

**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.

**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. Coffee and cookies will be provided.

**Children:** Children up through 2nd grade are invited to "The Kids Room," Room #4. Children 3rd grade and up remain in the worship service.

**Join the Inquisitors** as we watch and discuss "The Spiritual Brain: Science and Religious Experience," one of the Great Courses. Here, award-winning scholar and practicing neuroscientist Dr. Andrew Newberg, Director of Research at the Myrna Brind Center of Integrative Medicine at Thomas, Jefferson University Hospital, presents lectures that explore the new and exciting field of neurotheology, a discipline aimed at understanding the connections between our brains and different kinds of religious phenomena. Join us for this fascinating course on Fridays at 1:30 p.m. in Classroom 1.

**Turning the Gem Returns:** Pastor Diane's class will look at the Bible in all its layers. The class continues on Wednesday, October 16 at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5.

**Supper Clusters:** It's time to sign up for Supper Clusters. There will be a table in Fellowship Hall every Sunday after worship where you can sign up or drop off your already completed form. Sign-ups will continue through the first Sunday of December. Don't miss out.

**Prayers Answered:** Bob Rice is healing well from his accident having been "set aside for stillness!" He and Kristi plan to visit Valley Presbyterian Church for our Mission Breakfast on Saturday, November 2, at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. They will present an inspiring picture of God ministry in South Sudan. This will be followed by an exciting message from our pulpit on Sunday, November 3 at 9:30 a.m.

**DON'T FORGET!** VPC will be participating in the White Elephant Parade on Saturday, October 26! Please be aware that we will be decorating the float in the back parking lot on Friday, October 25 and the float will be parked there over the weekend which means fewer parking spots will be available on Sunday morning. We invite you to come to the parade and show your support.

**Exploring Member Class:** Saturdays, November 2, 9 and 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Classroom 5. This class is designed to answer your questions and take you through the steps toward membership. Contact Pastor Diane to register (625-5023; [pastordiane@valleypres.net](mailto:pastordiane@valleypres.net)).

## Thank you to our volunteers!

### Coffee Fellowship

Jeff Babcock, Barbara Dittmer  
Carol Wilking

### Information Center

Kay & Mike Brouwer

### Medical Team

Doug Clark

### Visitors Table

Dave & Cheryl Stepp

### Welcome Centers

Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

### Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

Tom West

Flowers given by: Bruce & Melissa Blaine

In memory of Bob & Rita Blaine

**Music in the Valley:** Tickets are on sale today after the worship service in Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$60 for season tickets or \$15 for individual concerts.

**Women's Ministries:** This is the last Sunday to make a reservation for Oct. 15th Luncheon Gathering at 11:30 a.m. Speaker will be Esther Corrales of The Salvation Army. She will be sharing details about the annual Thanksgiving Dinner and other ways they serve the Green Valley Area. The Presby Gifts will be donations to help with the expenses for The Thanksgiving Dinner. If writing a check be sure to make your check out to Women's Ministries.

**Potluck Supper:** Mark your calendars for Saturday October 26 for Parade Watching and Celebrating the Fall Season. VPC will have a float in the annual White Elephant Parade along with the Valley Galley in the morning and at 4:00 p.m., we are having a Fall Festival potluck supper under the parking lot solar panels. Bring your favorite appetizer, casserole or salad to share along with your favorite beverage and a lawn chair. The church will provide paper plates, napkins and utensils.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

For the next few Sundays the Women's Ministries table will offer tastes from our cookbook, *Faithfully Flavored*. Drop by our table in Fellowship Hall, have a sample, and maybe purchase a cookbook or two. They are perfect gifts for the holidays.



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WES MOULTON, *Organist/Accompanist*  
REV. JOE HAWKINS, *Pastor Emeritus*



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

✦ All those who are able, please stand

October 13, 2019

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

This is the text of the letter Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles, to the priests, the prophets and all the people Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. "This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel says to all those I carried into exile: Build houses and settle down: plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters: find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number in exile, do not decrease. Seek the peace and prosperity of the place to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers you too will prosper... When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray. And I will listen to you."

