

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy  
Sunday, December 22, 2024

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Brandon Edmonds

Advent Reading: Psalm 24

"The Sussex Carol" Sierra View Choir

Call to Worship: Psalm 134

Pastor: Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,  
who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

**Congregation: Lift up your hands to the holy place  
and bless the Lord!**

Pastor: May the Lord bless you from Zion,

**All: He who made heaven and earth!**

Song of Adoration: Hymn #207- Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Red Book #39- Joy Has Dawned

Profession of Faith

100. What does the preface of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

The preface of the Lord's Prayer, which is, "Our Father who art in heaven," teaches us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father, able and ready to help us; and that we should pray with and for others.

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 84

Confession of Sin

Most Holy Father and Lord Jesus,

Your word commands us to love you with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. We confess that we love you inconsistently and often half-heartedly. Your word commands us to love our neighbors as ourselves. We love our brothers and sisters too little and have too little zeal to share your gospel. We are not worthy to be called your children. Forgive us. Thank you that you are ready to forgive, and that Jesus who loved you and others wholeheartedly stood in our place for judgement. Thank you that by His worthiness we are declared righteous and made to belong. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Luke 15:22-24

But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate! For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Dennis Ferris

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation: Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground) Sierra View Choir

Sermon text: Luke 2:39-52

<sup>39</sup> And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

<sup>41</sup> Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup> And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup> but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup> and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.

<sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." <sup>49</sup> And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup> And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Children's Message

Sermon: Beyond Christmas: The House of the Father

Outline:

- I. A Family Trip
- II. Awkward Moments
- III. An Obedient Son

Closing Song: Hymn #195- Joy to the World

Benediction: Ephesians 6:23

Peace to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love!