

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.

*We are delighted to have Todd Wachsmann conduct the choir, and Susan Predoehl play the piano for us this morning. Thank you, both, for sharing your gifts with us!

Children: Children up through 2nd grade are invited to "The Kids Room," Room #4, during the worship service. Children 3rd grade and up remain in the worship service. Children who remain in the service can obtain an activity bag in the sanctuary.

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).

Snack Bags for the Homeless! Today, in Charter Hall we will continue 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 12, 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.

NEXT SUNDAY, March 31, let's make some NOISE! It is the fifth Sunday of March, and we will take up our Noisy Offering collection of loose change for Youth on Their Own. THANKS for participating!!

The Grapevine: The next Grapevine meeting will be Monday, April 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary with the topic of church finances.

Thank you to our volunteers!

Coffee Fellowship

Network of Caring

Information Center

Roxy Blair, Pat Bruner

Medical Team

Doug Clark

Visitor's Table

Patti Bright

Welcome Centers

Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

Roger McFarland

Flowers given by: Lesley Bruce

Celebration of husband, Joe's Birthday

Sunday Coffee Fellowship is in need of cookies. We would appreciate your help so we can continue to offer treats while you gather after the service. Thank you in advance.

Network of Caring is sponsoring Fellowship after worship today. The neighborhood contacts, area leaders and leadership team want to demonstrate our love for the church family by providing the cookies, fruit, cheese and snacks as well as serving you. Caring for one another is what we do best.

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 in Fellowship Hall after the worship service today.

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.

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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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 24, 2019

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

How we underestimate your compassion, Jesus. Your compassion is limitless, and your love unending. Your welcome is gracious and extravagant. Your embrace is healing and transforming, and your commitment to us is costly and eternal. So we come to worship and open ourselves to your surprising compassion again. Amen.

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

Sanctuary

arr. Joan Dakin

Joyful Spirit Ensemble

INTROIT

The First Song of Isaiah

**Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold
and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.**

☩ CALL TO WORSHIP

Carol Peeler

Leader: Gather round, we have come for worship.

People: **We come as dry and thirsty souls longing for refreshment and hope.**

Leader: We come to be renewed in God's ever-flowing stream.

All: **For God is here among us, washing away the dust and grime of our lives, and pouring out the Spirit on all who thirst. Let us worship God together.**

◆HYMN *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* 281

INVITATION TO CONFESSION Janice Potter

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, if we have preferred the old to the new, half-life to full life, and our own achievements to your gift of life. Forgive us if we have run away from the difficult decisions of life, evading the cross and missing the mark. Have mercy on us, O God, and enable us to lay hold of the life that is life indeed. Restore to us the joy of our salvation and uphold us with your gracious Spirit. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

“Let not your heart be troubled,” his tender word I hear, and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears; though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see: His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me; I sing because I’m happy, (I’m happy,) I sing because I’m free, (I’m free,) for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

ANTHEM *Oh Lord, in Thee Is All My Trust* Thomas Tallis
Sanctuary Choir, *Todd Wachsman - conductor

O Lord, in thee is all my trust.
Give ear unto my woeful cries.
Refuse me not, that am unjust,
but bowing down thy heav’nly eyes,
behold how I do still lament
my sins wherein I thee offend.
O Lord, for them shall I be shent,
sith thee to please I do intend?

No, no, not so! Thy will is bent
to deal with sinners in thine ire:
but when in heart they shall repent
thou grant’st with speed their just desire.
To thee therefore still shall I cry,
to wash away my sinful crime.
Thy blood, O Lord, is not yet dry,
but that it may help me in time.

Haste now, O Lord, haste now, I say,
to pour on me the gifts of grace
that when this life must flit away
in heav’n with thee I may have place
where thou dost reign eternally
with God which once did down thee send,
where angels sing continually.
To thee be praise, world without end. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER Liz Haynes

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.

COMMISSIONING OF THE NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS Helen Phillips

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 13:1-9 Rev. Yung Me Suh Morris

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

SERMON Turn Around! You’re Going the Wrong Way!

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION

◆HYMN *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (v. 1 & 3) 276

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY *Lone Wild Bird* arr. Joan Dakin
Joyful Spirit Ensemble

◆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 *We Walk by Faith* (vs. 1-4) 2196

◆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.**

◆POSTLUDE *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

Today we have a guest speaker, Rev. Yung Me Suh Morris. She also spoke at the Presbyterian Women’s Spring Gathering yesterday at Valley. Rev. Morris is a first generation Korean American who learned to navigate and code-switch between two cultures all of her life. She reads the Bible using the interpretative lens of Trauma Theory, teaching people to give thanks for survival and giving a poetic dream for a future that does not yet exist.

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: Turn Around, You’re Going the Wrong Way

Scripture: Luke Luke 13:1-9

¹Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ²Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.” ⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. ⁷So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’ ⁸“‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

Our New Stephen Ministers

Bob Lillie
Marita Ramsay
Norm TenBrink



The Per Capita for 2019 is \$40.22

Week #11 (thru 3/17/19)			
Church Weekly Operations Finances		Church Weekly Attendance	
Weekly Giving Income	\$14,997	2019 Attendance	472
Weekly Giving Budget	\$20,897	2018 Attendance	495
*YTD Giving Income	\$202,391	*YTD 2019 Attendance	4,990
*YTD Giving Budget	\$220,068	*YTD 2018 Attendance	5,213
<small>*YTD: Year-to-Date</small>			
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