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

Isaiah 35:8

December 27, 2015
First Sunday after Christmas Day

“After the festival was over, they were returning home, but the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn’t know it.”

Luke 2:43

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — WELCOME!

PRELUDE *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

***INTROIT** *Love Has Come (v. 1)* #110

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (John 1:1-5)

LEADER: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

PEOPLE: **He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.**

LEADER: In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

PEOPLE: **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

***HYMN** *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* #143

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our lives, as we prepare to leap ahead to a new year, the weights of the past pull us back. Regrets over what we’ve done, guilt over things we’ve said, and anguish over better roads we could have taken, stall our journey to the new. Darkness and shadows offer a familiar hiding place from Your call. Draw us forward, by faith, through courage, to take the full plunge into new life in Jesus Christ. In Your promised forgiveness, give us the words that will release us from regret, guilt, and sins which cling so tightly. May Your newness begin now, in Jesus Christ. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

A TIME OF GREETING

ANTHEM *Mary Did You Know?* Joel Mattson, soloist

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. 246 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

HYMN *In the Midst of New Dimensions* #315

SCRIPTURE (NT p. 59) Luke 2:41-52

SERMON “Whose Child Is This?”

OUR CARES AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER *Amen* #601

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY *Bring Him Home* Joel Mattson, soloist

***DOXOLOGY** #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN** *For Everyone Born* #769

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE *Blessed Assurance*

* Please stand if you are able.

Announcements & Opportunities

December 27, 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	Jeremiah 31:7-14 John 1:1-18
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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.

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

✦ Our **Moment for Mission** this morning will be given by Andy Thomas. Andy is a member of Holy Way, has served as a Ruling Elder, and currently serves as a Young Adult Volunteer in Washington, DC.

✦ Next Sunday, we will begin the New Year with the celebration of communion.

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

✦ For 5 weeks beginning on **Tuesday, January 5**, there will be a new **Adult Education class called Discipleship and Borders**. This class will give us the opportunity to study the act of crossing borders from a variety of angles. We will explore our own stories of migration, while also focusing on the work of the border ministry *Frontera de Cristo* and *Café Justo*. We will study stories of migration in the Bible and reflect on the common themes we see today. We strongly encourage anyone planning to travel to Agua Prieta on February 9 for the *Café Justo* trip to attend this class, but it is open to anyone interested in learning more! We hope you will join us. **The first day of this class will be a little different, as we will begin with a potluck meal in the Ranch House at Noon on Tuesday, January 5. After our meal, we will remain in the Ranch House for our first class. We will finish by 2pm. After that, we will meet at 1pm on January 12, 19, 26 and February 2.** Classroom will be determined based on class size. If you are planning to attend, please email Elizabeth Smith at esmith@holywaypc.org or put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.


✦ We invite those who have not yet completed an **estimate of giving** for 2016 to do so; cards are available in the narthex. We also invite year end gifts, postmarked by December 31st, to support our ministry and mission at Holy Way.

✦ **Save the date! The 3rd Annual Holy Way Women's Retreat** will be held March 4th - March 6th, 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.

✦ **Submittals to the January newsletter** need to be turned into the church office or emailed by Tuesday, December 29th.

✦ **Annual Reports** are due in the church office by email or in printed form, on January 5th.

CALENDAR

Sun.	Dec. 27	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School Ala-teen & Al-anon Meetings
Mon.	Dec. 28	9:30 am 2:00 pm	Yoga Serendipity
Tue.	Dec. 29	9:00 am 6:00 pm	Bible Study No Girl Scouts During Christmas Break Al-anon Meeting
Fri.	Jan. 1		
Sun.	Jan. 3	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School, Communion, Food Bank Sunday 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 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
Doug Myers – Health Concerns
Lyle Olmstead - Health Concerns
Anita Parsil – Health Concerns
Betty Reichlein – Health Concerns
Charles Sayers – Health Concerns
Rodger Schumacher – 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.