



**Faith Presbyterian Church
Sierra Vista, AZ**

November 21, 2021
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~ At the sound of the chimes, please use this time to silently prepare for worship. ~

PRELUDE "Autumn" - Stickle

GREETING One: This is the day that the Lord has made!
All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

INTROIT "Bread of the World" - Perry

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

All: We glorify our God with songs of thanksgiving and joy.

One: God has done great things for us, filling us with grace.

All: God fed our ancestors in the wilderness, God clothes us with hope.

One: We will offer our hearts to God, always saying, 'Thank you!' to the One who loves us.

All: We will sing our praises, shouting of God's presence in our lives.

***OPENING HYMN** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

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*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsively)**

Gracious God, we give thanks for the earth's harvest
that feeds our bodies and for your love which feeds our spirits.
When we forget to share, when we forget to give thanks,
when we forget that you are with us,
when we forget to care for others,
remind us that we are called to another way
so that all may have reason to celebrate and give thanks.
Help us to care for one another and for all creation.
Help us to learn new ways of thanksgiving and thanks-living
for it is by the ways we live that we truly show our gratitude to you. Amen.

(silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)**

One: This is the good news: as God dresses creation in wonder, so you will be clothed in grace;
as God pours out abundance upon the earth, so you will be blessed with peace and joy.
All: **We don't say it often enough, but thanks be to God for healing,
for life, for wonder, for mercy. We are blessed, for we are forgiven. Amen.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.***

WELCOME

We invite all our guests to identify themselves as they wish.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDRENS TIME Elder Richard Carter

ANTHEM "God is My Rock" - Pote

SCRIPTURE – the Psalms *Psalm 126*

¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,^[a]
we were like those who dream.

² Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."

³ The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

⁴ Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.

⁵ May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.

⁶ Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

*Holy wisdom, holy word, **thanks be to God.***

SCRIPTURE – the Gospels

Matthew 6:25-33

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

*Holy wisdom, holy word, **thanks be to God.***

SERMON

“With Grateful Hearts”

RESPONSE

The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OUR PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

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.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD AND DEDICATION OF 2022 PLEDGES

*DOXOLOGY

*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.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

CLOSING HYMN

"Let All Things Now Living"

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*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.*

*God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.*

*By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.*

*We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!*

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"* #654

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.*

POSTLUDE *"All Nature's Song of Praise"* - Hand



Sunday, November 28

- *1st Sunday of Advent*
- *Adult Sunday School - 9:15 am*

Sunday, December 05

- *Caroling after church to homebound* - song sheets, hats, and bells provided – Sign up in narthex

Sunday, December 12

- *Choir Cantata during worship*

Wednesday, December 15

- *Deadline to bring toys for the Child & Family Resource Center*

Saturday, December 18

- *Blue Christmas - 3:00 pm* - This service is for anyone who needs a quiet and reflective service

Sunday, December 19

- *Communion - Children's Pageant Video*

Friday, December 24

- *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 7:00 pm*
Our traditional service of scripture and carols

Sunday, December 26

- *Caroling and Guest Speaker, Elder Kay Travis*

