We are a community of sinners saved by the grace of God through Jesus Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit. We seek to glorify God, nurture one another and express the love of God in word and deed.

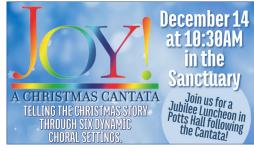


SPRING VALLEY

2nd Sunday of Advent December 7, 2025 Worship Service Bulletins & Announcements







# **ADVENT SEASON**

Today, 2nd Sunday of Advent: Yuletide Festival @ 3-4:30PM

Wednesday Evenings, Dec. 10, 17: Advent Bible Study @ 5:15PM

3rd Sunday of Advent, Dec. 14: Christmas Cantata @ 10:30AM Jubilee Luncheon @ 11:30AM

4th Sunday of Advent, Dec. 21: Longest Night Service @ 6PM

Christmas Eve, Wed. Dec. 24 Christmas Cheer @ 6PM Candlelight Service @ 7PM



# Traditional Service at 10:30AM in the Sanctuary

#### ASSEMBLING IN GOD'S NAME

"DING DONG! MERRILY ON HIGH!" **PRELUDE** ARR. MARK HAYES

\*Those who are able, please stand

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JENNIFER RALEY

**ADVENT'S HOLY LIGHT** (SEE INSERT)

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:** THE CANDLE OF PEACE

THE MERCADO FAMILY

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Comfort, comfort my people. Says your God.

Speak tenderly to the people of God and proclaim to her that her hard ALL: service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, and that she has received from the Lord's hand doble for all her sin.

Leader: He will tend his flock like a shepherd; He gathers the lambs in His arms.

He carries them close to His heart: He gently leads those who have young. ALL:

HYMN 22 ....." "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

CALL TO CONFESSION

JENNIFER RALEY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jennifer Raley

Lord you have welcomed us to this world you made. You have placed us in your world, but we have not consistently welcomed you. We have sought our own comfort instead of seeking your will. We have not opened our hand to those in need, and shown care to them as you show care for us. Give us compassion for the homeless remembering your homelessness in Bethlehem. Help us to love you with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Let us remember that though our sins be as scarlet, in Jesus Christ they are washed white as snow when we come back to Him for forgiveness. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

ΔII: Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

(OLD RED HYMNBOOK)

HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD, INCLINE THINE EAR TO US, AND GRANT US THY PEACE. AMEN.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

REV. DR. J. BEN SLOAN

**GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR** 

# PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

CHOIR ANTHEM

"I COME TO THE STABLE" I come to the stable with love and affection, I worship the Child sleeping still as a lamb. I see YOU IN FLESH, STRIPPED O TRAPPINGS OF DEITY, GIVEN FOR ME, POOR AND SINFUL I AM. I COME TO THE table with love and affection, I worship the Christ as the Sacrifice Lamb. I see You in flesh stripped of honor and dignity, given for me, poor and sinful I am. I come to the stable and FEEL YOUR HEART BEATING WITH BLOOD THAT WILL PAY FOR THE SIN THAT I OWN. MY GOD WRAPPED IN FLESH, FULLY MAN, FULLY DEITY LIVING FOR ME FAR AWAY FROM YOUR HOME. I COME TO THE TABLE, AND SEE THE BLOOD GIVEN, MY HANDS HOLD THE PRICE FOR THE SIN THAT I OWN. I TASTE OF THE FLESH, BRINGING DIGNITY, LIVING FOR YOU, I FALL DOWN AT YOUR THRONE.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 1:31 John 1:1-5, 14 PG. 2; PG. 2 PG. 91; PG. 86

SERMON

"The Hospitality of God - Inviting Hospitality"

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

#### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\* APOSTLES' CREED.......HYMNAL, PG 14
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only
Son our Lord; who was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### INVITATION to the TABLE

# WORDS of INSTITUTION

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People:**Leader: And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**PRAYER** 

#### RECEIVING THE ELEMENTS

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

#### **WORSHIP WITH TITHES & OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY "Mary, Did You Know?"

arr. Jim Hammerly

\* DOXOLOGY Hymnal, No. 592

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# **GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

\* HYMN 27 "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind blow at your back, may the sun shine warmly on your face, may the rain fall softly on your fields; and until we meet again, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

**POSTLUDE** "Noel in G" Louis-Claude d'Aquin

# Revelations Service @ 8:30AM in Potts Hall

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The Candle of Peace | The Wyatt Family Call to Worship | "Oh Come All Ye Faithfull"

Children's Time

# **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

Old Testament: Genesis 1:31 New Testament: John 1:1-5, 14

Sermon: "The Hospitality of God - Inviting Hospitality" | Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan
The Lord's Supper | "Make Room"
Lift Up Our Concerns

Greet Your Neighbor

# **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

"Mary, Did You Know?"
Statement of Faith: Apostles' Creed
Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon
Share Our Gifts | "The Angels Cried"

# **GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

Benediction | Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"

PRAYER LIST SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS AT WWW.SVPC.ORG. WE REMOVE NAMES AFTER FOUR WEEKS UNLESS REQUESTED.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to Ken & Renee McManus and family on the loss of Ken's mother, Dianne Morris McManus, on November 27, 2025.

**Members:** The Clutts Family, David Knowles, The St. Onge Family, Debbie & Grady Allen, Ann Perry, Pete Griffin, AJ Kilgore, Jennifer Breazeale, Dale Frieden-Bell, Pat Alexander.

Non-Members: Terri Whirett (The Seigler's friend), Jackson Richard Jansen (born to Alexy & Ben Jansen, & grandchild of Cathy & Rick Jansen), Dendy Sloan (Pastor Sloan's brother), Bob Lane (Deborah Strom's cousin-in-law), Caleb McGuire (Laura Griese's friend), Leila Evans, Freida Dean, Leesa Aiken (visitor), Lynn van Dijk, Port Loyola & West Street Baptist Churches, Children receiving treatment at Prisma Children's Hospital cancer ward & their families.

For **EMERGENCY** purposes, a defibrillator (in a red case) is available for trained CPR users on the cabinet outside of the pastor's office, as well as one mounted in a white cabinet on the wall outside of the Outreach Room.



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