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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

“Happiness and joy will overwhelm them; grief and groaning will flee away.”
Isaiah 35:10

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — WELCOME

PRELUDE *A Lovely Mood* Catherine Rollin

INTROIT *All Hail To God's Anointed* (vs. 2) Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (Luke 1:49-55)

LEADER: We glorify the coming Savior, about whom Mary sang: Holy is His name. He shows mercy to everyone, from one generation to the next, who honors Him as God.

PEOPLE: **He has shown strength with His arm. He has scattered those with arrogant thoughts and proud inclinations.**

LEADER: He has pulled the powerful down from their thrones and lifted up the lowly.

PEOPLE: **He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty-handed.**

LEADER: He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, remembering his mercy,

PEOPLE: **Just as promised to our ancestors, to Abraham and to Abraham's descendants forever.**

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, who sent divine messengers to proclaim the birth of a Savior, we confess our need to hear Your song of good news. Into our hurts and fears, beyond the noise and nonsense: we hunger for Your good news. Forgive us for accepting less than Your truth and for trusting unworthy voices. May we not join in the songs of foolishness or despair. Train us in the harmonies of Your grace and truth. May the echoing refrains of Your mercy and Your peace resound in our words and deeds. Forgive us and make us new persons, born of faith in Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

A TIME OF GREETING

ANTHEM *Alleluia for Advent* 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. 1-3) #85

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

SCRIPTURE (NT p. 11) Matthew 11:2-11

HYMN *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night* #97

SCRIPTURE (OT p. 663) Isaiah 35:1-10

SERMON “In Transit”

OUR CARES AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER *Amen* #601

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY *Love Theme* Catherine Rollin

***DOXOLOGY** #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* #123

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE *Fiesta*

Calendar

PRAYER CONCERNS



Sun.	Dec. 11	9:30 am After Worship	Worship & Sunday School Pop-Up Sunday School & Potluck lunch
		6:00 pm	Alateen & Alanon Meeting
Mon.	Dec. 12	9:30 am	Yoga
Tues.	Dec. 13	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:30 am 6:00 pm	Names for the Messiah Al-anon Meeting
Weds.	Dec. 14	4:00 pm	Girl Scouts
		6:00 pm	Dinner in the Ranch House
Thurs.	Dec. 15	2:00 pm	Step Min. Peer Supervision
		5:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
		5:30 pm	AA
		6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sun.	Dec. 18	9:30 am	Worship, & Sunday School
		6:00 pm	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 11, 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 7:10-16 Matthew 1:18-25

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.

Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.

- ✦ **Robin Thomas** will present our moment for Mission, today, about Café Justo.
- ✦ **YAVs are here today! The Young Adult Volunteers** currently serving here in Tucson are here to join us for worship and lead our monthly **Pop-Up Sunday School**. Please stay after worship to hear about the ways they are serving God within our community. There is a **potluck lunch** for them in the Ranch House after Pop-Up.
- ✦ **Yoga** meets in the Ranch House Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m.
- ✦ **"Names for the Messiah,"** the study by Walter Brueggemann, and led by Elizabeth Smith, will continue this Tuesday, and 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.**

- ✦ **Dinner in the Ranch House** is this 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.
- ✦ **Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision** is Thursday at 2 p.m.
- ✦ **Chancel Choir Rehearsal** has changed from 6:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for Thursday, 12/15 & 12/22.
- ✦ **Help us give the gift of water this Christmas!** Last week we advertised the opportunity to give a garden well to a community this Christmas. 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. **Since then, an anonymous donor has said they will match all gifts up to \$750 (which is half of a well!).** Can you help us reach this goal? 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.
- ✦ **The Session** will meet next Tuesday, December 20, at 6 p.m.
- ✦ **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!