



# FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2023

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

## CHIMES

**PRELUDE**            “Upon This Rock” - Gaither & McGuire

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

**CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT - “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” - #829 (verse 1)**  
***My Faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior Divine!***  
***Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;***  
***O let me from this day be wholly thine!***

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

Praise the Lord from the heavens

***Praise God in the heights!***

Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful

***Let us praise God with dancing, making melody to God with tambourine  
and lyre***

Let the faithful exult in glory

***Sing praises to God forever and ever!***

**\* OPENING HYMN      “Lift High the Cross” #826**

## **\* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

***Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we  
have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not  
loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.***

***Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

(silent reflection)

**\* THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)**

If we have died with Christ,

***We believe that we will also live with him.***

Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

***The Lord has redeemed and saved us from sin!***

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Thanks be to God.***

**\* GLORIA PATRI - “Glory Be to the Father”**

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

***As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.***

**\* PASSING OF THE PEACE (responsively)**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us share signs of reconciliation and peace.  
The peace of Christ be with you.

***And also with you.***

(You are invited to offer your neighbor a brief sign of peace)

**WELCOME**

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

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHILDRENS TIME** - Elder Richard Carter

**SPECIAL MUSIC** - “*Holy, Holy, Holy*” arr. Krugel (Faith Tone Chimes)

**SCRIPTURE - OLD TESTAMENT** - Psalm 15

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

**SCRIPTURE - NEW TESTAMENT** - 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

**SERMON** “Where is Your Center?”

## 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.*

## 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.*

## RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - *"The Soul That Thirsts for God"* - Taylor

\* DOXOLOGY - *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* #609

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures high and low.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

\* **CLOSING HYMN** - *“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”* #837  
(*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*)

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”* #353 (vs 1)

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name,  
on Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

\* **POSTLUDE** - *“Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light”* - Bach, arr. Smith

