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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

October 16, 2016

“This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other.”
John 13:35

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — WELCOME

PRELUDE *Etude No. 3* Frederic Chopin

INTROIT Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Jesus calls us, from preoccupations and distractions, from worry and fear, from busyness and isolation, to be with Him.

PEOPLE: **We enter into a holy time; to know the One who saves us by His undying love.**

LEADER: We come into this place, this church, knowing we will find faith and be nourished by genuine love.

PEOPLE: **We are thankful for one another and for the precious grace of knowing the love of Jesus through one another.**

***HYMN** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #366

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, Promiser of a hope-filled future, we succumb to resignation about the ills that plague us. Simple fixes and empty words disappoint us. Our own attempts to clear a path to a better place render us lost. We question how powerful Your grace and goodness are in our increasingly fearful and complex world. We yearn for the promised peace which passes all understanding.

In Jesus Christ, wounded becomes healed, dark tombs of despair are eclipsed by the penetrating beams of resurrection light. Take our sins, both individual and corporate, and transform us into life's new possibilities, in the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

A TIME OF GREETING

ANTHEM 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. 108) Luke 13:34-35

HYMN *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord* #432

SCRIPTURE (NT p. 162) Romans 12:9-18

SERMON “Pilgrims Progress”

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS AND LEADERS

OUR CARES AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER *Amen* #601

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY *Wild Rose* Edward MacDowell

***DOXOLOGY** #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** *Here I Am, Lord* #69

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *Latin Holiday* Melody Bober

Announcements & Opportunities

October 16, 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:

Joel 2:23-32

Luke 18:9-14

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 continue our study of God's covenants in the Old Testament.

✦ **This morning**, we experience the joy of welcoming new members: Carol Harris, Brian & Laurie LaCouture, Lloyd & Marilyn Philipps, Toni Rivers, and Kathy Walsh-Americanano. We also celebrate the baptism of Marilyn Philipps.

✦ **We also give thanks** for those who have launched our Stephen Ministry program with dedication and faith: **Stephen Leaders-**

Ellen LaCroix and Rev. Ray Thomas, **Stephen Ministers:** Ginger Bergquist, Tom Bernardo, Dee Ellis, Toni Rivers, Robin Thomas, Joan Valenzuela. We also thank Rev. John Dunham who has helped with our training.

- ✦ **Gerry Pearson** will present our moment for **Stewardship**.
- ✦ **Our first Pop-Up Sunday School Class starts today** with Dr. Thomas Miller, Professor of English and Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs at The University of Arizona. Pop-Up will begin after worship, but you'll have time to grab a cup of coffee and some treats before the presentation begins in the sanctuary.
- ✦ **Book Club** meets Monday at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.
- ✦ **Session** meets Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.
- ✦ **Dinner in the Ranch House** is Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. The menu is Dudley's BBQ chicken! Make sure you are signed up in the Ranch House by today!!
- ✦ **Deacons** will meet after worship next Sunday, 10/23.
- ✦ **The Congregational Life Outing** is coming up next **Tuesday**, 10/25. We are riding the modern street car. We leave here at 10:20 a.m.
- ✦ **The Session** has called for a meeting of the congregation on Sunday, October 30, at the conclusion of worship, to elect persons to serve as ruling elders and deacons.

Calendar



Sun.	Oct. 16	9:30 am After Worship 6:00 pm	Worship, Sunday School Pop-Up Sunday School Alateen & Alanon Meeting
Mon.	Oct. 17	9:30 am 1:00 pm	Yoga Book Club
Tues.	Oct. 18	9:00 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Bible Study PSM Session Al-anon Meeting
Weds.	Oct. 19	4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Girl Scouts Dinner in the Ranch House
Thurs.	Oct. 20	5:30 pm 6:15 pm	AA Meeting Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sun.	Oct. 23	9:30 am After Worship 6:00 pm	Worship, Sunday School Deacons 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

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!

Myles Agee – Health Concerns

Lynn Allen – Health Concerns

Marci Cary (friend of Toni Rivers) – Health Concerns

Russell Criswell (Gwen's son) – Health Concerns

Alex Diaz – Health Concerns

John Dunham – Health Concerns

T.R. Ellis – Health Concerns

Julie Gonet – Health Concerns

Wendy (friend of Carol Hearn) – 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

Mooneen Ringenberg's daughter, Carol – Health Concerns

Charles Sayers – 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.