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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

September 18, 2016

"Is there no balm in Gilead?"

Jeremiah 8:22

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — WELCOME

PRELUDE *Spirit Song*

INTROIT *O God, You Search Me* (vs. 3) #29

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 105:1-4)

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make his deeds known to all people!

PEOPLE: **Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord; dwell on all his wondrous works!**

LEADER: Give praise to God's holy name! Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking the Lord!

PEOPLE: **Pursue the Lord and his strength; seek his face always!**

***HYMN** *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim* #299

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we ponder the question: What are we worth? We think of bank accounts, property values, degrees and titles and experience. We confess our distance from Your view: worth the death of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, so we may live in Him. We, too often, look past the value of our friendship with those who hurt. We discount the value of our attentive compassion with persons who are troubled. We minimize the impact of our prayers and trust in Your mysterious, grace-filled ways. You call us by name and You overwhelm us with Your mercy. Our question is answered: our lives are secure, in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

A TIME OF GREETING

ANTHEM *A Thankful Heart* Chancel Choir

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. 79) Luke 16:1-13

HYMN *For the Healing of the Nations* #346

SCRIPTURE (OT p. 708) Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

SERMON "Invest in Bonds"

OUR CARES AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER *Amen* #601

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY *Christ Alone*

***DOXOLOGY** #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN** *There is a Balm in Gilead* #792

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE *Big Band Jam*

* Please stand if you are able.

Announcements & Opportunities

September 18, 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 Reading:

Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15

Luke 16:19-31

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*****

Bible Study meets on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. We are examining the covenants which are recorded between God and creation. This Tuesday, we will look at Genesis 11, in light of God's covenant with Noah.

- ✦ **The Board of Deacons** will meet today after worship.
- ✦ **The Stewardship Team** will meet today after worship.
- ✦ **Tech Smart Class Today!** Join us today and Tuesday Sept. 20th from 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. in the conference room. We will be discussing Android devices.
- ✦ **Book Club** will meet this Monday at 1 p.m. to discuss Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger.

- ✦ **Session** meets next Tuesday, September 20th at 6 p.m.
- ✦ **Dinner in the Ranch House** will be this Wednesday, at 6:00 p.m. The menu will be Ham, cheesy potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls and dessert. **Sign up today** in the Ranch House so we have the appropriate amount of food!
- ✦ Interested in becoming a part of The Holy Way Presbyterian Church? Want to learn more about this church? Join us after worship next Sunday, September 25th, for our **New Members Class**.
- ✦ Earlier this year, 28 of us from Holy Way traveled to Douglas, AZ and Agua Prieta, Sonora to learn more about God's work happening on the U.S./Mexico border. This trip followed a 5-week class called Discipleship & Borders. Through all these experiences, we reflected on immigration issues through a faith lens and witnessed the powerful work being done through our mission partner, *Frontera de Cristo*.
As a way to build on these experiences and the conversations that have followed, we have invited the Border Patrol to share about their work in the borderlands. Their presentation, **"Border Patrol 101,"** will take place in the sanctuary on **Tuesday, September 27 from 11:00am-12:30pm**.
The presentation will be followed by a potluck meal in the Ranch House. To help with planning, we encourage you to sign up for the potluck by emailing Elizabeth Smith (esmith@holywaypc.org) or by putting your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.
- ✦ **The Congregational Life Outing** this month will be this Thursday, September 22nd. It will be to the Jewish History Museum located at 564 S. Stone Ave. We will carpool from the church parking lot, leaving at 10:45 a.m. In 1910, the museum was the first Jewish synagogue building in Tucson. The congregation outgrew the space by the 1930's and it served many uses until it was purchased by the Stone Avenue Temple Project (a non-profit group) in 1999 and restored as a museum. Lunch will follow and we will return to the church no later than 1:00 p.m.

Calendar



Sun.	Sept 18	9:30 am After Worship After Worship After Worship 2:00 pm 6:00 pm	Worship, Sunday School Pop-Up Sunday School Board of Deacons Meeting Stewardship Team Meeting Tech Smart Class (Android) Alateen & Alanon Meeting
Mon.	Sept 19	9:30 am 1:00 pm	Yoga Book Club
Tues.	Sept 20	9:00 am 10:30 am 2:00 pm 4:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Bible Study Prayer Shawl Ministry Tech Smart Class Girl Scouts Session Meeting Al-anon Meeting
Weds.	Sept 21	6:00 pm	Dinner in the Ranch House
Thurs.	Sept 22	10:45 am 5:30 pm 6:15 pm	Cong. Life Outing AA Meeting Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sun.	Sept 25	9:30 am After Worship 6:00 pm	Worship, Sunday School New Members Class Alateen & Alanon Meeting

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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

All the unspoken prayer concerns.

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

Alex Diaz – Health Concerns

Lynn Allen – Health Concerns

Russell Criswell (Gwen Schroyer's son) – Health Concerns

Wendy (friend of Carol Hearn) – Health Concerns

T.R. Ellis – Health Concerns

Julie Gonet – 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

Anita Parsil – Health Concerns

Mooneen Ringenberg's daughter, Carol – Health Concerns

Chuck and June Sayers – Health Concerns

Ann Toresdahl – Health Concerns

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

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.