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**Alex Diaz**  
**Julie Gonet**

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**Dee Ellis**

*And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called The Holy Way.*  
*Isaiah 35:8*

*The Holy Way Presbyterian Church brings the good news of  
Jesus Christ to all God's people and faithfully follows the  
Lord's holy way*



# **THE HOLY WAY**

**Presbyterian Church**

**Pastor Raymond S. Thomas**

**The Holy Way Presbyterian Church, 4040 S. Bilbray Ave., Tucson, AZ 85746**  
**(520) 883-9417**

**A Stephen Ministry Congregation**

January 1, 2017

*“Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.”*  
Luke 2:51-52

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — WELCOME

**PRELUDE** *I Am Gonna Sing/Ain't-A That Good News?*  
arr. Larry Shackley

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**LEADER:** God is here! The Messiah has come!

**PEOPLE:** We open our eyes to see him and lift our hearts to worship him.

**LEADER:** We have come to exalt the name of Jesus, our Savior and King.

**PEOPLE:** Come, let us worship! Come, let us adore him!

**\*HYMN** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #133

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Christ, you call us to clothes ourselves in love, walk in your truth, and grow in God's wisdom. But these garments are often awkward, your path sometimes rocky, and this growth not always comfortable. Forgive us when we seek our own comfort rather than your more difficult road. Forgive us when we prefer comfy old shoes to the new footwear you offer us to follow more challenging paths. Clothe us in your truth and bind us to your love. Weave us with the threads of your mercy that we may be a community of faith and wisdom, reaching out to those who yearn to walk in your ways.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\*RESPONSE** *Glory Be to the Father* #581

## A TIME OF GREETING

**ANTHEM** *Mary Did You Know?* Solo by Rosalie Baumrucker

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** (After the message, children entering the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger are invited to attend Sunday School in the Ranch House.)

**SCRIPTURE** (OT p. 640) Isaiah 63:7-9

**HYMN** *The First Nowell* #147

## OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

**OFFERTORY** *The Gift of Love* arr. John Carter

**\*DOXOLOGY** #606

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**SCRIPTURE** ( NT p. 59) Luke 2:41-52

**SERMON** “Resolving to Grow”

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
(Please hold the elements so all may partake together)

## OUR CARES AND CELEBRATIONS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Amen* #601

**\*HYMN** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* #132

## \*BENEDICTION

**\*RESPONSE** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

**POSTLUDE** *Lord of Dance* arr. Joel Raney

\*Please stand if you are able

# Calendar

## PRAYER CONCERNS



Sun.	Jan. 1	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Worship, Sunday School, Communion & Food Bank Alateen & Alanon Meeting
Mon.	Jan. 2	9:30 am	Yoga
Tues.	Jan. 3	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm	Bible Study Finance Comm. Mtg PSM Al-anon Meeting  <b>Annual Reports Due in Office Today</b>
Thurs.	Jan. 5	8:00 am 9:00 am	Men's Breakfast (Little Mexico) Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision
Sun.	Jan. 8	9:30 am After Worship After Worship  6:00 pm	Worship, & Sunday School Board of Deacons Meeting Worship Comm. Meeting  Alateen & Alanon Meeting

### SESSION:

Class of 2016	Sherri Atleson	Cong. Life, Mission, Worship
Class of 2016	Dee Ellis	Admin., Christian Ed., Deacons
Class of 2016	Sharon Groves	Clerk, Nominating Committee
Class of 2016	Mooneen Ringenberg	Mission
Class of 2017	Karl Allen	Christian Education, Worship
Class of 2017	Barbara Armbruster	Congregational Life
Class of 2017	Carol Hearn	Cong. Life, Finance, Mission
Class of 2017	Dennis Toresdahl	Buildings & Grounds
Class of 2018	Tom Bernardo	Admin./ Buildings & Grounds
Class of 2018	Ellen LaCroix	Mission
Class of 2018	Marcus Mattias	Christian Education
Class of 2018	Dudley Williams	Buildings & Grounds, Finance

Soldiers, Peacemakers, Police, & First-Responders – for their physical, mental, and spiritual health.

For a positive and faithful resolution to our broken immigration system.

Andy Thomas – our YAV serving in Asheville, NC

All the unspoken prayer concerns.

Your prayers this week will give them the sustaining power we all need. Please pray for them!

