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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 18, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Advent

“She will give birth to a son, and you will call him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” *Matthew 1:21*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — WELCOME

PRELUDE *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J.S Bach

INTROIT *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 9:2,6-7)

LEADER: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.
On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned.

PEOPLE: **A child is born to us, a son is given to us, and
authority will be on his shoulders.**

LEADER: He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Lord,
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

PEOPLE: **There will be vast authority and endless peace for
David's throne and for his kingdom, establishing
and sustaining it with justice and righteousness
now and forever.**

***HYMN** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* #129

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life, Creator of hope, be with us in our season of waiting. Forgive us for dismissing and ignoring those moments when we can end the waiting of others, but we do not. For those who wait for mercy and forgiveness. For those who wait for dignity and value in the eyes of another. For those who wait for the safe protection of trust. For those who wait to be heard, or loved, or sheltered from the storm. May we be the messengers who bring the good news of a Savior whose love is real and unbreakable. Forgive our sins, equip us with Your mercy, and send us to those who You are preparing, in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

A TIME OF GREETING

ANTHEM *Go Tell It on the Mountain* Chancel Choir

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM OUR CHILDREN

ADVENT HYMN *Light One Candle* (vss. 1-4) #85

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

SCRIPTURE (OT p. 636) Isaiah 7:10-16

HYMN *While We Are Waiting, Come* #92

SCRIPTURE (NT p. 1) Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON “Where Was I?”

OUR CARES AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER *Amen* #601

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* Roger House

***DOXOLOGY** #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN** *Love Has Come* #110

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE *Fiesta*

*Please stand if you are able

Calendar

PRAYER CONCERNS



Sun.	Dec. 18	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
		6:00 pm	Alateen & Alanon Meeting
Mon.	Dec. 19	9:30 am	Yoga
		2:30 pm	Book Club
		4:00 pm	Serendipity (potluck)
Tues.	Dec. 20	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:30 am	Names for the Messiah
		11:30 am	Cong. Life Outing
		6:00 pm	Session
		6:00 pm	Al-anon Meeting
Weds.	Dec. 21	4:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Thurs.	Dec. 22	5:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
		5:30 pm	AA
		6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sun.	Dec. 25	9:30 am	Worship, & Sunday School (No Coffee Hour Today)
		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

Russell Criswell (Gwen's son) – Health Concerns

Alex Diaz – Health Concerns

T.R. Ellis – Health Concerns

Julie Gonet – Health Concerns

Rachel (friend of Don Kimball) – 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

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 18, 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 52:7-10 John 1:1-14

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 Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. Join us for coffee and homemade snacks in the conference room.

- ✦ **Yoga** meets in the Ranch House Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m.
- ✦ **Book Club** will meet Monday at **2:30 p.m.**
- ✦ **Serendipity** will be having a potluck at **4:00 p.m.** this Monday at the home of Anita Parsil. (2341 S Circle X Place).
- ✦ **"Names for the Messiah,"** the study by Walter Brueggemann, and led by Elizabeth Smith, will have the last class this Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

✦ **The Congregational Life Outing** for December is **Tuesday** to the Frida Kahlo exhibit at the Tucson Botanical Gardens (2150 N Alvernon). The exhibit is on loan from the New York Botanical Gardens. Frida Kahlo, who died in 1954 and was the wife of artist Diego Rivera, was one of the most famous Mexican painters. We will leave right after the final advent class (about 11:35) and have a special \$7 rate. We will not have a guided tour, but there may be a docent available to answer questions. The grounds are handicapped accessible, and there are many benches and places to rest. Our fee includes the gardens and the Frida Kahlo exhibit but not the Butterfly House. The tour will take about 1 1/2 - 2 hours. **PLEASE HAVE \$7 CASH READY.** There is a cafe onsite. The menu is available at: tucsonbotanical.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Cafe-Botanica-Fall-Menu-2016.pdf. Although it is fairly expensive, it looks like a good place for lunch and won't necessitate moving cars. We will meet in the church parking lot on **Tuesday, 12/20 11:35 a.m.** and carpool to the gardens (returning about 2:00). Questions can be directed to Carol Hearn (395-0381).

- ✦ **The Session** will meet Tuesday at 6 p.m.
- ✦ **Chancel Choir Rehearsal** has changed from 6:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for Thursday, 12/22.
- ✦ **Help us give the gift of water this Christmas!** Lives can be changed through the gift of a well which provides clean water for drinking, bathing, washing and irrigation to an entire community. **Thanks to your donations, and a donor who matched your donations, we have enough to purchase one well! Go for two? Another donor has promised matching funds!** 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.
- ✦ **Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** will be Sat at 7 p.m.
- ✦ **There will not be Coffee Hour** after service next Sunday, 12/25.