

The Holy Way Presbyterian Church



Everlasting Father

Joan Reixach (1411-1486/1492) Born in Barcelona. Tempera, oil and gold leaf on wood, displayed at the Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya in Barcelona, (Catalonia, Spain)

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**December 17, 2023 9:30am
*Rough Times?: Hope is Coming***

Welcome to Worship:
Opening Prayer

Rev. Tina Salvaneschi

Opening Christmas Carol: *Oh Christmas Night All Christians Sing*
(Hymn 112) Ensemble

Lighting of Advent Candle: Carol Portillo, Paulette Johnson
(*Lighting the Pink Joy Candle*) Don & Yvette Munezero-Nijimbere

Luke 3:7-18

7 And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.

10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. **11** For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. **12** And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: **14** "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

15 So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." **16** And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

17 Now when they had seen *Him*, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. **18** And all those who heard *it* marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

Opening Hymn: *The People Who Walked In Darkness* (Hymn 86)
Mac and Miss Judy

Birthday's and Anniversaries Stephen Levine
Sing Happy Birthday/Anniversary Mac & Miss Judy

If you want to participate in our tradition of celebrating your birthday or anniversary by giving money towards church building, renovation, improvement, sound systems, just waive your hand, or stand up and Pastor Tina will receive it in the basket!

Celebrations, Joys and Concerns Rev. Tina Salvaneschi
The People of the Congregation Share Joys and Concerns
(Someone will bring the microphone around)

...The Lord's Prayer

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

Anthem: *Do You Know* Ensemble

Tithes and Offering: Prayer Rev. Tina Salvaneschi

(Option: Place you index card with a private prayer for Pastor)
(Option: write on index card a word or two what giving to God means to you place index cards in plate)

Offertory Music: Dr. Astrid Chan

Doxology: (Hymn #606) Congregation
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Scripture Reading: Lay Leader
Isaiah 9:6

Jeannie Hollis

6 For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Psalm 68:5-6

A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows,
Is God in His holy habitation.
6 God sets the solitary in families;
He brings out those who are bound into prosperity;
But the rebellious dwell in a dry *land*.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be To God.**

Message: *Everlasting Father*

Rev. Tina Salvaneschi

Sending Hymn: O Come, O Come Emmanuel (*Hymn 88*)

Mac & Miss Judy

Benediction:

Rev. Tina Salvaneschi

Song: *Let There Be Peace On Earth*

Congregation

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our father
Christians all are we
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony
Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- * Today, **December 17th, 11:00am, Fellowship, Christmas Village viewing, and refreshments** at Jackie and Joe Reigert's home 6618 W. Harbin Ridge Way. Please stop by the Regret's for a cup of good cheer!
(DIRECTIONS IN THE NARTHEX)

- * **Sunday December 24th, No morning Service. Instead we will be holding a 5:00pm candle light service.** Please invite friends and family for our Christmas Eve Holy Way Service.

EVERY WEEK!

- * Monday: **The Handcraft Group meets at 10:00 am** in the Conference Room. All handcrafts (knitting, coloring, etc) welcome! Come make something with your hands and enjoy great fellowship time together.

- * Tuesday: Stay Connected During the Week! **"Sermon Debrief Bible Study"**. **10:00am**, in the Conference Room.

- * **Diaper bank of Southern Arizona** - The Holy Way supports this organization who provides adult products to seniors in our community. To contribute products or money for this organization please talk with Sherri Atleson. 520-560-5589