep within us come alive.

Leader: And may this time of worship,
People: Be for us a constant guide.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

Out of the depths I have cried to You.

O Lord, hear my voice.

With my whole heart I want to praise you.

O Lord, hear my voice.

If you, Lord should mark iniquities:

Who could stand? Who could stand? I will wait for the Lord. My soul waits, and in His word do I hope. (silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE *O Christ the Same*

O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide, still as of old upon your body bearing the marks of love, in triumph glorified: O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven, O Prince of life, in all your saving power, O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given, we bring our thanks for this the present hour.

ANTHEM *O For a Closer Walk With God* arr. Keith Getty
Sanctuary Choir, Pam Coggins – english horn

O for a closer walk with God, calm and heav'nly frame.
A light that shines upon the road, leading to the Lamb.

Where is the blessedness I knew when once I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul refreshing view living in His word?
A light to be my guide, the Father's presence at my side.
In Your will my rest I find.

O for a closer walk with God, leading to the Lamb.

A light to be my guide, the Father's presence at my side!
In Your will my rest I find.

O for a closer walk with God, leading to the Lamb.

So shall my walk be close with God with all the hopes made new.
So purer light shall mark the road leading to the Lamb, leading to the Lamb, leading to the Lamb, leading to the Lamb.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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.

YOUTH CHAT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 13:31-35

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Who Am I* John Tesh
Marie Valade – soloist, Larry Worster – guitar

SERMON The Desire of Jesus

◆HYMN *Be Thou My Vision* 339

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY *Before the Throne of God Above* Vicki Cook
Dick Johnston – soloist

◆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

◆HYMN *O Christ the Same*

O Christ the same, through all our story's pages, our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears; eternal Lord, the King of all the ages, unchanging still a mid the passing years: O Living Word, the source of all creation, who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze, O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation, we bring thanks for all our yesterdays.

O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping our lives and loves, our days and years remain, our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping, our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain: O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows, for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee, O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows, we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

◆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.

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: The Weeping Jesus

Scripture: Luke 13:31-35

³¹ At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you." ³² He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' ³³ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem! ³⁴ "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.³⁵ Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Week #10 (thru 3/10/19)			
Church Weekly Operations Finances		Church Weekly Attendance	
Weekly Giving Income	\$27,316	2019 Attendance	447
Weekly Giving Budget	\$21,192	2018 Attendance	502
*YTD Giving Income	\$187,394	*YTD 2019 Attendance	4,518
*YTD Giving Budget	\$199,172	*YTD 2018 Attendance	4,718
*YTD: Year-to-Date			
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