

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, February 2, 2025

Welcome and Announcements: Rick Moore

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship: Isaiah 52:7-10

Pastor: How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news,

Congregation: who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

Pastor: Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy.

When the Lord returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes.

Congregation: Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

All: The Lord will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God!

Song of Adoration: Hymn #75- O Father, You Are Sovereign

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Hymn #402- Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide

Song of Thanksgiving: Hymn #676- Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment

Confession of Sin

Most gracious Lord and Father,

As your word says, we have committed two evils. We have forsaken you, the source of living water. And we have dug our own wells that do not hold water. Forgive us for seeking after the things of this world - comfort, wealth, and fleeting pleasure - rather than seeking after you and your kingdom. Renew our hearts and transform our minds.

As you have promised, give us living water that wells up within us, and grant to us lasting joy and peace. We come to you in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 2:13-15

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh,

God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our

trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands.

This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Rev. Brandon Edmonds

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation: Hymn #139- Your Word Is Like a Garden, Lord

Sermon text: Luke 3:1-21

3 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, **2** during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. **3** And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **4** As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

5 Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,

and the rough places shall become level ways,

6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

7 He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? **8** Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. **9** Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

10 And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” **11** And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” **12** Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” **13** And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” **14** Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

15 As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, **16** John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. **17** His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

18 So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. **19** But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, **20** added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

Children's Message

Sermon: The Voice Calling: John the Baptizer, part 1

Outline:

- I. The Wilderness
- II. The Prophet
- III. The Message

Song of Grace: Red Book #31- Behold the Lamb vs.1-3

Invitation to Table: John 15:1-5

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Prayer of Receiving

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer for Blessing

Closing Song: Red Book #51- The Bond of Love

Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.