



NEW LIFE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **LA MESA**

December 7, 2025

9:30a Service

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

GREETING &

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 28:7-9

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

People: The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

Leader: Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!

People: Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

**PRAYER OF ADORATION, ASSISTANCE, &
BLESSING**

Hymnal #2 "O Worship the King"

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of
Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with
praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep
thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the
storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the
plain;
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the

end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!
O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their
lays,
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

REFLECTION ON GOD'S LAW

from Exodus 20:1-17 & N.T. corollaries, ESV

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

People: Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. (Eph. 6:1)

Leader: You shall not murder.

People: Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer,
and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. (1 Jn. 3:15)

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

People: Everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent
has already committed adultery with her in his heart. (Mt. 5:28)

Leader: You shall not steal.

People: If anyone is not willing to work,
let him not eat.

Do your work quietly and earn your own living. (2 Th. 3:10,12)

Leader: You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.

People: Having put away falsehood,
let each one of you speak the truth with
his neighbor. (Eph. 4:25)

Leader: You shall not covet anything that
is your neighbor's.

People: For the whole law is fulfilled in
one word: "You shall love your
neighbor as yourself." (Gal. 5:14)

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE 1 Timothy 1:15

Hymnal #194 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. [Refrain]

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. [Refrain]

O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
[Refrain]

O come, thou Key of David, come
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. [Refrain]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH Elder Mike Ewing

Hymnal #88 "With Grateful Heart My Thanks I
Bring"

With grateful heart my thanks I bring,
before the great thy praise I sing:
I worship in thy holy place
and praise thee for thy truth and grace;

for truth and grace together shine
in thy most holy word divine.

I cried to thee and thou didst save,
thy word of grace new courage gave;
the kings of earth shall thank thee, Lord,
for they have heard thy wondrous word;
yea, they shall come with songs of praise,
for great and glorious are thy ways.

O Lord, enthroned in glory bright,
thou reignest in the heav'nly height;
the proud in vain thy favor seek,
but thou hast mercy for the meek;
through trouble though my pathway be,
thou wilt revive and strengthen me.

Thou wilt stretch forth thy mighty arm
to save me when my foes alarm;
the work thou hast for me begun
shall by thy grace be fully done;
Forever mercy dwells with thee;
O Lord, my Maker, think on me.

GOD'S WORD READ Malachi 4:2

GOD'S WORD PREACHED "Advent 2: Hurt" by
Pastor Joel E. Wood

Prayer Of Application & The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymnal #230 “Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor”

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,
All for love's sake becamest poor;
Thrones for a manger didst surrender,
Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,
All for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising,
All for love's sake becamest man;
Stooping so low, but sinners raising,
Heavenward by thine eternal plan.
Thou who art God beyond all praising,
All for love's sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Saviour and King we worship thee.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling
Make us what thou wouldst have us be.

Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Saviour and King we worship thee.

Hymnal p. 845 “Apostles’ Creed”

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our
Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and
was buried; he descended into hell. The third
day he rose again from the dead. He
ascended into Heaven and is seated at the
right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.

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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Words Of Institution & Warning

Minister: The Lord be with you;
People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts;

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

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

COMMUNION PRAYER

Approach the Table for the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song "Holy Child"

Holy Child, who chose the hearts of men
To be His favoured home.

Leaving Heaven's gates for Bethlehem,
God came to call His own.

Now to us the highest King is born-
Behold, the Royal Son.

Glory kneels to bind up all that's torn;
The promised One has come.

Joy and pain, as man, He knew on earth;
No place to lay His head.

As a servant He embraced this world
And on a cross He bled.

Having borne the deepest grief of man,
He rose to Heaven's throne.

Now I'm sheltered in the Father's hand

Until He calls me home.

May the gift of God amaze us still-

The triumph of all time.

As His child, I kneel to Heaven's will

And make His purpose mine.

Though this road be scarred with trial
and pain,

It's paved with lavish grace.

Knowing Him will be my greatest gain;

His Throne my resting place.

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Hymnal #731: "Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below:

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

THE BENEDICTION

Postlude