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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

December 4, 2016
Second Sunday of Advent

“He will judge the needy with righteousness, and decide with equity for those who suffer in the land.”
Isaiah 11:4

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — WELCOME

PRELUDE *Amazing Grace* Catherine Rollin

INTROIT *All Hail To God's Anointed* (vs. 1) Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We come together, as the body of Christ, to worship God and to love one another.

PEOPLE: **We remember, at the table, that in our Lord's brokenness, we find our healing.**

LEADER: In our love for one another, as wonderful and healed, lost and found, hungry and fed, we know the power of our Lord's saving love.

PEOPLE: **Come anew to us today, Lord. Make us new, make us yours: the body of Christ.**

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our Creator, within the stuff of today, You grow seeds of hope. You nurture the creation of peace, love, and wellness. To Your grace, we turn over our guilty selves. Our good intentions have been tested and battered. Temptations have been heard and heeded more than we care to admit. We cover up, sidestep, ignore, and deny, hard truth. You grow seeds of hope, especially in Jesus, who promises forgiveness and new life.

Nurture today, in us and around us, peace, love, and wellness. Feed us at the table with Your more which counters our less. Come, Lord Jesus: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

A TIME OF GREETING

ANTHEM *Perfect Love* 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.)

ADVENT HYMN *Light One Candle* (vss. 1-2) #85

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

SCRIPTURE (OT p. 640) Isaiah 11:1-10

HYMN *Let All Mortal Flesh Be Silenced* #347

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY *Love Theme* Catherine Rollin

***DOXOLOGY** #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE (NT p. 2-3) Matthew 3:1-12

SERMON “Stephen Minister Sharing”

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
(Please hold the elements so all may partake together)

OUR CARES AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER *Amen* #601

***HYMN** *We Come as Guests Invited* #504

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE *Simple Pleasures* Catherine Rollin

Calendar

PRAYER CONCERNS



Sun.	Dec. 4	9:20 am 9:30 am 6:00 pm	Hymnsing Worship, Sunday School & Communion Alateen & Alanon Meeting
Mon.	Dec. 5	9:30 am	Yoga
Tues.	Dec. 6	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm	Bible Study Finance Comm. Mtg Names for the Messiah PSM Al-anon Meeting
Weds.	Dec. 7	4:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Thurs.	Dec. 8	5:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:15 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal AA Choir Rehearsal
Sun.	Dec. 11	9:30 am After Worship 6:00 pm	Worship, & Sunday School Pop-Up Sunday School & Potluck lunch 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!

Barbara Armbruster – Health Concerns

Janet Borne– 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

December 4, 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 35:1-10

Matthew 11:2-11

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.

- ✦ **Welcome to our monthly Communion** worship service—all are welcome at the table. We begin with our monthly hymnsing at 9:20 a.m.
- ✦ **This morning, we highlight our almost one year old Stephen Ministry Program**, especially our Stephen Leaders (Rev. Ray Thomas, Ellen LaCroix, Rev. John Dunham); our Stephen Ministers (Ginger Bergquist, Tom Bernardo, Dee Ellis, Betty Irons, Toni Rivers, Robin Thomas, Joan Valenzuela) and our future Stephen Ministers (You?).
- ✦ **Yoga** will meet in the Ranch House Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m.
- ✦ **"Names for the Messiah"** is this year's Advent midweek class. This study by Walter Brueggemann, and led by Elizabeth Smith, will continue this Tuesday, and continue each Tuesday through Dec. 20th. Class is 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.
No materials required to attend.
- ✦ **The Finance Committee** will meet Tuesday at 10:15 a.m.

- ✦ **SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS:** If the joy of this holiday season is dampened by the loss of a family member or loved one, please consider joining us on Tuesday, December 6, at 1:00pm, Mount Zion Lutheran Church, as we explore a Biblical response to our loss during this season. For more info, call Toni Rivers (578-3490).
- ✦ **YAVs will be here next Sunday! 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!
- ✦ **We will have a moment of Mission**, next Sunday, for Café Justo.
- ✦ **Dinner in the Ranch House** is Wednesday, December 14th. The menu will be stuffed pork roast, sweet potatoes, green bean & broccoli casserole, rolls and dessert. There is a sign-up Sheet in the Ranch House.
- ✦ **Help us give the gift of water this Christmas!** Building upon the money that the children raised during Vacation Bible School this summer, where we learned about water issues around the world, we will be giving the gift of water for a community who needs it! Will you help us? Lives can be changed through the gift of a well and hand pumps, which provide clean water for drinking, bathing, washing and irrigation to an entire community. Any donation helps, but \$50 gives a family a share at the well, and \$1,500 will buy a whole well! If you would like to make a donation as a Christmas gift to a loved one, a card will be provided to you to give as a gift. Please put "Well Donation" in the memo line of any checks.
- ✦ **Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** will be Sat, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m.
- ✦ **A Sanctified Art Experience.** You are invited to join in a weekend of creation and fun! St. Mark's Presbyterian Church will be hosting a sanctuary art worship on **Jan. 20, 21, and 22, 2017**. Churches from around the presbytery will gather to hear from artist and theologian Lisle Gwyn Garrity about how the arts can affect our worship experience. Then we will create our own banners to be used during Lent. A full explanation of the weekend can be found in the brochures located in the church office. If you are interested in joining the team who will create the banners, please pick up a brochure and contact Elizabeth Smith (esmith@holywaypc.org) as soon as possible. The workshop is designed for all levels of artistic talent, so don't be shy and let's create together!