

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy  
Sunday, December 21, 2025

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Brandon Edmonds

Musical Prelude

Advent Reading: John 3:16-22

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 #195- Joy to the World! The Lord is Come

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Hymn #200- It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Song of Thanksgiving: Hymn #216- Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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Profession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 32

Q. But why are you called a Christian?

A. Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing.

I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil

in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for eternity.

Confession of Sin

Almighty Creator, You created light out of darkness, and you gave us life. In our rebellion, we have often preferred the darkness and hidden from you. We confess our sins to you, and we cry out to you, the One who is the Word made flesh. We ask that you forgive us and help us to experience the new creation that you have worked within all who believe in you. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Dennis Ferris

## The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation: Hymn #203- Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Sermon text: Revelation 12

**1** And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. **2** She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. **3** And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. **4** His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. **5** She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, **6** and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.

**7** Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, **8** but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. **9** And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. **10** And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. **11** And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. **12** Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

**13** And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. **14** But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. **15** The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood. **16** But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth. **17** Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

Children's Message

Sermon: The Woman, the Child, and the Dragon - A Heavenly Perspective on Christmas

Outline:

- I. The Birth of the Child
- II. Ascension and Protection
- III. Danger and Deliverance

Benediction: Luke 2:14

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!