

## Announcements:

- ◆ There is a box in the narthex for “Way of Warmth.” We are taking donations of blankets, jackets, gloves, scarves and hats to help others stay warm during the winter.
- ◆ Contribution Statements for 2024 have gone out. If you have not received yours or you have any questions, please let the church office know.
- ◆ Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is collecting for the devastating wildfires in California. There is more information on how you can help in the narthex.
- ◆ Per Capita (the apportionment our church pays to the presbytery), is due at the end of February. The per capita for 2025 is \$43.84 per member. The Holy Way’s dues are \$3,945.60. If you have paid the per capita, Thank you! If you are able to pay, please mark your check “per capita.”
- ◆ Join us for “Writing your Memoirs”-A workshop by Joan Zaretsky on Wed. Feb. 5 & 19. 10:00am-11:00am (See the newsletter for more information).
- ◆ Everyone is invited to Pastor Elizabeth & Gary’s Wedding! It will be held here at The Holy Way at 1:30 p.m. February 14-Valentine’s Day! Reception in the Ranch House to follow.
- ◆ Sunday, February 23, we will be having a Potluck in the Ranch House after worship. Bring a dish to share. Everyone is welcome.

## The Holy Way Presbyterian Church

February 2, 2025 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman



*“The world now is too dangerous  
and too beautiful for anything but love.  
May your eyes be so blessed you see God in everyone.  
Your ears, so you hear the cry of the poor.  
May your hands be so blessed  
that everything you touch is a sacrament.  
Your lips, so you speak nothing but the truth with love.  
May your feet be so blessed you run  
to those who need you.  
And may your heart be so opened,  
so set on fire, that your love,  
your love, changes everything.”*

*(from The Black Rock Prayerbook)*

## Welcome to Worship

### Announcements

#### **Announce Birthdays and Anniversaries** Ray Weathers **Sing Happy Birthday/Anniversary**

*(...singing Happy Birthday, God Loves You!)*

If you would like to participate in our tradition of celebrating your birthday or anniversary by giving money towards church improvements, music department, or children's ministry, please waive your hand, or stand up and your donation will be received in the basket!

#### **\*Call to Worship** (based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

One: Please Stand in body or in spirit for the Call to Worship.

One: Love is patient.

**All: Love is kind.**

One: Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

**All: Love does not insist on its own way.**

One: Love is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing.

**All: Love rejoices in the truth.**

One: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**All: Love never ends.**

One: Let us worship the Lord who loves us without boundaries.

#### **\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn** *Though I May Speak* #693

#### **Celebrations, Joys and Concerns** Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

The People of the Congregation Share Joys and Concerns

(Someone will bring the microphone to you).

Spirit of the living God, present with us now, breathe in us and on these gifts of bread and cup, that sharing your blessing and your broken life we may share in your continual presence and reality, and together, as your body, remain in your love. We give thanks that Jesus blessed bread, broke it and gave to us, asking us to always remember. We give thanks that at the end of the meal, Jesus took the cup and sealed a new covenant with us for all eternity.

**All: We share these gifts of God with all God's children**

#### **The Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

*(All are welcome to receive communion. We serve grape juice instead of wine and offer gluten free alternatives so that all may partake. Please hold the elements until all are served and we take communion together. We sing "Let us Break Bread Together" as we are served communion. The words are on the screen.)*

#### **The Prayer After Communion**

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew and remake us. What we have been is past, what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. May we be your living presence in this world. Lead us on. Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn** *I Come With Joy* #515 vs 1,4 and 5

**\*Benediction**

**\*Song:** *Let There be Peace on Earth*

#### **Postlude:**

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit*

Leader: O Spirit of grace and truth, For revealing yourself in community, for healing us in our brokenness, for inspiring us with courage to share,

**All: We give you thanks.**

Leader: O Trinity of love, For the promise of a spreading tree giving shade and protection, for the vision of a body in which each part works for the health of the whole, for the invitation to a feast where the despised will be guests of honor,

**All: We give you thanks.**

God of justice and peace, you stand with those who are poor. Now, in prayers spoken and unspoken, we call upon you for those who suffer the injustice of violence and want . . .

*(time of silent prayer)*

We call upon you for those who carry heavy burdens.....

*(time of silent prayer)*

We call upon you for those we love and those who love us..

*(time of silent prayer)*

Where shall we go from your spirit, and how could we be away from your presence?

**All: If darkness covers us and night closes in on us, you are there. For the night is not dark for you but luminous as the day, and the two are one to you.**

Where shall we go from your spirit?

**All: Your presence is there, and here, and everywhere.**

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## **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer...**

### **\*Passing of the Peace**

Since God has made peace with us, let us make peace with each other. The peace of Christ be with you all.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with each other)*

### **Our Offerings to God**

#### **Offertory Music**

#### **\*Doxology (607)**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Christ, all people here below;*

*Praise Holy Spirit evermore;*

*Praise Triune God, Whom we adore. Amen*

#### **Offering Prayer**

**All: Gracious God, whose love is so extravagant, we dedicate these gifts to you. May they go to share your love and care with the world. Amen**

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

Cathy Hershberger

Startle us, O God, with your truth and open our hearts and our minds to your wondrous love. Speak your word to us; silence in us any voice but your own and be with us now as we turn our attention, our minds and our hearts, to you, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Scripture 1 Corinthians 13:4-13** Cathy Hershberger

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

**Anthem** *To This Table*

**Scripture** **Luke 4:16-30**

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. Jesus stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then Jesus began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. The congregation said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?” Jesus said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’”

And Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When the congregation heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove Jesus out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Message**

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

## **Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

**The Invitation**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution**

Leader: O living God, For your blessing in creation, for your image deep within us, for your life in all its fullness,

**All: We give thanks.**

Leader: O Jesus our brother, For your coming to earth, for your calling of us as your friends, for your sharing of our life and death,

**All: We give you thanks.**