

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy  
Sunday, December 1, 2024

Welcome and Announcements: Dennis Ferris

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship: Isaiah 12

Pastor: You will say in that day:

**Congregation: "I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.**

Pastor: "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid;

**Congregation: for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."**

Pastor: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. 4 And you will say in that day:

**Congregation: Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name,**

Pastor: make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

**Congregation: : "Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.**

**All: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."**

Song of Adoration: Hymn #196- Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Red Book #18- His Love Can Never Fail

Song of Thanksgiving: Hymn #211- God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Confession of Sin: Isaiah 64:4-9

Pastor: From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear,  
no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.

**Congregation: You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways.**

Pastor: Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

**Congregation: We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.**

Pastor: We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

**Congregation: There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you;**

Pastor: for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

**Congregation: But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.**

Pastor: Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever.

**All: Behold, please look, we are all your people!**

Assurance of Pardon Romans 5:6-9

**6** For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. **7** For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— **8** but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **9** Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Harry Jameson

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation: Hymn #216- Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Sermon text: Luke 2:1-7

**2** In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. **2** This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. **3** And all went to be registered, each to his own town. **4** And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, **5** to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. **6** And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. **7** And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Children's Message

Sermon: The Reality of Christmas: The Birth that Changed the Universe

Outline:

- I. History
- II. Incarnation
- III. Hope

Song of Grace: Hymn #425- Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Invitation to Table: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 75

Q. How does the holy supper remind and assure you that you share in Christ's one sacrifice on the cross and in all his benefits?

A. In this way:

Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup in remembrance of him.

With this command come these promises:

First, as surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup shared with me, so surely his body was offered and broken for me and his blood poured out for me on the cross.

Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of the one who serves, and taste with my mouth the bread and cup of the Lord, given me as sure signs of Christ's body and blood, so surely he nourishes and refreshes my soul for eternal life with his crucified body and poured-out blood.

Prayer of Receiving

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer for Blessing

Closing Song: Hymn #726- Spirit of the Living God

Benediction: Zephaniah 3:17

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing!