

**Pastor D's Letter December 19, 2021**

**"The ox knows his master,  
The donkey his owner's manger,  
But Israel does not know,  
My people do not understand."**

(Isaiah 1:3 NIVUS)

God knows us very well. Better than we know ourselves. God knows that sometimes we are dense and at other times we are stubborn. But God still loves us and God still calls to us, "Come to me and find food for your soul."

**ISAIAH PROCLAIMED!**

**The ox knows its master.**

Even a dumb ox recognizes the one who cares for it and feeds it.

Don't be a dumb ox.

**ISAIAH PROCLAIMED!**

**The donkey knows its owner's manger**

Even a stubborn ol' donkey knows where the food comes from.

Stubborn as it may be, it knows who cares for it and feeds it.

Don't be a stubborn donkey. Come to the manger for spiritual food.

**ISAIAH PROCLAIMED!**

The animals know – Who cares for them.

But God moans – My people do not understand.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND!

Jesus, the bread of life, (John 6:35-51) was born in a manger, a symbol of God's providence and care. Will we come to understand that before the Cross was the Manger, the feeding trough of Grace? God became man. Jesus, God incarnate offers us life through faith.

This Christmas, come to the manger and feed on God's Grace! Come and know Him who has made you "HIS PEOPLE!"

**JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE – 6:30 P.M. FRIDAY.**

Carols, Candlelight and Communion.

And now, may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,

So that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Romans 15:13)

Dr. D

Christmas Play Sunday December 19, 9 a.m.

Caroling Sunday December 19, 5:30 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE SUNDAY DECEMBER 24, 6:30 P.M.**

## NEWS UPDATES

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- Join us for **Fellowship after church** in the Fellowship Hall.
- **No WWN Bible Study this Wednesday.**
- **MASKS ARE OPTIONAL** IN WORSHIP! Be considerate of those who choose to wear masks and maintain social distance.
- If you cannot come in person, we continue to broadcast our **SERVICE LIVE** every Sunday at 9 a.m. on <https://www.facebook.com/SierraVistaPresbyterianChurch/>. **OUR** account is public. **YOU DO NOT NEED A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT TO WATCH.** If you come to worship in person or watch at home, **invite a friend to join you.**
- If you watch on Facebook, **Worship sheets** are available on our website at <https://www.sierravistayuma.com/> under the NEWS Tab.
- If you wish to receive the monthly **newsletter** or know someone who wants to receive **Pastor D's Letter**, contact the church office with your email information.
- **THANK YOU for your CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT** of the church by giving in person, mailing a check, or giving ONLINE.