

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, October 20, 2024

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Brandon Edmonds

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship Psalm 117

Pastor: Praise the Lord, all nations!

Congregation: Extol him, all peoples!

Pastor: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

Congregation: and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever!

All: Praise the Lord!

Song of Adoration: Red Book #54 - Open the Eyes of My Heart

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Hymn #699 - Like a River Glorious

Song of Thanksgiving: Hymn #660 - O God beyond All Praising

Profession of Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism

94. What is baptism?

Baptism is a sacrament, where the washing with water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, signifies and seals our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's.

95. To whom is baptism to be administered?

Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible church, until they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to Him; but the infants of such as are members of the visible church are to be baptized.

Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-16

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, who shaped out of nothing all that is, forgive us for returning empty-handed. You who called forth light, forgive our preference for the dark! You who sent John to be a voice crying,

forgive our unwillingness to say anything at all! Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon 2 Corinthians 4:5-6

For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Dennis Ferris

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Hymn of Preparation: Hymn #44 - How Great Thou Art

Sermon text: Luke 1:57-80

57 Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. **58** And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. **59** And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, **60** but his mother answered, "No; he shall be called John." **61** And they said to her, "None of your relatives is called by this name."

62 And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. **63** And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they all wondered. **64** And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. **65** And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, **66** and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him.

67 And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

68 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for he has visited and redeemed his people

69 and has raised up a horn of salvation for us

in the house of his servant David,

70 as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

71 that we should be saved from our enemies

and from the hand of all who hate us;

72 to show the mercy promised to our fathers

and to remember his holy covenant,

73 the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us
74 that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
77 to give knowledge of salvation to his people
in the forgiveness of their sins,
78 because of the tender mercy of our God,
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high
79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

80 And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

Children's Message

Sermon: Promises Fulfilled and A Voice Arrives: The Birth of John

Outline:

- I. God's Promise Realized
- II. Obedience and a Name
- III. Praise and Fear

Closing Song: Red Book #35 - Give Thanks

Benediction: Isaiah 55:12-13

For you shall go out with joy,
And be led out with peace;
The mountains and the hills
Shall break forth into singing before you,
And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree,
And instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree;
And it shall be to the Lord for a name,
For an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.