

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, December 7, 2025

Welcome and Announcements: Brandon Edmonds

Advent Reading: Haggai 2:6-9

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 #196- Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Gentle Shepherd

Song of Thanksgiving: Hymn # 201- O Little Town of Bethlehem

Confession of Sin (Clement of Rome)

You who are faithful throughout all generations, righteous in your judgments,
marvelous in strength and excellence,

You who are good, and faithful toward those who trust in you,

You who show pity and compassion,

Forgive us our sins, our unrighteousness, our transgressions, and our shortcomings. Do
not hold us to account for every sin, but cleanse us with the cleansing of your truth.

Guide our steps to walk in holiness, righteousness, and singleness of heart. Help us to do
those things that are good and pleasing in your sight. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Rev. Ed Veldhuizen

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation: He Will Hold Me Fast

Sermon text: Isaiah 40

1 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her
that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

3 A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

5 And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

6 A voice says, “Cry!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

7 The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the Lord blows on it;
surely the people are grass.

8 The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.

9 Go on up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, fear not;

say to the cities of Judah,
“Behold your God!”

10 Behold, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

11 He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand
and marked off the heavens with a span,

enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure
and weighed the mountains in scales
and the hills in a balance?

13 Who has measured the Spirit of the Lord,
or what man shows him his counsel?

14 Whom did he consult,
and who made him understand?

Who taught him the path of justice,
and taught him knowledge,
and showed him the way of understanding?

15 Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket,
and are accounted as the dust on the scales;
behold, he takes up the coastlands like fine dust.

16 Lebanon would not suffice for fuel,
nor are its beasts enough for a burnt offering.

17 All the nations are as nothing before him,
they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

18 To whom then will you liken God,
or what likeness compare with him?

19 An idol! A craftsman casts it,
and a goldsmith overlays it with gold
and casts for it silver chains.

20 He who is too impoverished for an offering
chooses wood that will not rot;
he seeks out a skillful craftsman
to set up an idol that will not move.

21 Do you not know? Do you not hear?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

22 It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;

23 who brings princes to nothing,
and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

24 Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows on them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

25 To whom then will you compare me,
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes on high and see:
who created these?

He who brings out their host by number,
calling them all by name;
by the greatness of his might
and because he is strong in power,

not one is missing.

27 Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

28 Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

29 He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

30 Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;

31 but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

Children's Message

Sermon: Waiting: The King is Coming

Outline:

- I. The Message of Comfort 1-2
- II. The Announcement of God's Coming 3-10
- III. The Greatness of God 11-26
- IV. God who Cares and Strengthens 27-31

Song of Grace: Red Book #31- Behold the Lamb

Invitation to Table: Isaiah 55:1-3

1 “Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;

and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

3 Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;

and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

Prayer of Receiving

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer for Blessing

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

Benediction: Isaiah 35:3-4

Strengthen the feeble hands,

steady the knees that give way;

say to those with fearful hearts,

“Be strong, do not fear;

your God will come,

he will come with vengeance;

with divine retribution

he will come to save you.”