

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, December 28, 2025

Welcome and Announcements: Dennis Ferris

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 111

Pastor: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Congregation: Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.

Pastor Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

Congregation: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

Pastor: He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

Congregation: He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

Pastor: The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;

Congregation: they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

Pastor: He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.

Congregation: Holy and awesome is his name!

All: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

Song of Adoration: Hymn #152- The Law of the Lord Is Perfect

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Red Book #3- In Christ Alone

Song of Thanksgiving: Red Book #8- There Is a Redeemer

Profession of Faith: The Westminster Confession 14.1-2

Those whom God has accepted in His beloved Son, effectually called to salvation and set apart to Himself by His Spirit, can neither totally nor with finality fall from the state of grace but certainly persevere in it to the end and be eternally saved.

This perseverance of the saints does not depend upon their own free will but upon the unchangeableness of the decree election, flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father; upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ; upon the abiding of the Spirit and of the seed of God within them; and upon the nature of the covenant of grace — from all of which arise also the certainty and surety of the perseverance of the saints.

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 37:16-24

Confession of Sin

Most Gracious God,

As we look back on this past year, we have seen your goodness but we have not praised you as we should have. We have heard your word, but we have not followed it consistently. We have sensed your Spirit and we have resisted and sometimes fled to go our own way. But by your grace and the righteousness of Christ we approach you boldly. Forgive us these sins and all our others, as you have promised to all who repent and believe. We praise you for your mercy, and we thank you for your grace, that we do not come to you on our own, but we come to you wrapped in the righteousness of Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: John 10:27-30

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Rick Moore

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation: Hymn #94- How Firm a Foundation

Sermon texts:

Revelation 14:1-5

Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. **2** And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, **3** and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. **4** It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb, **5** and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless.

John 10:22-30

22 At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, **23** and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. **24** So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." **25** Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, **26** but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. **27** My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. **28** I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. **29** My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. **30** I and the Father are one."

Philippians 1:2-6

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, **4** always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, **5** because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. **6** And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon: The Faithfulness of God: The Preservation and Perseverance of the Saints

Outline:

- I. Sealed with Jesus' Name
- II. Held in the Hands of the Father
- III. Brought to Completion by the Holy Spirit

Exhortation to Prepare for Next Week's Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Closing Song: Hymn #195- Joy to the World

Benediction: Jude 24-35

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.