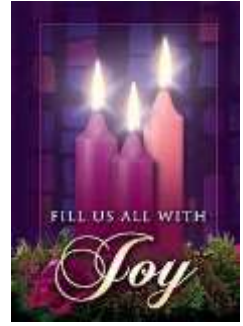




FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

Rev. Brian Louis, Pastor
Elder Judy Pike, Worship Leader
Janis Wheat, Director of Music
Debi Godwin, Choir Director
Jeff Durham, Video Tech



Order of Worship

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE “Wake, Awake! For Night Is Flying!” arr. Eliot

GREETING “This is the day that the Lord has made!”
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

ADVENT READING - Kay Travis, Debbie Wood, Mario Gonzales

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

ALL: Dear God, you refresh our spirits with your joy in times of emptiness and trouble. We await your coming again so we might experience the everlasting joy in our lives and in your world. Amen.

INTROIT - “Advent Song” (verse 3) - Walker (Faith Choir)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

We gather together today in anticipation and a spirit of joy to praise God.

Come Lord Jesus, Come!

We shout for joy because we are God’s children and God loves us all.

Dear God fill our hearts with love and compassion and thanksgiving for all the gifts you have given us!

We pray that we may be your faithful servants always and share your love for everyone we encounter.

Prince of Peace, we await your arrival and the ushering in of your Kingdom!

God, you are the source of all joy and peace in us and in the world.

Come Lord Jesus, come!

*** OPENING HYMN** “Once In Royal David’s City” - #140

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Gracious and ever-loving God, you are love. You are the source of joy and we praise and thank you for all the gifts you have given us. We need reminding of those gifts daily, for our thoughts and agendas get in the way. Instead of sharing your joy with the people we meet, we are sources of discord. We gossip, we spread rumors, we judge, all against your command to love one another. Help us repent and turn away from our sins and turn toward your magnificent grace and forgiveness. Instill in our hearts the all-powerful love you show for us so we can share that with the world.

(silent reflection)

* THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

God is a never-ending fountain of mercy and forgiveness.

Our God's grace gives us the chance to start over each day throughout the day.

Let us recognize that love and mercy and begin again right here and right now to be the people God knows we can be.

With the help of the Lord's grace and love, anything is possible!

Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* 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

SHARING OUR PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

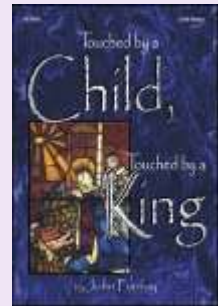
Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

“Touched by a Child, Touched by a King”

Niel Lorenz & John Purifoy - [Lorenz Corporation](#)

Being touched in a life-changing way by the Christ child is the theme of this unique cantata. It follows the experiences of Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, the wise men, and finally all those who believe today, our lives touched by a child, touched by a king.

- * *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*
- * *“Touched by a Child, Touched by a King”*
- * *“Rejoice, Rejoice, All People”*
- * *“I Was Touched, And I Believe”*
- * *“The Truth and the Light”*
- * *“Light of the World”*



Choir:

Morgan Evans, Fred Whitley, Paul Lewis, George Wheat, Heather Carter, Susan Powers, Lisa Tuttle, Kay Travis, Bryanna Townsend, Heather Mayhew, Tina Durham; Guest choir members: Dawn Cummings, Deb Koltveit, and Lynette Nowlan

Violin: Shelby Walsh

Flute: Cory Allen

Trumpet: Troy Lombard

Narrator: George Wheat

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD "THE APOSTLES' 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.

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - *"Bells of Christmas Morning"* - arr. Ryan (Faith Tone Chimes)

* 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

* CLOSING HYMN - *"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"* #107

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE *"While We Are Waiting Come"* #92 (verses 1 & 3)

*While we are waiting, come;
while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting come.*

*Come, Savior, quickly come;
come, Savior, quickly come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting come.*

* POSTLUDE *"Festal Postlude"* - Powell