



**Faith Presbyterian Church
Sierra Vista, AZ**

December 26, 2021

Guest Preacher: Elder Kay Travis
Elder Johnnie Travis, Worship Leader
Janis Wheat, Director of Music
Bianca Garcia, Video-Tech



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

PRELUDE

“Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mild”

– Traditional

GREETING

One: This is the day that the Lord has made!

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

All: **Glory to God in the highest!**

One: For a child has been born for us, a Son has been given to us.

All: **Glory to God in the highest!!**

One: To us is born in the city of David, a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.

All: **Glory to God in the highest!**

One: And the Word became flesh and lived among us.

All: **Glory to God in the highest!**

One: Let us worship God.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-A-LONG Round 1

You will be invited to call out a Christmas carol to sing – there will be 3 rounds in the service!

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

God of grace and truth,
in Jesus Christ you came among us
as light shining in darkness.

We confess that we have not welcomed the light,
or trusted good news to be good.

We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst,
expecting little, and hoping for less.

Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope,
so that we may receive the fullness of your grace,
and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

(silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)**

One: Hear the promise of the Lord: See, your salvation has come!

You are a holy people, redeemed by God; sought out and not forsaken.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-A-LONG Round 2

READINGS

SCRIPTURE --

Matthew 1: 18-25
*Holy wisdom, holy word, **thanks be to God.***

READING

"Getting to the Front of the Stable"

Ann Weems

MESSAGE

"Joseph"

Elder Kay Travis

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

*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

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-A-LONG Round 3

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

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*Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

*While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. [Refrain]*

POSTLUDE

Bell Voluntary

– Patten

Upcoming Dates

Sunday, January 2nd

10:30 am We will welcome the Rev. Laura Munroe to our worship, who will be speaking on the theme "Preparation for That Moment." Laura Munroe serves as a hospital chaplain in Tucson where she lives with her husband Brad. She is discerning and discovering her ministry path in the midst of the pandemic after her ordination by ZOOM in November of 2020.

Sunday, January 9th

10:30 am We will celebrate **Epiphany Sunday** in morning worship with Star Words and Reaffirmation of our baptisms.

3:00 pm Ordination service for Joy Church to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. This is a special service officiated by de Cristo Presbytery, but it is also our send-off to Joy and her husband Gary as they move to Nebraska for Joy's new call.

Saturday, January 15th

11:00 am Memorial Service for Janet (Jani) Klucsarits.

The church office is closed from December 24th through January 2nd.

***Pastor Renee** is on vacation from December 26th through January 6th. Elders Joy Church and Kay Travis will be covering for pastoral emergencies. Joy's cell is ((520)220-2431, Kay's cell is (870) 820-4110 – text if you can because cell coverage at her home is spotty.*