

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy  
Sunday, December 14, 2025

Welcome and Announcements: Rick Moore

Advent Reading- Isaiah 9:1-7

"Mary's Little Boy Child" Sierra View Choir and Kids

Call to Worship

**Psalm 118:1-6,14-16**

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**Congregation: Let Israel say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."**

Pastor: Let the house of Aaron say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."

**Congregation: Let those who fear the Lord say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."**

Pastor: Out of my distress I called on the Lord;  
the Lord answered me and set me free.

**Congregation The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.  
What can man do to me?**

Pastor: The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he has become my salvation.

**Congregation: Glad songs of salvation  
are in the tents of the righteous:**

Pastor: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,

**Congregation: the right hand of the Lord exalts,  
All: the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!"**

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

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Thanksgiving: Hymn #229- Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Profession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 31

Q. Why is he called "Christ," meaning "anointed"?

A. Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit

to be our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance; our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our

eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

Confession of Sin: Psalm 6:1-9

O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath. Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing; heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled. My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O LORD- how long? Turn, O Lord, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love. For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who will give you praise? I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping. My eye wastes away because of grief; it grows weak because of all my foes. Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping. The Lord has heard my plea; the LORD accepts my prayer.

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 59:20-21

The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins," declares the Lord. "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: Rev. Brandon Edmonds

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

"Star of Bethlehem" Sierra View Choir

Song of Preparation: Hymn #211- God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Sermon text: Isaiah 59

- 1** Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save,  
or his ear dull, that it cannot hear;
- 2** but your iniquities have made a separation  
between you and your God,  
and your sins have hidden his face from you  
so that he does not hear.
- 3** For your hands are defiled with blood  
and your fingers with iniquity;  
your lips have spoken lies;  
your tongue mutters wickedness.
- 4** No one enters suit justly;  
no one goes to law honestly;

they rely on empty pleas, they speak lies,  
they conceive mischief and give birth to iniquity.

**5** They hatch adders' eggs;  
they weave the spider's web;  
he who eats their eggs dies,  
and from one that is crushed a viper is hatched.

**6** Their webs will not serve as clothing;  
men will not cover themselves with what they make.  
Their works are works of iniquity,  
and deeds of violence are in their hands.

**7** Their feet run to evil,  
and they are swift to shed innocent blood;  
their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity;  
desolation and destruction are in their highways.

**8** The way of peace they do not know,  
and there is no justice in their paths;  
they have made their roads crooked;  
no one who treads on them knows peace.

**9** Therefore justice is far from us,  
and righteousness does not overtake us;  
we hope for light, and behold, darkness,  
and for brightness, but we walk in gloom.

**10** We grope for the wall like the blind;  
we grope like those who have no eyes;  
we stumble at noon as in the twilight,  
among those in full vigor we are like dead men.

**11** We all growl like bears;  
we moan and moan like doves;  
we hope for justice, but there is none;  
for salvation, but it is far from us.

**12** For our transgressions are multiplied before you,  
and our sins testify against us;  
for our transgressions are with us,  
and we know our iniquities:

**13** transgressing, and denying the Lord,  
and turning back from following our God,  
speaking oppression and revolt,  
conceiving and uttering from the heart lying words.

**14** Justice is turned back,  
and righteousness stands far away;  
for truth has stumbled in the public squares,  
and uprightness cannot enter.

**15** Truth is lacking,

and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey.

The Lord saw it, and it displeased him  
that there was no justice.

**16** He saw that there was no man,  
and wondered that there was no one to intercede;  
then his own arm brought him salvation,  
and his righteousness upheld him.

**17** He put on righteousness as a breastplate,  
and a helmet of salvation on his head;  
he put on garments of vengeance for clothing,  
and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.

**18** According to their deeds, so will he repay,  
wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies;  
to the coastlands he will render repayment.

**19** So they shall fear the name of the Lord from the west,  
and his glory from the rising of the sun;  
for he will come like a rushing stream,  
which the wind of the Lord drives.

**20** "And a Redeemer will come to Zion,  
to those in Jacob who turn from transgression," declares the Lord.

**21** "And as for me, this is my covenant with them," says the Lord: "My Spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouth of your offspring, or out of the mouth of your children's offspring," says the Lord, "from this time forth and forevermore."

Children's Message

Sermon: The Horrible Effects of Evil and the Coming of the Savior

Outline:

- I. Separation
- II. Debilitation
- III. Salvation

Closing Song: Hymn #727- Lead Me, Lord

Benediction: Zephaniah 3:17

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.