

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 just for you at our Visitor's Table in Fellowship Hall after our worship.

The Sonoran Bells will present a program of handbell music at VPC on November 30th at 6:00 pm. Tickets are available in Fellowship Hall after every worship service, and at the front office during the week. The following week, on December 7, Flutefinity and HarpFusion will play Christmas music in our sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. Please note this time change! Be sure to come early to both performances, as the Valley Galley will be selling treats in Fellowship Hall before the concerts!

Extended Communion Volunteers Needed: We are in need of more individuals to help with serving extended Communion the first Sunday of each month. Contact Nancy Tompkins at 625-8694.

Volunteer Scheduling Coordinator is needed for finding leaders for La Joya Worship Services. Please contact Linda Freeman at 625-5177 or Rudy Sweisfurth at 625-1331.

Adult Sunday School: Adult Sunday School Class meets in Classroom 5 at 8:30 a.m. before worship. Each Sunday's discussion topic will be the day's sermon scriptures.

Rev. Medina will be holding office hours on Wednesday, November 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at Posada Java, 665 S. Park Centre Ave., at La Posada.

Thanksgiving Dinner, will be served at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 22nd, at VPC. No tickets needed, but sign-up will be required. Sign-up in Fellowship Hall today or at the office. No charge for the meal, but donations are always appreciated.

Ready to Become a Stephen Minister? VPC will be training another class of Stephen Ministers beginning January 4, 2019. If you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening, and are interested in becoming a part of this exciting ministry, *get your application in before the Friday, December 14 deadline!* There will be a table in Fellowship Hall after the service today. Or talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders now to schedule an interview: Patti Bright. 305-3275, Gayle Tompkins, 399-3500, or Helen Phillips, 777-8027. Thank you.

November is your opportunity to "sponsor an orphan child for Christmas." VPC helps children and adults who live at the "Home for Children" in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. See Reed Olson in Fellowship Hall today to select the child/adult you want to sponsor. Donations up to \$40 per child allows us to purchase gifts for the children. Also sign up for the trip to the Home on December 8 to witness the children opening their Christmas gifts. If you have any questions, contact Reed Olson at 269-7829.

Blood Pressure Screening: Today in the Sweet Family Room after the worship service.

Thank you to our volunteers!

Coffee Fellowship
Dick & Marilyn Barney
Barbara Dittmer
Information Center
Jim & Shelley Belloty
Medical Team
Marvin Clark

Visitor's Table
Rick & Pat Nau
Welcome Centers
Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad
La Posada Service of Worship
Rudy Sweisfurth, Parker Long

Flowers given by: Liz Haynes
In memory of loved ones.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Joseph & Lesley Bruce
Linda Kucera
Geneva Halliday
Jim & Sue Luhing
Thomas Spurlock

Advent Devotionals will be available next Sunday, November 25 at the Welcome Centers and the Faith Formation Kiosk.

The Youth On Their Own MINI-MALL has close to bare shelves. Students will be shopping for needed supplies before both Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks. Priority needs include: Canned Pasta, Fish, Chicken, Chili, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Breakfast Bars, Jerky, Nuts, and Shampoo/Conditioner. There is a box in Fellowship Hall for any donations.

Come Join Us as we write notes of encouragement to Youth on Their Own (YOTO) students! We will meet on Wednesday, November 28 at 2:00 p.m. in Classroom 5. Please contact Mary Horn at 282-1390 if you have any questions.

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We are a Stephen Ministry Church



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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 **November 18, 2018**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION *Leading in Worship*
God of Gods: We come to worship today to hear your good news, to hear of faith, hope and love ringing out from your kingdom. We know that doubt, fear and hatred can shake even the strongest. Shape us into faithful hopeful people, fill us with your love that passes all understanding. We pray this together in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

9:20 A.M. WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH *Rev. Medina*
Please print your name in the Friendship Register provided in your pew.