Barbara Armbruster – Health Concerns

Janet Borne– Health Concerns

Marci Cary (friend of Toni Rivers) – Health Concerns

Ali Clay – Health Concerns

Russell Criswell (Gwen's son) – Health Concerns

Alex Diaz – Health Concerns

T.R. Ellis – Health Concerns

Julie Gonet – Health Concerns

Laurie LaCouture – Health Concerns

Dave Malmberg – Health Concerns

Wendy Mattias' friend, Toni – Health Concerns

Peter McNew (son-in-law of Madeline Cokeley) – Health Concerns

Doug Myers – Health Concerns

Lyle Olmstead – Health Concerns

Helen Pike – Health Concerns

Betty Reichlein– Health Concerns

Betty Reichlein's son, Keith Gaston– Health Concerns

Mooneen Ringenberg's daughter, Carol – Health Concerns

Janie Saxton – Health Concerns

Charles Sayers – Health Concerns

Dionicio Valenzuela (Alfonso's Brother) – Health Concerns

Our Prayer Chain is always available – contact Phyllis Crouthers at 578-8369 or Anita Parsil at 578-2410. If unable to reach Phyllis or Anita, you can email the church office at [office@holywaypc.org](mailto:office@holywaypc.org).

# Announcements & Opportunities

January 1, 2017

Welcome to our Worship Celebration this morning!

We worship every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. and offer Sunday School for school age children. **Help us get acquainted with you by filling out our attendance pad and our guest card!** Please join us for refreshments and fellowship at our Coffee Social Time in the Ranch House following our service.

Next Sunday's Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 42:1-9

Matthew 3:15-17

**Personal Receivers** are available in the AV Room for those needing hearing assistance. **Any chair in our sanctuary can be moved** to make room for persons in **wheelchairs**—our ushers are ready to help. Recorded Audio Tapes are available in the AV Room after each service, and you can **read our sermons** online at [www.holywaypc.org](http://www.holywaypc.org).

- ✦ **Next Sunday, ruling elders and deacons** will be ordained and installed.
- ✦ **The Board of Deacons, and the Worship Committee** will both meet after worship next Sunday.
- ✦ **Annual reports** are due in the office on Tuesday.
- ✦ **The Men's Breakfast** is this Thursday, Jan. 5, 8 a.m., at Little Mexico Steakhouse, Valencia & Cardinal.
- ✦ **Mission Committee** will meet at the home of Rosalie Baumrucker on Jan. 9, at 6 p.m.
- ✦ **New Wednesday Class: "Violence Divine"**  
Beginning Jan. 11, we will be studying a series called **"Violence Divine: Overcoming the Bible's Betrayal of Its Non-Violent God."** Each session will include a video presentation by theologian John Dominic Crossan and a discussion afterwards. Crossan will help us "rise above the greatest of Christian treasons: that everlasting peace can only be achieved through the onslaught of divine violence." Class will meet Weds. at 1pm for 8 weeks (final class- Mar. 1). If you plan to attend, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex, email Elizabeth Smith ([esmith@holywaypc.org](mailto:esmith@holywaypc.org)) or just show up on January 11!

- ✦ **Chef Jerry is Back for Dinner in the Ranch House!** Join us, Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. The menu will be slow cooked beef, mashed potatoes & gravy, Italian green beans, rolls and dessert. There is a sign-up Sheet in the Ranch House. The Suggested donation has been changed to \$10 but remember this is a donation so don't let the change keep you from coming. All are welcome!
- ✦ **Music rehearsals** resume on Thursday, Jan. 12; Bells at 5 p.m., Chancel Choir at 6:15 p.m.
- ✦ **The Session has called for the annual meeting of the congregation** and corporation on Sunday, January 15, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to receive annual reports, elect members to the Nominating Committee, receive the 2017 budget, approve the change in terms of call for the pastor, elect officers of the corporation, and to attend to any other matters that can properly come before the meeting.
- ✦ **Pop-Up Sunday School - January 15**  
Last fall we began a new educational opportunity called "Pop-Up Sunday School!" This class "pops up" in the sanctuary after worship once a month, and each month a new topic is presented. **This month we will hear from our own Greg Hershberger who will be sharing about his recent mission trip to Kenya.** This was Greg's third trip in four years and his group worked alongside a Methodist church in Kenya. Please plan to stay after worship on January 15 to hear about this exciting trip! And don't worry about missing coffee hour. After worship you can grab a quick cup of coffee or a yummy snack before coming back into the sanctuary for Pop-Up.
- ✦ **Well Update!** For weeks we've been raising money to buy garden wells for a community in need. Our original goal was one well (\$1,500), which we quickly reached. Then we raised money for a second well...then a third. Now thanks to another anonymous donor, we have the matching funds for a fourth well! Can we do it? **Today's the deadline to donate!** Please put "Well Donation" in the memo line of any checks.
- ✦ **Every year, Presbyterian churches are assessed a "Per Capita" payment.** The annual payment is based on active membership. The assessment for 2017 is \$37 per active member (a \$2 increase from 2016). The Session invites all active members to contribute their \$37 to help offset this cost to the church (\$5,143 in 2017). Mark your contribution: "Per Capita".