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And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called The Holy Way.

Isaiah 35:8

January 3, 2016
Second Sunday after Christmas Day

"The Word became flesh and made his home among us. John 1:14

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — WELCOME

PRELUDE *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

INTROIT *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* #136

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 19:7-10)

LEADER: The Lord's Instruction is perfect, reviving one's very being.
The Lord's laws are faithful, making naïve people wise.

PEOPLE: **The Lord's regulations are right, gladdening the heart.
The Lord's commands are pure, giving light to the eyes.**

LEADER: Honoring the Lord is correct, lasting forever. The Lord's
judgments are true. All of these are righteous!

PEOPLE: **They are more desirable than gold – than tons of pure
gold! They are sweeter than honey – even dripping off
the honeycomb!**

***HYMN** *God of Our Life* #686

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we don't want to be persons who live in the past, who resist the new life You offer in Jesus Christ. We don't want fear to dominate our decisions nor reluctance to change our path. In the light of Your truth, we see our reluctance and our resistance to fully embrace Your call in Jesus Christ. Forgive us for clutching onto our nets and staying in our boats. Call us again to follow You. Speak Your newness in clear and personal ways, point out the path to follow. May the new year bring a new us which reflects the mercy, love, and joy of the one we serve, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

A TIME OF GREETING

ANTHEM *Borning Cry* Marv Knittel
soloist

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

SCRIPTURE (OT p. 734) Jeremiah 31:7-14

HYMN *As with Gladness Men of Old* #150

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY *In This Very Room* Al & Rosalie Baumrucker,
Phil Hollis, Robin Thomas,
Quartet

***DOXOLOGY** #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE (NT p. 91, Insert) John 1:1-18

SERMON "This Is Your Life"

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** *Here, O Our Lord, We See You* #517

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE *Mary, Did You Know?*

* Please stand if you are able.

Announcements & Opportunities
January 3, 2016

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.** You will find sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the Ranch House for our upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Isaiah 43:1-7
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Our church strives to be fully accessible to all persons. The **first four rows** on the pulpit side of the sanctuary are designated "**Fragrance-Free.**"

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 **listen to our sermons** online at www.holywaypc.org.

Bible Study meets on Tuesday. You are invited to join us for coffee and homemade snacks in the Conference Room at 9:00 a.m. We are studying 1 Corinthians.

Remember the church in your will

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- ✦ Next Sunday we will have our monthly **Hymnsing** at 9:20 am.
- ✦ Today, we will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion and welcome non-perishable contributions to our Food Bank.
- ✦ The **Rummage Sale Committee** invites all volunteers to attend a brief planning meeting right after worship today, in the Conference Room.
- ✦ The **Worship Committee** will meet after worship today.
- ✦ "**Holy Way Elves, the Sequel!**" Anyone interested in participating, including group supporters, are invited to our organizational meeting on Monday, at 11:00 am, in the Library.

- ✦ **Annual Reports are due in church office on Tuesday.**
- ✦ **Finance Committee** will meet on Tuesday at 10:15 am.
- ✦ **Disciplines and Borders** will meet on Tuesday at noon for a potluck meal.
- ✦ **Prayer Study with Lyle Olmstead**, will begin a 6-week study of the book "Prayer", by Richard Foster on Wednesday at 2:00 pm in the Conference Room. We will discuss chapters 2 and 3. Call Gerry Pearson with questions, (520-850-2487).
- ✦ **Men's Breakfast** is Thursday, at 8:00 am, at Little Mexico Steakhouse at Valencia and Cardinal.
- ✦ **Next Sunday, we will ordain our newly elected Ruling Elders and Deacons.**
- ✦ The **Board of Deacons** will meet after worship next Sunday.
- ✦ The **Mission Committee** will meet next Monday, January 11th, at 5:30 pm at the home of Rosalie Baumrucker.
- ✦ Join us for **Dinner in the Ranch House** Wednesday, January 13th, at 6 pm. We will be serving Slow Roasted Beef Dinner with all the fixings! The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the Ranch House.
- ✦ Session has called for the **Annual Meeting** of the congregation and corporation for Sunday, January 17th, at 10:30 am in the sanctuary. The purpose is to receive annual reports, elect members to the Nominating Committee, receive the 2016 budget, elect officers of the corporation, and to attend to any other matters that can properly come before the meeting.
- ✦ There will be a **Congregational Life Outing** in late January, 2016. Details on location and costs will be in the next bulletin or you can call Carol Hearn (520-395-0381).
- ✦ **Warming Up Sells** - Boxes will be provided in the Ranch House for collecting warm clothes and blankets for the people who live in the Sells area. Your contributions are so appreciated!

