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

Isaiah 35:8

January 4, 2015

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

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — WELCOME

PRELUDE *Prelude in C Minor*

INTROIT *Shall we Gather at the River* Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 121, CEB)

LEADER: I raise my eyes toward the mountains. Where will my help come from?

PEOPLE: **My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

LEADER: God won't let your foot slip. Your protector won't fall asleep on the job.

PEOPLE: **No! Israel's protector never sleeps or rests.**

LEADER: The Lord is your protector; the Lord is your shade right beside you.

PEOPLE: **The sun won't strike you during the day; neither will the moon at night.**

LEADER: The Lord will protect you from all evil; God will protect your very life.

PEOPLE: **The Lord will protect you on your journeys – whether going or coming – from now until forever from now.**

***HYMN** *As with Gladness Men of Old* #150

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord of all creation, who sent a star to guide seekers to where Jesus was, we confess our hesitation to go where Jesus is. With the hurting, the lost, and the helpless, where cries are loud and light is dim, Your Son goes. We follow at a safe distance. Our treasure is doled out slowly; not lavishly given.

Lord our God, open our eyes to Your wonder and free our spirits to seek and follow Your call. Captivate our imaginations and push us through our resistance to reflect Your marvelous light, in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

A TIME OF GREETING

ANTHEM *Mary, Did You Know* arr. Mark Lowry & Buddy Greene

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 *God of Our Life* #686

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF MINISTERS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY *Be thou my Vision*

***DOXOLOGY** #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE (NT p. 91-92) John 1:10-18

SERMON “Heavy Lifting”

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** *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* #516

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *Eagles Flight*

* Please stand if you are able.

Announcements & Opportunities
January 4, 2015

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	Jeremiah 31:7-14
	John 1:10-18

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 the Book of Psalms.

Remember the church in your will

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✦ Today, we will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion and welcome non-perishable contributions to our Food Bank.

✦ This morning Barbara Armbruster, Carol Hearn, and Dennis Toresdahl will be ordained and, along with Karl Allen, installed as ruling elders. Julie Gonet and Rosemary Myers will be ordained and, along with Anita Parsil, installed as deacons. We express our gratitude for Ellen LaCroix, Paul Nichols and robin Thomas, who have completed their terms on the Session and for Karen Cutting and Rena Tucker who have completed their terms on the Board of Deacons.

✦ **Annual Reports are due on Tuesday January 13th.** Electronic copies are preferred; email Linda in the church office.

✦ The **Yoga** class meets at 9:30 am on Mondays in the Ranch House.

✦ **The Finance and Permanent Fund Committees** will meet at 10:15 am on Tuesday.

✦ **Ladies Lunch** will meet at JJ Coopers at noon on Tuesday.

✦ **Girl Scouts** meet in the Ranch House on Tuesdays at 2:30 pm.

✦ **Kids Bible Study** will meet Friday at 4pm.

✦ **Holy Way Elves** will resume sewing and knitting on Friday.

✦ **The Worship Committee** will meet after church next Sunday.

✦ **Meetings scheduled for next Tuesday, January 13th are: Finance Committee** at 10:15 am, **Board of Deacons** at 1:30 pm, **Mission Committee** at 6 pm at the home of Rosalie Baumrucker.

✦ **Beginners Writing Class** – class is forming on January 14, 2015. There is a signup sheet in the Ranch House. No writing experience necessary.

✦ **Dinner in the Ranch House** will be next Wednesday at 6pm. Roast Beef with gravy, salad, acorn squash and dessert will be served. Space is limited to 84 people so be sure to sign up early!

✦ Our **Evening Study Group** on the religion of Islam – *Loving Your (Muslim) Neighbor* – begins on Wednesday, January 14, at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room.

✦ The Deacons and Elders are sponsoring a celebratory continental breakfast for our Pastor's **20th anniversary** with Holy Way Presbyterian Church. **Ray Thomas** will have been Holy Way's pastor for 20 years on January 23, 2015. Cards can be sent c/o **Ray Weathers**, 5339 W. Diamond K St., Tucson Estates, AZ 85713. **Ray Weathers** will present them altogether to **Pastor Ray** at the brunch after service on January 18, 2015.

✦ Our next **Mission Project** will be the collection of winter clothes and blankets to be brought to the **Presbyterian Church at Sells**. Collection boxes for these items will be in the Ranch House during the month of January. Used clothing should be washed and in good condition.

✦ The **January newsletter** is available on line or in printed form in the narthex.

CALENDAR

Sun.	Jan. 4	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School Communion and Food Bank Sunday Alateen & Al-anon Meetings
Mon.	Jan. 5	9:30 am	Yoga
Tue.	Jan. 6	9:00 am 10:15 am Noon 2:30 pm 6:00 pm	Bible Study Finance & Perm. Fund Committees Ladies Lunch Girl Scouts Al-anon Meeting
Thur.	Jan. 8	5:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:15 pm	Bell Choir AA Meeting Chancel Choir
Fri.	Jan. 9	9:00 am 1:00 pm 4:00 pm	Holy Way Elves Women's AA Meeting Kid's Bible Study
Sun.	Jan. 11	9:30 am 10:15 am 6:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School Worship Committee Alateen & Al-Anon

SESSION

Class of 2014	Karl Allen	
Class of 2014	Ellen LaCroix	Christian Education/Mission
Class of 2014	Paul Nichols	Worship
Class of 2014	Robin Thomas	Mission/Welcome
Class of 2015	Gerry Pearson	Congregational Life
Class of 2015	Wendy Mattias	Administration
Class of 2015	Dougald McIntyre	Administration
Class of 2015	Dudley Williams	Bldgs/Grounds/Finance
Class of 2016	Sherri Atleson	Worship/Mission
Class of 2016	Dee Ellis	Christian Ed./Deacons
Class of 2016	Sharon Groves	Clerk//Welcome
Class of 2016	Mooneen Ringenberg	Mission/Welcome

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Soldiers & Peacemakers—for their physical, mental, & spiritual health.
For a positive & faithful resolution to our broken immigration system.

Myles & Margaret Agee – Health Concerns
Barbara Armbruster – Health Concerns
Helen Denman – Health Concerns
George Hearn – Health Concerns
Toni, (Wendy Mattias' friend) – Health Concerns
Doug Myers – Health Concerns
Helen Pike – Health Concerns
Margaret Polley (Linda Jones' friend) – Health Concern
Charles Sayers – Health Concerns
Hazel Schaff – Health Concerns
Kevin Sterner – Health Concerns
Dionicio Valenzuela (Alfonso's brother) – Health Concerns

All the unspoken prayer concerns

Those who lost their homes to the fires in California.

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