

*“For my eyes have seen your
salvation,
which you have prepared in
the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the
Gentiles
and for glory to your people
Israel.”*

~ Luke 2:30-32



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Valley Community Presbyterian Church

8060 SW Brentwood, Portland, Oregon 97225

January 17, 2010 at 10:00 AM

❖ *Please stand as you are able*

Bold Text is spoken by everyone

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

ORGAN PRELUDE

O God, Thou Faithful God

Brahms

ACOLYTES

Daniel Simenson and Jason Simenson

WELCOME & COMMON CONCERNS (Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

❖ INTROIT

Kyrie

No. 2275

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist, David Marquis

Your love, O God, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep.

Earth's children, high and low, take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

We feast on the abundance of your house; you give us drink from your river of delights.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

Glory be to you, O God, our life and our light!

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

No. 2158

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we are attracted to false gods who lure us from you. The "god of easy answers" whispers that we need not accept the cost of discipleship, but only its joy. The "god of busy schedules" tempts us to delay doing your will until tomorrow. The "god of cozy friendships" calls us to love those who love us, rather than laboring to build Christian community among diverse personalities.

Forgive us that we are drawn toward false gods. Hold us close in your love, that we may never forsake you, but always serve you faithfully; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are those who seek the face of God.

Everyone who asks, receives, and the one who seeks, finds.

Blessed are those who ask for forgiveness, for they shall be forgiven.

Blessed are those who repent, for they shall be freed to live fully in the present.

❖ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

No. 579

❖ THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Best

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 23 and Luke 2:21-24, 26-40

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Life Always Has a Way of Settling Down

Pastor Minshew

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ron Leland, Deacon

THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.16)

RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING

Call for the Offering

Piano Offertory

Waltz in A♭

Brahms

❖ Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 592

❖ Prayer of Dedication

There is nothing in our hands, O God, that was not given by you. Yet we bring our gifts like faithful servants and hold them up for your blessing. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- ❖ HYMN *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* No. 404
- ❖ BENEDICTION
- ❖ BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Sent Out in Jesus' Name* No. 2184
- PIANO POSTLUDE *Intermezzo in C* Brahms

*If you choose, you are invited to exit following the benediction,
or remain seated and conclude worship with the postlude.*