

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.

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.

Women's Ministries: Remember the first Gathering of the year on September 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.

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.

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
Mary & Dick Horn
Information Center
Pat Bruner
Medical Team
Marvin Clark

Visitors Table
Patti Bright
Welcome Centers
Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:
Dorothy Barker, Marlene Farver

Flowers given by: Bob & Mary Lillie
In honor of our 62nd Wedding Anniversary

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.

Creating Inspirational Cards for Youth on Their Own (YOTO): Plan to join us on Wednesday, September 25 at 2 p.m. in Classroom 1. We will have stickers, ribbons, fabric, markers galore, and inspirational sayings "at the ready" to help us create fun cards for students of YOTO. These cards are included with their monthly stipend checks and express a caring thought for each individual student. Hope to see you there!

VPC FINANCIAL/ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Week #37 (through 9/15/19)			
Church Weekly Operations Finances		Church Weekly Attendance	
Weekly Giving Income	\$7,641	2019 Attendance	236
Δ Weekly Giving Budget	\$8,451	2018 Attendance	218
*YTD Giving Income	\$510,436	*YTD 2019 Attendance	11,844
Δ*YTD Giving Budget	\$468,976	*YTD 2018 Attendance	12,097
(*) 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.

♦ **All those who are able, please stand** **September 22, 2019**

Almighty God, humbly revealed to us in your Son, Jesus Christ, we seek to be your faithful servants. Direct our thoughts, words and actions as we worship you, that we will follow his example and share in his obedience to your will.

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

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY Noisy Offering George Curtis

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PRELUDE *Nimrod* E. Elgar

INTROIT *Jesu, Jesu, fill Us with Your Love*

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from You.
These are the ones we should serve,
These are the ones we should love;
All are neighbors to us and You.
Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with Your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from You.**

♦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Gee-Gee Smith

Leader: As people of Christ,
People: **We seek to be of the same mind as Christ.**

Leader: As people of Christ,
People: **We seek to have the same love as Christ.**

Leader: As people of Christ,
People: **We seek to look to the interests of others.**

Leader: As people of Christ,
People: **We come together this morning to proclaim
Jesus Christ is Lord!**

All: **Let us worship joyfully!**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: It seems we cannot decide, Cloud of Glory.

P: **We say we will live to serve others, but end up meeting only our needs. We claim to live in a way that honors Christ, but we do not take Christ with us each day.**

L: Forgive us, Presence of Peace.

P: **Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace. Instead of continual complaining, may we carry compassion to the hurting. Instead of whiners, may we be workers with Jesus Christ to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet.** (silent confessions)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: This is the good news: there is no ranking in God's kingdom. God graces everyone with the same gifts: mercy, restoration, new life.

P: **We have been forgiven, we have been made new people. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

RESPONSE OF ASSURANCE *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**Christ breaks the power of reigning sin,
And sets the prisoner free;
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean,
Christ's blood availed for me.**

ANTHEM

With a Voice of Singing

Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,

O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.

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.



SCRIPTURE READINGS Colossians 3:12-17, Philippians 2:5-8

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Judy Aguayo

SERMON The Heart of a Servant

Pastor Diane

◆HYMN

Make Me a Servant

2176

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY

Laudamus te

Vivaldi

Soloists: Marie Valade; Linda Freeman

◆DOXOLOGY

Old One Hundredth

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**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 Are Called

2172

◆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

Recessional in G

A. Fedak

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!



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

Tickets are on sale today after the worship service in Fellowship Hall.

The cost is \$60 for season tickets or \$15 for individual concerts.

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: The Heart of a Servant

Scriptures:

Colossians 3:12-17

¹²Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let 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. ¹⁷And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Philippians 2:5-8

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

VPC's mission statement:

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The principles to accomplish this are:

- Worship that glorifies God
- Growing our faith in love, hope and the peace of Christ
- Caring for the children of God
- Reaching out to the community and the world
- Seeking an attitude of servant-hood.