

**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.

**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 which begins Friday, September 20, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in Classroom 1. It will be an exciting experience!

**Women's Ministries:** Remember to make your reservation for the first Gathering of the year on Sept 24. This one will be at the Recreation Center on the La Posada Campus. Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Program: First lesson of the new 2019-2020 Bible Study: *Words of Love*. I Am Your God, led by Pastor Diane Christopher. This is the last day to make your reservations.

**SHiM Event at VPC:** Please join us on here at VPC on Monday, September 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the Eighth Annual Fall Prevention Day: Stay Vertical. Healthcare speakers from Phoenix, Tucson, and the local Hospital will speak on various topics related to health and falls. You will also be able to participate in balance and blood pressures screenings and Tai Chi and Chair Exercises. The Walgreen's Flu Clinic will be at this event from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SunTran Cards will be available for a small fee. Listen to wonderful presentations and visit the various tables. Enjoy a free lunch: Please register with Valley Assistance Services #625-5966.

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

**Turning the Gem Returns:** Pastor Diane's class will look at the Bible in all its layers. The class begins on Wednesday, October 2 at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5.

**Thank you to our volunteers!**

**Coffee Fellowship**  
Cheryl & Dave Stepp  
**Information Center**  
Pat Bruner  
**Medical Team**  
Marvin Clark

**Visitors Table**  
Patti Bright  
**Welcome Centers**  
Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad  
**La Posada Service of Worship**  
Carol Wilking, Betty Clapp,  
Parker Long

**Flowers given by:** Lee Ann & Tommy Calhoun  
**In memory of my mother, Ruth Freyermuth**

**Hurricane Dorian Response:** Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is teaming up with other international response organizations to help the people in the Bahamas. Right now, the best way to help is cash donations. You can write a check to Valley Presbyterian Church and write on the memo line "PDA Hurricane Dorian." Place your check in the offering plate, or bring/mail to the church office during the week.

**Patio Sale Sorting for 2019 in Fellowship Hall**

Thursday, October 10 at 8:00 a.m.  
Thursday, November 7 at 8:00 a.m.  
Thursday, December 19 at 8:00 a.m.

**VPC FINANCIAL/ATTENDANCE UPDATE**

Week #36 (through 9/8/19)			
Church Weekly Operations Finances		Church Weekly Attendance	
Weekly Giving Income	\$9,347	2019 Attendance	227
Δ Weekly Giving Budget	\$6,978	2018 Attendance	180
*YTD Giving Income	\$502,795	*YTD 2019 Attendance	11,608
Δ*YTD Giving Budget	\$460,524	*YTD 2018 Attendance	11,879
(*) YTD: Year-to-Date			
(Δ) Based on Aug 2019 Budget Adjustment		2019 Per Capita is \$40.22 per member	



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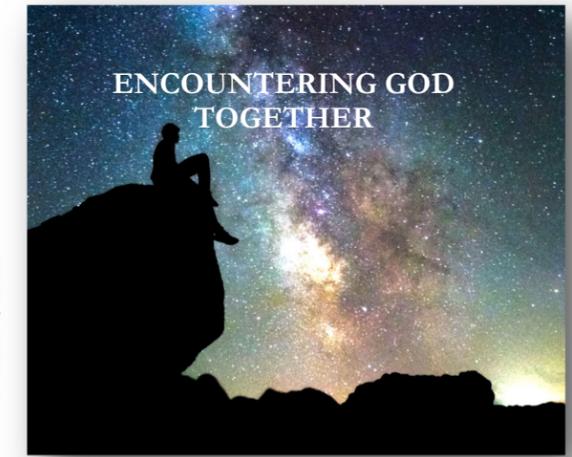


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We are a Stephen Ministry Church



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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 **September 15, 2019**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

We lift our voices to bless you, O God; we bow down before you in humble adoration. You are honored among the hosts of heaven; your word spreads throughout the earth. We proclaim you God of all creation who sent Christ to redeem the nations. Filled with your Spirit, we sing in jubilation; we are your people and your love endures. Amen.

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

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**POURING OF THE WATER**

*Jesus is the Living Water.* **Praise be to God.**

**PRELUDE**

*Jesus, Name Above All Names* Naida Hearn

Joyful Spirit, clarinet: Martha Ashton, voice: Carrie Malovich

**INTROIT**

*Jesus, Name Above All Names*

**Jesus, name above all names,  
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us,  
blessed Redeemer, living Word.**

♦**CALL TO WORSHIP**

- L. Praise the Lord! Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.
- P. **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**
- L. From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- P. **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

**All. Praise the Lord!!**

◆HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* 464

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**L:** So often, O God, we struggle to pray because we are afraid we do not know how. We try to sort the good from the bad in our lives, and become tongue-tied. We lift up the concerns closest to our hearts yet feel guilty as we forget the needs of others, or work so hard to lift up the sick and the suffering, the hungry and the helpless, that we neglect our own aches and longings.

**P:** So we continue to confess our own need of you — you who come to love us, heal us and make us whole. Hear even our simple or sinful prayers. Change us from broken, earthbound creatures to proclaimers of your heavenly glory and power. Give us voices to pray and sing, ears to hear your truth and wisdom, all in the name of Jesus the Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**RESPONSE OF ASSURANCE** *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,  
when song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free:  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.  
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

**ANTHEM** *Total Praise* Raney

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills,  
Knowing my help is coming from you.  
Your peace you give me in time of the storm.  
You are the source of my strength,  
You are the strength of my life.  
I lift my hands in total praise to you.  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty.  
Early in the morning my song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty.  
God, in three persons, blessed Trinity.  
Amen.

**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.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Psalm 100, Colossians 3:12-17 Jeff Babcock  
*This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God*

**SERMON** Encountering God Together Pastor Diane

◆HYMN *Let All Things Now Living* 554

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

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

**OFFERTORY** *Oh Lord I Long to See You*  
words: Dakin & Freeman, voice: Linda Freeman

◆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 Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* 142

◆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.



**Music in the Valley  
Season Ticket**

October - Danny Gurwin & UA Music Theatre  
November - UA's Symphonic Choir  
December - Festival of Keys  
January - UA Piano Trio  
February - The Sanctuary Choir  
March - UA Jazz  
April - Caleb Collins - Gospel and Jazz  
[www.valleypresbyterian.net/music-in-the-valley](http://www.valleypresbyterian.net/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.

POSTLUDE *Come Christians, Join to Sing* arr. M. Hayes

**OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!**

*Worship Aids/Sermon Notes*

Sermon Title: Encountering God Together

Scriptures:

**Psalms 100**

<sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. <sup>2</sup> Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. <sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. <sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

**Colossians 3:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. <sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the