

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, January 4, 2026

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Brandon Edmonds

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 68:32-35

Pastor: Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth,
sing praise to the Lord,

**Congregation: to Him who rides across the highest heavens, the ancient heavens,
who thunders with mighty voice.**

Pastor: Proclaim the power of God,

**Congregation: whose majesty is over Israel,
whose power is in the heavens.**

Pastor: You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary;

Congregation: the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.

All: Praise be to God!

Song of Adoration: Hymn #580- Lead On, O King Eternal

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Red Book #18- His Love Can Never Fail

Song of Thanksgiving: You Are My All in All

Confession of Sin

Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksands, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Rick Moore

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation: Faith Is the Victory

Sermon text: Joshua 1:1-9

1 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, **2** "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. **3** Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. **4** From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory.

5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. **6** Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. **7** Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. **8** This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Children's Message

Sermon:

Outline: God with Us: Beginning the Year with Strength and Courage

- I. Moses' Death and a New Beginning
- II. The Promise and the Charge to Joshua
- III. Our Reasons for Boldness

Song of Grace: Hymn #465- Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

Invitation to Table: John 6:35-40

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone

who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

Prayer of Receiving

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer for Blessing

Closing Song: Hymn #730- Benediction

Benediction Joshua 1:9

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