CALENDAR

Sun.	Jan. 3	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:45 am 6:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School Communion and Food Bank Sunday Rummage Sale Planning Comm. Worship Committee Alateen & Al-anon Meetings
Mon.	Jan. 4	9:30 am 11:00 am	Yoga Holy Way Elves, the Sequel
Tue.	Jan. 5	9:00 am 10:15 am Noon 4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Bible Study Finance Committee Disciplines & Borders - Potluck Girl Scouts Al-anon Meeting
Wed.	Jan. 6	11:30 am 2:00 pm	Women's Retreat Planning Comm. Prayer Study with Lyle Olmstead
Thurs.	Jan. 7	8:00 am 5:30 pm 6:15 pm	Men's Breakfast AA Meeting Chancel Choir
Sun.	Jan. 10	9:30 am 10:45 am 6:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School Board of Deacons Alateen & Al-Anon

SESSION

Class of 2015	Gerry Pearson	Congregational Life/Memorial
Class of 2015	Wendy Mattias	Administration
Class of 2015	Dougald McIntyre	Administration
Class of 2015	Dudley Williams	Buildings/Grounds/Finance
Class of 2016	Sherri Atleson	Mission/Worship
Class of 2016	Dee Ellis	Christian Education/Deacons
Class of 2016	Sharon Groves	Clerk/Welcome
Class of 2016	Mooneen Ringenberg	Mission/Welcome
Class of 2017	Karl Allen	Christian Education/Worship
Class of 2017	Carol Hearn	Congregational Life/Finance
Class of 2017	Dennis Toresdahl	Buildings/Grounds
Class of 2017	Barbara Armbruster	Congregational Life/Mission

PRAYER CONCERNS

Soldiers & Peacemakers – for their physical, mental, and spiritual health.

All the unspoken prayer concerns.

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

Margaret Agee – Health Concerns
Lynn Allen – Health Concerns
Barbara Armbruster – Health Concerns
Ruth Ann Beck – Health Concerns
Ruthann Boyce – Health Concerns
Dick Canfield (Rich Marsch's uncle) – Health Concerns
Alex Diaz – Health Concerns
Dave Malmberg – Health Concerns
Toni (Wendy Mattias' friend) – Health Concerns
Doug Myers – Health Concerns
Lyle Olmstead - Health Concerns
Anita Parsil – Health Concerns
Betty Reichlein – Health Concerns
Charles Sayers – Health Concerns
Rodger Schumacher – Health Concerns
Anne Trueman – 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.

Per Capita

Every year, Presbyterian churches are assessed a “**Per Capita**” payment, which is then distributed to the regional councils of our denomination – Presbytery, Synod, General Assembly – to cover our share of the administrative costs of those bodies. The annual payment is based on active membership. The assessment for 2016 is \$35 per active member (same as it was in 2015). The Session invites all active members to contribute their \$35 to help offset this cost to the church (\$4,585 in 2016). Mark your contribution: “Per Capita”.

“Discipleship and Borders”

We are offering a five-week class will meet on Tuesdays from 1:00-2:00pm, from January 5 through February 2. This class will allow us to think about migration from a faith perspective, while also learning more about the work of *Frontera de Cristo*. Our first class on January 5 will begin at Noon with a potluck meal. If you plan to attend, please email Elizabeth Smith at esmith@holywaypc.org.

The Heifer Project

Did you know that a heifer is a female animal that has never had a calf? Once a heifer has a calf, she automatically becomes a cow.

The **Mission Committee** is focusing on raising money to purchase a Gift Ark through Heifer International. Giving an animal is like giving someone a small business, providing wool, milk, eggs and more. It can literally change lives..

The committee will be sharing information with you about this project soon; and, how we can raise the needed funds.

Be on the lookout for a fund raiser on Valentine's Day. It will be very sweet!