MINUTE FOR GENEROSITY *Peggy & Jeff Babcock*

POURING OF THE WATER
L: Jesus is the Living Water. **P: Praise be to God.**

PRELUDE *I'm Gonna Sing/ Ain't-a That Good News?* *L. Shackley*
Lanny Webb - bass, Les Roberts - drums

INTROIT *Give Thanks*
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his son.
And now let the weak say "I am strong", let the poor say
"I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give Thanks.

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** *Worship Ways* *Rev. Munroe*
Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.

Love doesn't strut, Doesn't have a swelled head, Doesn't force itself on others, Love is never "me first,"
Doesn't fly off the handle, Doesn't keep score of the sins of others, Doesn't revel when others grovel,

Love takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, Puts up with anything,
Trusts God always,
Love always looks for the best, Never looks back, But keeps going to the end. Love never dies.

We are waiting to unite fully with the one great love, until then we have faith, hope, and love, but the greatest of these is love.

O God, we pursue love. We lift up our voices to you with praise and honor.

✠HYMN *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* Lobe Den Herren 482

INVITATION TO CONFESSION Rev. Christopher

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, your Wisdom calls to us but we do not hear. We confess that we ignore your calls and your commandments to welcome the stranger. We exclude, ignore and demean each other by drawing lines and building borders. Forgive our selfishness and our lack of imagination. Holy Wisdom, stir our hearts and inspire us to build your peace in our communities. Hear us now, O God, as we bring our silent prayers of confession to you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE *Thank You, Jesus*
Thank you, Jesus, amen! Thank you, Jesus, amen!
Thank you, Jesus, amen! Alleluia! Amen!

ANTHEM *Malo! Malo! Thanks Be to God!* Jesse Manibusan
(From *Misa del Mundo*)

Sanctuary Choir, Lanny Webb - bass, Les Roberts - congas
Congregation sing refrain when invited

Refrain:
Tongan: Malo! Malo! Thanks be to God!
Portuguese: Obrigado! Alleluia!
Spanish/Korean: Gracias! Kam sa ham ni da!
Malo! Malo! Thanks be to God!

Chamoru: Si Yu'us maa'se!
Indonesian: Terima kasih!
Tagalog: Maraming salamat!
German: Danke schön!
Polish: Dziękuję!

Creole: Mèsi bokou!
Mandarin: Xie xie!
Japanese: Arigato!
Italian: Grazie!
Vietnamese: Cảm ơn!
We thank you, Lord!
(refrain)

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.

Please join the Choir in singing the Great Amen.



YOUTH CHAT (September-May)
Children will remain in the sanctuary today.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

P: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Corinthians 13
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "No More Mister Nice Guy" Rev. Brad Munroe

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) p. 14

✠HYMN *We Gather Together* Kremser 559

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Generosity Pledges Are Brought Forward

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

OFFERTORY *Let All Things Now Living* arr. Michael Barnhouse

✠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 *All Creatures of Our God and King* Lasst Uns Erefruen 455

✠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 *Soon and Very Soon* Jack Schrader
Lanny Webb - bass; Les Roberts - drums

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: "No More Mister Nice Guy"
Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 13
(biblegateway.com)

¹If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If 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 do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.⁸Love 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. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹When 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 the ways of childhood behind me. ¹²For now we see only a 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.¹³And

Faith Formation Adult Studies

- ⇒ *All Those Questions You Have About Christianity, But Are Afraid to Ask!* (Formerly known as the "Adult Confirmation Class") Mondays at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5. Tomorrow's topic: "What Does God Think About War?"
- ⇒ *From the Disciples to the Dawn of the Reformation* with Professor Luke Timothy Johnson. This class meets on Fridays from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Classroom 1. For more information, contact Grant Stitt at 396-3549.

VPC Financial/Attendance Update

Week #45 (thru 11/11/18)			
Church Operations Weekly Finances		Weekly Church Attendance	
Weekly Giving Income	\$10,115	2018 Attendance	340
Weekly Giving Budget	\$13,874	2017 Attendance	355
*YTD Giving Income	\$594,581	*YTD 2018 Attendance	14,218
*YTD Giving Budget	\$623,394	*YTD 2017 Attendance	16,482

*YTD: Year-to-Date
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