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

Isaiah 35:8

November 29, 2015
First Sunday of Advent

“Now when these things begin to happen, stand up straight and raise your heads, because your redemption is near.”
Luke 21:28

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — WELCOME!

PRELUDE *Deep River*

INTROIT

***CANDLELIGHTING** *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* (v. 1)
#85

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: God delivers us into a new time, a new season of life.

PEOPLE: **God undergirds time with eternal hope. We live today and tomorrow believing in our Savior who dispels darkness and fear.**

LEADER: Justice and righteous shall come, for our Savior rules.

PEOPLE: **We trust the promises and live into the hope we have received. Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

***HYMN** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* #82

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our Creator, out of the stuff of today, You shape a world of meaning, harmony, and peace. We hand over to You our dreams that have been battered, relationships that are strained, and consciences which are guilty. We find little basis for hope of a better world, except in You. How we love the Light that overcomes the darkness! How we cherish knowing the love of Jesus!

Move us through the remnants of regret and burdens of despair into Your world of newness and life. Speak to us, and through us, the good news of the One who takes away the sins of the world: Jesus Christ. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

A TIME OF GREETING

ANTHEM

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

SCRIPTURE (OT p. 738) Jeremiah 33:14-16

HYMN *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* #107

SCRIPTURE (NT p. 85-86) Luke 21:46-36

SERMON “Assume the Stance”

OUR CARES AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER *Amen* #601

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY *Andante* by Friedrich Buiresgmuller

***DOXOLOGY** #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN** *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You* #104

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE *Sonatina in G Major* by Friedrich Kuhlau

* Please stand if you are able.

Announcements & Opportunities
November 29, 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

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 3:1-6

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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‡ **Thank you to all who made a financial pledge for 2016!** To date, we have received 49 pledges, totaling \$94,540. We are well on our way. Blank cards are available on the table in the narthex.

‡ **This morning we celebrate our newest members:** Don Kimball, Donna Kramer, Lois Monroe, Tomas & Irma Montoya, Marla Paswinski, Gary & Cheryl Pickrell, and Hazel Schaff.

‡ **Journey to Bethlehem** will meet at 11:00 on Monday.

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

‡ The **Finance Committee** will meet Tuesday, at 10:15 am.

‡ The **Men's Breakfast** is Thursday, at 8:00 am, at Little Mexico Steakhouse at Valencia and Cardinal.

‡ **Next Sunday** we will celebrate the Lord's Supper and collect food items for Food Bank Sunday. We will also have a hymnsing in the sanctuary before worship, at 9:20 am.

‡ The **Worship Committee** will meet after worship next Sunday.

‡ We still have some **angels on our tree.** Please empty our tree of angels by taking one and leaving your name, phone number, child's name and family # on the card provided. Wrapped gifts need to be brought to church by December 13th, with the angel tag securely attached. Bring angel tree food items in on Sundays, by December 13th or Tuesday, December 1st or 8th, from 9:30 – 10:30 am. Thank you for your tremendous generosity to the 40 families in Three Points!

‡ **SAVE THE DATE!** The next **Congregational Life** outing will be a trip to Tubac to see the luminarias on Saturday, December 5th. We will meet at the church at 4:00 pm and should return by about 8:00 pm. Watch for more information in the bulletin and in the December newsletter.

‡ Please mark your calendars for the **Ham Dinner in the Ranch House** on December 9th at 6 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in on the bulletin board.

‡ The December newsletter will include detailed information about **volunteer opportunities in local schools.** Find out how you can work with 2 or 3 elementary school students to improve their reading skills. Reading to and with elementary school students who are poor readers has been shown to produce significant improvement in reading skills and confidence.

‡ **QR Code!** Through the Presbyterian Foundation, online giving to Holy Way is now possible. An online giving button is being added to website, and the QR code on the back of the bulletin, through your cellphone or tablet camera, will also take you to the site. Gifts can be made through debit and credit cards, as well as by direct transfer from checking or savings accounts.

CALENDAR			
Sun.	Nov. 29	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School Ala-teen & Al-anon Meetings
Mon.	Nov. 30	9:30 am 11:00 am	Yoga Journey to Bethlehem
Tue.	Dec. 1	9:00 am 10:15 am 4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Bible Study Finance Committee Girl Scouts Al-anon Meeting
Thur.	Dec. 3	8:00 am Noon 6:15 pm	Men's Breakfast Ladies Lunch Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sun.	Dec. 6	9:30 am 10:45 am 6:00 pm	Worship, Communion, Food Bank & Sunday School Worship Committee 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	Sherri 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 & Myles Agee – Health Concerns
Lynn Allen – Health Concerns
Barbara Armbruster – Health Concerns
Ruth Ann Beck – Health Concerns
Ruthann Boyce – Health Concerns
Dick Canfield (Rich Marsch's uncle) – Health Concerns
Alex Diaz – 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
Gwen Schroyer – 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@holywaypc.org.