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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

November 27, 2016

Advent 1

“Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him.”

Daniel 3:28

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — WELCOME

PRELUDE *Sonatina in A minor* Georg Anton Benda

INTROIT *I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say* (vs.4) Ryan Phillips

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Jesus says: I am coming soon.

PEOPLE: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

LEADER: Awake from your sleep: salvation is near!

PEOPLE: **The night is far gone; the day is at hand.**

LEADER: Let us worship God.

***HYMN** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* #93

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, always with us, always coming: we confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

A TIME OF GREETING

ANTHEM *In This Very Room* Rosalie Baumrucker
Al Baumrucker
Phil Hollis
Robin Thomas

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

ADVENT HYMN *Light One Candle* (vs.1) #85

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

SCRIPTURE (OT p. 571) Psalm 122

HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vss.1-3,7) #88

SCRIPTURE (NT p. 822) Daniel 3:1, 8-30

SERMON “Into the Fiery Furnace”

OUR CARES AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER *Amen* #601

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY *Anthem of Praise* Ryan Phillips

***DOXOLOGY** #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN** *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout* #100

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE *Latin Holiday* Melody Bober

*Please stand if you are able

Calendar



PRAYER CONCERNS

Sun.	Nov. 27	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Worship, Sunday School Alateen & Alanon Meeting
Mon.	Nov. 28	2:00 pm	Serendipity
Tues.	Nov. 29	9:00 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm	Bible Study Names for the Messiah Al-anon Meeting
Weds.	Nov. 30	4:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Thurs.	Dec. 1	2:00 pm 5:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:15 pm	Stephen Min Peer Group Mtg Bell Choir Rehearsal AA Choir Rehearsal
Sun.	Dec. 4	9:20 am 9:30 am 6:00 pm	Hymnsing Worship, Sunday School, Communion & Food Bank 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

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!

Lynn Allen – Health Concerns

Barbara Armbruster – Health Concerns

Marci Cary (friend of Toni Rivers) – Health Concerns

Ali Clay – Health Concerns

Russell Criswell (Gwen's son) – Health Concerns

Alex Diaz – Health Concerns

T.R. Ellis – Health Concerns

Julie Gonet – 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

Helen Pike – 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

November 27, 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:

Isaiah 11:1-10

Matthew 3: 1-12

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.

- † **Serendipity** will meet on Monday, at 2 p.m. at the home of Carol Hearn. (3370 S. White Clay Loop)
- † **Advent Class Begins Tuesday!** This year's Advent midweek class is called "**Names for the Messiah.**" This study by Walter Brueggemann, and led by Elizabeth Smith, will begin this Tuesday, November 29th and continue each Tuesday through Dec. 20th. Class will be from 10:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. Names for the Messiah will ponder each royal title given in

Isaiah 9:6 - Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace - and how the people understood it then, how Jesus did or did not fulfill the title, and how Christians interpret Jesus as representative of that title. **No materials required to attend. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to join the class!**

- † **Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision** will be Thursday, December 1, 2-4:30 p.m.
- † **If you have any winter clothing or blankets** which you'd like to donate for "Warming Up Sells", please bring them in by next Sunday or the following week. Ray will be taking a trip to Sells on **December 3** and will deliver our goods.
- † **Yoga is Back!** We are pleased to announce Barbara Armbruster is back to teach Yoga on Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. starting next Monday, December 5th!
- † **Next Sunday**, as well as being the second Sunday of Advent and our monthly celebration of communion, we will also celebrate our first Stephen Ministry Sunday. Our Stephen Ministers will lead worship and tell us about their experience as trained care-givers. We will also hear more about how you can be involved.
- † **The Finance Committee** will meet next Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 10:15 a.m.
- † **YAVs will be here December 11!** On Sunday, December 11, the **Young Adult Volunteers (YAVs)** currently serving here in Tucson will join us for worship and then lead our monthly **Pop-Up Sunday School**. Please plan to stay after worship to hear about the ways they are serving God within our community this year. We will also host a **potluck lunch** for them, so please sign-up in the narthex so we know how many to expect!