

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, December 8, 2024

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Brandon Edmonds

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting: Isaiah 52:7-10

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship Isaiah 40:9-11

Pastor: Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news!

Congregation: Lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not!

Pastor: Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

Congregation: Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him.

Pastor: Behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

Congregation: He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms;

All: he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Song of Adoration: Hymn #218- Angels from the Realms of Glory

Prayer of Invocation

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

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.

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 34:20-31

Confession of Sin

Our Heavenly Father and Good Shepherd, we are your people, the sheep of your flock. Like sheep, we wander; like sheep, we get lost; like sheep we are distracted. We pay too little attention to your rule, we doubt your good intentions, and we forget your power. Forgive us and lead us back to paths of righteousness. Heal our brokenness and lead us in green pastures. For your sake and in your name, Jesus, we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 59

The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,” declares the Lord.²¹ “As for me, this is my covenant with them,” says the Lord. “My Spirit, who is on you, will not depart from you, and my words that I have put in your mouth will always be on your lips, on the lips of your children and on the lips of their descendants—from this time on and forever,” says the Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Rick Moore

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Hymn of Preparation: Hymn #214- Angels We Have Heard on High

Sermon text: Luke 2:8-20

Children's Message

Sermon: The Glory of Christmas: The Shepherds and the Angels

Outline:

- I. Joy
- II. Peace
- III. Glory

Closing Song: Hymn #735- Gloria Patri

Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace!