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

*Isaiah 35:8*

December 13, 2015  
Third Sunday of Advent

“Produce fruit that shows you have changed your hearts and lives.”

*Luke 3:8*

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — WELCOME!**

**PRELUDE** *Like a River Glorious* arr. Bob Walters

**INTROIT** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (v. 2)* Chancel Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Isaiah 12:2-5)

**LEADER:** God is indeed my salvation; I will trust and won't be afraid.  
Yah, the Lord, is my strength and my shield; he has become  
my salvation.

**PEOPLE:** **You will draw water with joy from the springs of  
salvation.**

**LEADER:** And you will say on that day: “Thank the Lord; call on  
God's name; proclaim God's deeds among the peoples;  
declare that God's name is exalted.

**PEOPLE:** **Sing to the Lord, who has done glorious things; proclaim  
this throughout all the earth.”**

**\*HYMN** *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* #96

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, who sent angels to announce the news of the birth of  
a Savior, we confess our souls' need to hear your song. Beyond words, Your  
song touches our hungers and fears. In perfect time, with just the right note,  
You bring our lives in harmony with grace and truth. We confess our ears  
are deaf to Your song of certain hope. We give voice to songs of anger and  
ignorance. We exclude voices that need to be heard.

Sing Your song through our imperfect tones. May the recurring  
refrains of Your mercy and Your peace resound as we gather to be the body  
of Christ. We pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

**A TIME OF GREETING**

**ANTHEM** *Give Me An Understanding Heart* Rosalie Baumrucker  
Soloist

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** (After the message, children entering the 5<sup>th</sup>  
grade and younger are invited to attend Sunday School in the Ranch House.)

**CANDLELIGHTING** *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* (vv.1- 3)  
#85

**SCRIPTURE** (OT p. 877) Zephaniah 3:14-20

**HYMN** *While We Are Waiting, Come* #92

**SCRIPTURE** (NT p. 60) Luke 3:7-18

**SERMON** “Preaching to Vipers”

**OUR CARES AND CELEBRATIONS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Amen* #601

**OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

**OFFERTORY** *As a Deer* arr. Douglas Wagner

**\*DOXOLOGY** #606

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (vv. 1, 4, 5) #123

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE** *Soon, Very Soon* arr. Jack Schrader

\* Please stand if you are able.

## Announcements & Opportunities

December 13, 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.

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Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Micah 5:2-5  
Luke 1:39-45

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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](http://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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*We thank all our members and friends who have completed their estimates of giving for 2016. We are still anticipating a few more – blank cards are available on the table in the narthex.*

✚ **Journey to will have its final class** at 11:00 on Monday, followed by a potluck lunch.

✚ **Serendipity** will meet Monday at 2:00 pm.

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

✚ **Session** will meet Tuesday at 6 pm.

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

✚ **Ladies Lunch** will not meet on Thursday.

✚ Next Sunday, our choir will be presenting selections from Handel's *Messiah*.

✚ Our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** will be on Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. Come enjoy the story of the birth of Jesus in word, song and candlelight. Let the church office know if you need transportation to the church.

✚ On Sunday December 27<sup>th</sup>, our **Young Adult Volunteer, Andy Thomas**, serving in Washington, DC, will give an update on his activities.

✚ **Interested in membership at Holy Way?** There is a prize available to the Presbyterian Church in our area that shows the biggest growth in 2015. We'd be glad to win you membership and that \$\$! Let Ray or one of our elders know if you are interested.

✚ For those who are interested in **contributing to the Holy Way** by credit card, or inviting others to do so, a button has been added to our website – [www.holywaypc.org](http://www.holywaypc.org) – which enables donors to give by credit card or check, electronically.

✚ **Save the date! The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holy Way Women's Retreat** will be held March 4<sup>th</sup> - March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Amado Inn in Amado, (just south of Green Valley). Participants from the first two retreats found inspiration and made great new church friends. We set the 2016 Retreat to occur in late winter so that winter visitors would be able to attend.

## CALENDAR

Sun.	Dec. 13	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School Ala-teen & Al-anon Meetings
Mon.	Dec. 14	9:30 am 11:00 am 2:00 pm	Yoga Journey to Bethlehem Serendipity
Tue.	Dec. 15	9:00 am 4:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Bible Study Girl Scouts Al-anon Meeting <b>Session</b>
Thur.	Dec. 17	8:00 am 6:15 pm	Men's Breakfast No Ladies Lunch Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sun.	Dec. 20	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	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  
Toni (Wendy Mattias' friend) – Health Concerns  
Bob Meyerpeter – Health Concerns  
Doug Myers – Health Concerns  
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](mailto:office@holywaypc.org).