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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



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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

January 8, 2017
Baptism of the Lord

“I will grasp your hand and guard you, and give you as a covenant to the people, as a light to the nations, to open blind eyes, to lead prisoners from prison, and those who sit in darkness from the dungeon.”
Isaiah 42:6-7

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — WELCOME

PRELUDE *Here I am to Worship* arr. Victor Labenske

INTROIT *God Welcomes All (2x)* #399

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 29:1-4,11)

LEADER: You, divine beings! Give to the Lord-give to the Lord glory and power.

PEOPLE: **Give to the Lord the glory due his name! Bow down to the Lord in holy splendor!**

LEADER: The Lord’s voice is over the waters; the glorious God thunders; the Lord is over the mighty waters.

PEOPLE: **The Lord’s voice is strong; the Lord’s voice is majestic.**

LEADER: Let the Lord give strength to his people!

PEOPLE: **Let the Lord bless his people with peace!**

***HYMN** *Sing Glory to the Name of God* #10

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we seek to heed Your call to live as new persons, but the past remains. We feel old weights and wounds, face some of the same problems, and find ourselves still in the same place. Your newness calls us. The waters of baptism linger; Your covenant claims us. Forgive us for choosing the comfort of the old rather than the challenge of the new. May the new year reveal a new us: forgiven and merciful, hopeful and joy-filled, courageous in love and steady in faith. May we live as Your covenant, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

A TIME OF GREETING

ANTHEM *He is There* Ryan Phillips

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

SCRIPTURE (NT p. 3) Matthew 3:13-17

HYMN *On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry* #96

SCRIPTURE (OT p. 670) Isaiah 42:1-9

SERMON “You As Covenant”

OUR CARES AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER *Amen* #601

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY *My Christ Alone* arr . Victor Labenske

***DOXOLOGY** #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN** *To God Be the Glory* #634

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE *Energetic Etude* Melody Bober

*Please stand if you are able

Calendar

PRAYER CONCERNS



Sun.	Jan. 8	9:30 am After Worship After Worship 6:00 pm	Worship, & Sunday School Board of Deacons Meeting Worship Committee Meeting Alanon/Alateen
Mon.	Jan. 9	9:30 am 2:00 pm 6:00 pm	Yoga Serendipity Mission Committee Meeting
Tues.	Jan. 10	9:00 am 1-3:30 pm 6:00 pm	Bible Study Stephen Minister Training Alanon Meeting
Weds.	Jan. 11	1:00 pm 4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Violence Divine Class Girl Scouts Dinner in the Ranch House
Thurs.	Jan. 12	5:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:15 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal AA Choir Rehearsal
Sun.	Jan. 15	9:30 am 10:30 am After Worship 6:00 pm	Worship, & Sunday School Annual Cong. Meeting Pop-Up Sunday School Alanon/Alateen

SESSION:

Class of 2017	Karl Allen	Christian Education, Worship
Class of 2017	Barbara Armbruster	Congregational Life
Class of 2017	Carol Hearn	Finance, Mission
Class of 2017	Dennis Toresdahl	Buildings & Grounds, Cong Life
Class of 2018	Tom Bernardo	Admin./ Buildings & Grounds
Class of 2018	Ellen LaCroix	Mission, Nominating
Class of 2018	Marcus Mattias	Christian Education
Class of 2018	Dudley Williams	Buildings & Grounds, Finance
Class of 2019	Phil Hollis	Admin, Finance, Nominating
Class of 2019	Marv Knittel	Worship, Deacons
Class of 2019	Marquita McCrone	Clerk
Class of 2019	Gerry Pearson	Cong. Life, Treasurer

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

Russell Criswell (Gwen's son) – Health Concerns

Alex Diaz – Health Concerns

T.R. Ellis – Health Concerns

Julie Gonet – Health Concerns

Rachel (friend of Don Kimball) – 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

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.

Announcements & Opportunities

January 8, 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.** You will find sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the Ranch House for our upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

Next Week's Scriptures:

Isaiah 49:1-7

John 1:29-42

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.

*****Remember the church in your will*****

✦ **Thanks to your generosity**, including multiple matching gifts, in 4 weeks of December we raised \$6,000: enough to purchase 4 wells through the Presbyterian Mission Agency!

✦ **This morning, our new ministers-ruling elders and deacons-will be ordained and installed.** Phil Hollis and Marv Knittel will be ordained, and installed with Marquita McCrone and Gerry Pearson as Ruling Elders. Dee Ellis, Dearwyn Knittel and Tomas Montoya will be ordained and installed with Jeanie Hollis and Doug Myers as deacons. We thank ruling elders-Sherri Atleson, Dee Ellis, Sharon Groves, Mooneen Ringenberg -and deacons-Barbara Locke and Ray Weathers-who have completed their terms of service.

✦ **After worship today**, the Board of Deacons and the Worship Committee will meet.

✦ **Serendipity** will meet Monday at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Carol Hearn. (3370 S. White Clay Loop).

✦ **Mission Committee** will meet Monday at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Rosalie Baumrucker. (2011 S. Diamond D Drive).

✦ **Chef Jerry is Back for Dinner in the Ranch House!** Join us, Wednesday, 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 Thursday; 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 next 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.

✦ **The Session** will meet next Tuesday at 6 p.m.

✦ **Per Capita**-the amount our church is requested to pay for each active member to help defray administrative costs in presbytery, Synod, and GA- is \$37 in 2017.