9:20 A.M. WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH Pastor Craig

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

### MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Jim Nelson

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

### POURING OF THE WATER

Stop in the midst of everything! Without background noise. Without words. Without music. Stop, and listen to the Oasis of Baptismal Waters welcoming us, transforming and replenishing us for life anew.

L: Jesus is the Living Water.

P: Praise be to God.

PRELUDE

*Priere à Notre Dame*

L. Boëllmann

INTROIT *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*

Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry;  
while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.  
Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;  
while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Diane

Somewhere I have never traveled is the place I long to be – its hills, its plains, streams and mountains are yet unknown to me. Just beyond the last vision of my waking dreams, over the edge of the mind’s vast sea, and still past to a farther rim – There, precisely there, marked on no map or chart but glimpsed through hope, through the reach and stretch of the yearning heart And the wordless prayer it offers when the land I have walked and the silhouette of the hills against the last leaning light of day Are carried off in the rising breath of wind blowing through the darkened cedars that sway and bow to the music sounding from somewhere I have never yet traveled.

✠HYMN *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Laudes Domini 487

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**LORD God, You brood in the night’s fearfulness; You dawn the day in its energy; You move at the edge of night into the margins of day. You dwell at the liminality between our fears and energies. You take the feeble night and give us strong days. You take our fatigue and bestow courage. You take our drowsy reluctance and fashion full-blooded zeal. What shall we say? You, only You! You at the hinge between – and then the day. You – and then us. From You in faithfulness, to us for the day, for us in freedom and courage and energy, then back to You – in trust and gratitude. And afterward, from us in Awe. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has heard our every sigh, our needs and hurts and desires. Even more, God cares. We confess our faith, we confess our failures and sins, and still God is God and God loves us. As acts of faith, we live our lives as those assured and confident of full pardon. We live in gratitude and grace.

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (vs. 1) 278

ANTHEM *Holy* arr. Fettke  
Sanctuary Choir

Holy, Holy Lord.  
Holy God of power, Holy God of might.  
Heav’n and earth are full of Your glory.  
Holy, Holy Lord.

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.

CHORAL AMEN

CHILDRENS MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 17:1-19*

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

SERMON “Clear Stained Glass Windows” Pastor-Elect Craig Lindsey

✠HYMN *God Marked a Line and Told the Sea* Kedron 283

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY *Symphony No. 9: Largo* Dvorak  
Soloist: Pam Coggins, oboe

✠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 *Lift Every Voice and Sing* Lift Every Voice 563

✠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 *Suite Gothique: Chorale* L. Boëllmann

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

*Worship Aids/Sermon Notes*

Sermon Title:

Scripture Reading: Gratitude and Grace  
**Luke 17-1-19**

17 <sup>1</sup>Jesus said to his disciples: “Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. <sup>2</sup>It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. <sup>3</sup>So watch yourselves. “If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. <sup>4</sup>Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying ‘I repent,’ you must forgive them.”<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” <sup>6</sup>He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you. <sup>7</sup>“Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat?’ <sup>8</sup>Won’t he rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink?’ <sup>9</sup>Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’” <sup>11</sup>Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance <sup>13</sup>and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” <sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup>One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup>Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

VPC FINANCIAL/ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Week #40 (through 10/6/19)			
Church Weekly Operations Finances		Church Weekly Attendance	
Weekly Giving Income	\$20,341	2019 Attendance	317
Δ Weekly Giving Budget	\$8,955	2018 Attendance	231
*YTD Giving Income	\$552,404	*YTD 2019 Attendance	12,637
Δ*YTD Giving Budget	\$494,834	*YTD 2018 Attendance	12,764
(*) YTD: Year-to-Date			
(Δ) Based on Aug 2019 Budget Adjustment		2019 Per Capita is \$40.22 per member	