

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy  
Sunday, January 12, 2025

Welcome and Announcements: Dennis Ferris

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship Psalm 46:7-11

Pastor: The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**Congregation: Come and see what the Lord has done,  
the desolations he has brought on the earth.**

Pastor: He makes wars cease  
to the ends of the earth.

**Congregation: He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.**

Pastor: He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;  
**Congregation: I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."**

**All: The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Song of Adoration: Hymn #345- Glorious  
Things of Thee Are Spoken

Prayer of Invocation:

Song of Praise: Hymn #355- We Are God's People

Song of Thanksgiving: Hymn #108- What'er My God Ordains is Right

Confession of Faith

103. What do we pray for in the third petition?

In the third petition, which is, "Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven," we pray that God, by His grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to His will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.

Scripture Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Confession of Sin

Our God in heaven, if you should mark iniquities, who could stand? We know that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Not one of us does good, no, not one. We have stiffened our necks against your will, hardened our hearts to your Word, refused to hear your voice, pulled away from your loving embrace, despised correction, and forgotten you in our thoughts. Yes, we have sinned against you. Father, we repent. We come to Christ,

who has promised rest for our souls. We take his yoke upon us. We desire to learn from him. Grant that we may bring forth the fruits of repentance from sincere hearts, which are precious in your sight. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

#### Assurance of Pardon Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Rick Moore

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation: We Three Kings

Sermon Text: Matthew 2:1-12

**2** Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, **2** saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

**3** When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; **4** and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. **5** They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

**6** "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel."

**7** Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. **8** And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." **9** After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.

**10** When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. **11** And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. **12** And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Children's Message

Sermon: The Magi: Unexpected/God Directed, Rev. Ed Veldhuizen

Outline:

- I. Hostility:
  - a. King Herod
  - b. The "Rulers of Jerusalem"
- II. Indifference: The Jewish Citizens
- III. Worship/Devotion/Gifts
- IV. What Do the Wise Men Teach Us?

Closing Song: Hymn #727- Lead Me, Lord

Benediction:2 John 1:3

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.