

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, 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.

Prayer Request Cards: Anyone who would like the Prayer Ministry to pray for someone, please pick up a blue Prayer Request Card located in the Narthex next to the office, and in the pews. All cards are kept confidential.

Prayer Ministry: The Prayer Ministry group meets once a week to pray for our church, community, families, friends and the needs of the world. We are looking for a few more prayer warriors to join us in the Sweet Family Room every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

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 9 at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5.

VPC Mission Quilters: Quilting will meet in Fellowship Hall tomorrow from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Anyone interested, please call Patti Bright at 520-305.3275.

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.

Thank you to our volunteers!

Church Fellowship Committee, Sunday Fellowship

La Posada Service of Worship
Marti & Parker Long, Harvey Gile

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:
Milo Burnham, Nancy Moses, Janice Potter, Barb Streng
Flowers given by: Joyce Lambert
In remembrance of Mom

Music in the Valley: Today at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, Broadway's Danny Gurwin sings the hits of Tony Bennett. He will be joined by UA's Musical Theatre Students and will also lead a sing-a-long of Broadway Hits! Tickets will be available for sale at the door or through the main office for \$15 or \$60 season tickets.

Movement & Exercise:

Parkinson's Support/Exercise meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact instructor Mia Cooper at 204-5264.

Chair Exercise classes are on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. There is a fee. For more information, contact instructor Mia Cooper at 204-5264.

Week #39 (through 9/29/19)			
Church Weekly Operations Finances		Church Weekly Attendance	
Weekly Giving Income	\$12,302	2019 Attendance	241
Δ Weekly Giving Budget	\$8,878	2018 Attendance	229
*YTD Giving Income	\$532,063	*YTD 2019 Attendance	12,320
Δ*YTD Giving Budget	\$485,879	*YTD 2018 Attendance	12,533
(*) YTD: Year-to-Date			
(Δ) Based on Aug 2019 Budget Adjustment		2019 Per Capita is \$40.22 per member	



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REV. JOE HAWKINS, *Pastor Emeritus*



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

World Communion

Food Bank Collection

☩ All those who are able, please stand

October 6, 2019

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

We plan and arrange and manage our lives, as best we can, with all our allegiances, pieties, loyalties and secret ideologies, to make life safe, virtuous, secure and settled. Then God walks through our gardens, with dreams and visions, alternate purposes and demands, covenants, commandments, neighbors, strangers and others. We find God's world is not at bay, but probing, provoking, pervasive, insistent, demanding. We yield, sometimes gladly, sometimes resentfully, sometimes too late or too soon. We yield because You, God, are our God: Creator, Redeemer, the Sustenance of Life. We are your creatures, encountering your holiness, messily reconciling to become our true selves, and our calling is to yield, to welcome and to love.

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 Carmen Nylund

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POURING OF THE WATER

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

PRELUDE *Siciliano* J.S. Bach
Soloist - Betty Clapp

INTROIT *Surely the Presence of the Lord*
**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

Pastor Diane

In the Beginning, a time before there was time, a space before there was place, there was God. God, who gathered a cloud of dust with a word, compacted until it burst in a shower of stars, unnumbered configurations of matter and light dancing through the night, filling our dreams. If a forest, from year to year never fills with the same mosaic of fallen leaves, it should be no surprise, that we, creatures of stardust are as varied as the configurations of the skies, prismatic of their light, not divided in halves by twos, but by infinite gradations, infinite hues, each complimenting as they flow into waters, that send up clouds, bringing down rain, that feeds the streams. Every element in unceasing motion, which is no less water, flowing in the river, than swelling as a tide or monsoon, like love that is distinct but no less love when it flows from brother to brother than when it shines in the eyes of husband and wife, parent and child, enemies become trusted friends.

✦HYMN *God of the Sparrow* Roeder 272

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our first glimpse of reality this day, like every day, is of your fidelity, God. We are dazzled by the ways you remain constant among us, in season and out, for better and worse, in sickness and in health, even among our competing constraints. You are there in watchfulness as we sleep; You are there alert, watchful as we awake and we are glad. Before this day ends, we will have occasion to flag your absence as indifference... but not now, not at the dawn of a new day. Before this day ends, we will think, more than once, that we need to negotiate a better deal... but not now, not at the dawn of a new week. Before this day ends we will look away from you, ignoring one another, relishing our own fidelities and loyalties... but not now, not at the dawn of a new season. Now, at the dawn our eyes are fixed on God in gladness. We ask only that your faithfulness permeate every troubled place we are able to name; that your mercy move against the hurts, to make new; that your steadfastness hold firmly with tenderness what is too fragile on its own. We begin the day, this new day, in the joy, in the hope, in the gladness of life made new through Jesus Christ. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the day the LORD has made! This is the day the LORD has made, let us rejoice! This is the day the LORD has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! We could have wallowed where we were. We could have continued unchanged, unaltered, unmoved. But Almighty God entered in, offering us something unknown, extending hope, transforming us to be open to new possibilities. Friends believe the Good News, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE *Morning Has Broken* (vs. 1 & 3) 469
ANTHEM *Order My Steps* Schrader

Sanctuary Choir

Order my steps in your Word, dear Lord,
Lead me, guide me, every day.
Send your anointing, Father, I pray.
Order my steps in your Word.
Humbly I ask Thee, teach me your will,
While You are working, help me be still.
Tho' Satan is busy, God is real!
Order my steps in your Word.
I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill.
Please order my steps, Lord, and I'll do your blessed will.
The world is ever changing, but You are still the same.
If you order my steps, I'll praise your name.
Order my steps in your Word, order my tongue;
Guide my feet in your Word, wash my heart.
Show me how to walk,
show me how to talk.
When I need a brand new song to sing,
Show me how to let your praises ring.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING *An Account of the Genealogy of Jesus Christ*
Matthew 1:1-17

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

SERMON "New Good News" Pastor-Elect Craig Lindsey

HYMN *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heaven* Holy Manna 268

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY *Take and Eat* Grier

✦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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

SINGING THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE CUP

Worshipers are invited to take the elements as each are passed and then hold until all can receive together.

✦HYMN *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Royal Oak 267

✦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 *Psalm XIX* B. Marcello

~~OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!~~

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: New Good News

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 1:1-17

An Account of the Genealogy of Jesus

1 This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham: ² Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers ³ Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, ⁴ Ram the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵ Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife, ⁷ Solomon the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa, ⁸ Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram, Jehoram the father of Uzziah, ⁹ Uzziah the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, ¹⁰ Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, Amon the father of Josiah, ¹¹ and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon. ¹² After the exile to Babylon: Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, ¹³ Zerubbabel the father of Abihud, Abihud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴ Azor the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Akim, Akim the father of Elihud, ¹⁵ Elihud the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, ¹⁶ and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah. ¹⁷ Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah.