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

Isaiah 35:8

November 15, 2015
Celebration Sunday

“So that is what took place year after year. Whenever Hannah went to the Lord’s house, Peninnah would make fun of her. Then she would cry and wouldn’t eat anything.”
1 Samuel 1:7

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — WELCOME!

PRELUDE *Canon in D* arr. Melody Bober

INTROIT *Spirit, Open My Heart (vs. 3)* Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 43:16-19)

LEADER: The Lord says – who makes a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters,

PEOPLE: **Who brings out chariot and horse, army and battalion; they lie down together and will not rise; they will be extinguished, extinguished like a wick.**

LEADER: Don’t remember the prior things; don’t ponder ancient history.

PEOPLE: **Look! I’m doing a new thing; now it springs up, don’t you recognize it? I’m making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness.**

***HYMN** *Great God of Every Blessing* #694

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, Giver of endless bounty, our voices sing out in a gratitude at the wonder of Your creating. Within our impatience, You water blessings about to sprout. From our restless brooding, You set us on paths that lead to sudden joy. In our disconnected thoughts, distractions, and obligations, You draw our imaginations to meaning, fulfillment, and assurance. Our management proves futile; Your creative presence proves forever fertile.

Forgive our persistent arrogance and our stubborn resistance to simple trust in You. By our forgiveness of ourselves and others, may we soften hardened hearts to Your new things, in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

A TIME OF GREETING

ANTHEM *Praise His Holy Name* 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. 50) Mark 13:1-8

HYMN *Unless the Lord the House Shall Build* #46

SCRIPTURE (OT p. 244-245) 1 Samuel 1:4-20

SERMON “Faith at Play”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** A Brief Statement of Faith (3) pg. 37

OUR CARES AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER *Amen* #601

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND COMMITMENTS

OFFERTORY *Wings* by Melody Bober

***DOXOLOGY** #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN** *God of the Fertile Fields* #714

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE *Jazz It Up* by Melody Bober

* Please stand if you are able.

Announcements & Opportunities
November 15, 2015

Welcome to our Worship Celebration this morning!

We worship every Sunday morning at 9:30 am and offer Sunday School for 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	2 Samuel 23:1-7 John 18:33-37
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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 for your convenience or you can read 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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✦ Welcome to our **Celebration Sunday!** During offering time this morning, all those who are able are invited to come to the table to present ourselves, along with our offering, our estimates of giving, or our blue "Thanks Be To God" cards. (Those who are unable to come to the table will be reached by our ushers.) We will join around the table for our Prayer of Dedication this morning. To celebrate our blessing and our genuine fellowship at Holy Way, please join us for **cake** after our worship service, in the Ranch House.

✦ The **Board of Deacons** and the **Worship Committee** will meet after worship today.

✦ The **Book Club** will not meet this month.

✦ The **Mission Committee** will meet Monday, at 5:30 pm, at the home of Ellen LaCroix.

✦ **The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem.** Beginning **Monday, November 16**, our church will offer a five-week study you won't want to miss: "The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem." In the study, Adam Hamilton travels with us from Nazareth to Bethlehem. We follow the footsteps of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and others, gaining insight into our own journeys with Christ. Rev. Elizabeth Smith will be leading this class on **Mondays from 11:00am-Noon in the Conference Room.** Our final class on Monday, December 14th will conclude with a potluck lunch. **Though it is not required for the class, if you would like to purchase a copy of the book that accompanies our study, please let Elizabeth know by Friday, November 6 at Noon.** Books are \$13 each. Questions? Please email Elizabeth at esmith@holywaypc.org.

✦ The **Girl Scouts** meet Tuesday at 4:00 pm.

✦ **Session** will meet Tuesday at 6:00 pm.

✦ **Men's Breakfast** will meet at 8:00 am at Little Mexico Steakhouse, on Valencia near Cardinal.

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

✦ Next week, on November 22nd, the Session will meet with our prospective new members after worship. Training for our newly elected Ruling Elders and Deacons will follow.

✦ We welcome all to our **Thanksgiving Dinner in the Ranch House** next Thursday, November 26th, at 1:00 pm. There is a signup sheet for the number in your party and another signup sheet to list the dish you want to bring and share!

✦ **Already on Facebook? Be sure to like our church's page!** You can keep up with what's happening at The Holy Way - **no matter where you are** - by liking and following our Facebook page! To find it, search for "The Holy Way Presbyterian Church - Tucson, AZ" in the Facebook search bar and then "like" it. Not sure how to do that? Ask a friend or... look for *detailed instructions in November's newsletter.*

CALENDAR			
Sun.	Nov. 15	9:30 am 10:45 am 10:45 am 6:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School – Celebration Sunday! Board of Deacons meets in Conference Room Worship Committee meets in Sanctuary Ala-teen & Al-anon Meetings
Mon.	Nov. 16	9:30 am 11:00 am 5:30 pm	Yoga Journey to Bethlehem No Book Club this Month Mission Committee meets at Ellen LaCroix's House
Tue.	Nov. 17	9:00 am 4:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Bible Study Girl Scouts Al-anon Meeting Session
Thur.	Nov. 19	8:00 am Noon 6:00 pm 6:15 pm	Men's Breakfast Ladies Lunch @ JJ Coopers AA Meeting Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sun.	Nov. 15	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School Ala-teen & 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	Sherrri 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 & Miles Agee – Health Concerns
Lynn Allen – Health Concerns
Barbara Armbruster – Health Concerns
Ruth Ann Beck – Health Concerns
Lois Beckenbaugh – Health Concerns
Ruthann Boyce – Health Concerns
Dick Canfield (Rich Marsch's uncle) – Health Concerns
Alex Diaz – Health Concerns
Mark (Jane Hosler's son) – Health Concerns
Phyllis Hyldburg's Daughter, June – Health Concerns
Dave Malmberg – Health Concerns
Mary Marsch – Recovering from Knee Surgery
Toni (Wendy Mattias' friend) – Health Concerns
Bob Meyerpeter – Health Concerns
Doug Myers – Recovering from Surgery
Lyle Olmstead - Health Concerns
Anita Parsil – Health Concerns
Betty Reichlein – Health Concerns
Charles Sayers – 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@holyywaypc.org.