

# FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship "Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord"

January 7, 2024

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

## CHIMES

PRELUDE "Wise Men Seeking Jesus" - Ritter

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

INTROIT - "Go Tell It on the Mountain" - #136 verse 1 & 2

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

The voice of the Lord is over the waters,  
*and in the temple God's people say: Glory!*  
The heavens opened, the Spirit descended,  
*and a voice sounded: This is my Beloved Son.*  
Do not fear, for the Lord has spoken:  
*I have called you by name; you are mine*

\* OPENING HYMN - "We Three Kings of Orient Are" - #151

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

*Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.*

~ Let us take a few moments for silent reflection. ~

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

As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, God speaks to us: You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! ***Thanks be to God***

## **\* GLORIA PATRI - “Glory to God” - #582**

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

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

May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance. The peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

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

## **THE WELCOMING OF GUESTS**

We invite our guests to use the nametags in the attendance pads to identify themselves so that we may get to know each other.

## **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHILDRENS TIME** - Elder Richard Carter

**ANTHEM** - “Come to Us, O Christmas Star” - Stewart & Johnson (Faith Choir)

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)**

***Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## **OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Genesis 1:1-5**

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

## **NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Mark 1:4-11**

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

**SERMON**           **“The Spirit is With Us”**

## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD "The Nicene Creed"**

***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

## **ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION NEW RULING ELDERS AND DEACON**

John Gulde  
Susan Powers  
Jamie Rutgers  
Debbie Wyatt

Randy Mitchell

## **SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF 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, forever. Amen.***

## **RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY** - *“He Is The Gift”* - arr. Blomberg Heather Carter—soloist

\* **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 OFFERING**

\* **CLOSING HYMN** - *“Baptized in Water”* - #482

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** - *“Go Tell It on the Mountain”* #136 (verse 3)

\* **POSTLUDE** - *“March of the Kings”* - Stickers

