

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, December 17, 2023

Welcome and Announcements - Dennis Ferris

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship Isaiah 60:1-6

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**Congregation: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;**

Pastor: but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.

**Congregation: And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

Pastor: Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;

**Congregation: your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.**

Pastor: Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,

**Congregation: because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.**

Pastor: A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

**All: They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.**

Song of Adoration: Hymn #214- Angels We Have Heard On High

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Brandon Edmonds

Song of Praise: Red Book #47- The Goodness of Jesus

Song of Thanksgiving: Hymn #201- O Little Town of Bethlehem

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 35-36

Q & A 35

Q. What does it mean that he
“was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary”?

**A. That the eternal Son of God,
who is and remains
true and eternal God,
took to himself,
through the working of the Holy Spirit,
from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary,
a truly human nature
so that he might also become David's true descendant,
like his brothers and sisters in every way
except for sin.**

Q & A 36

Q. How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?

**A. He is our mediator and, in God's sight,
he covers with his innocence and perfect holiness
my sinfulness in which I was conceived.**

Advent Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11 The Crossfield Family

Confession of Sin:

Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: 2 "Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation." 3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. Isaiah 12:2-3

Missionary Spotlight: Harry Jameson

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Rev. Brandon Edmonds

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation: Hymn #194- O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Sermon: The Promise through Israel - A New King Forever, Rev. Brandon Edmonds

Text: Isaiah 8:19-9:7

- I. The Darkness
- II. The Light
- III. The King

The Lord's Supper
Invitation to Communicants
Words of Institution
Distribution of the elements
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Song: Hymn #735- Gloria Patri

Benediction - Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope