



# FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 2024

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

## CHIMES

## PRELUDE

*“Jesus Shall Reign” – arr. Price*

## GREETING

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

## INTROIT

*“Christ Is Coming” – #360 [Faith Choir]*

**SONNY**

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

O God, who created us in love,

***create us anew in love as we worship you.***

O Jesus Christ, who redeemed this world in love,

***reclaim our hearts as we worship you.***

O Holy Spirit, who moves this world toward its God-appointed end,

***move within us as we worship you. Amen!***

## \* OPENING HYMN - “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending” – #348

**SONNY**

## \* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

***Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name’s sake. Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gift of your grace symbolized in baptism, O God, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in***

**Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

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

**SONNY**

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

All the prophets testify about Christ that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. Friends, believe the good news! ***In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!***

**\* 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

**SPECIAL MUSIC** - “*Days of Elijah*” – Mark [Faith Choir]

**SONNY**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)**

***God, source of all light, by your Word give light to our lives. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.***

**SONNY**

**OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Daniel 7:1, 9-10, 13-14**

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

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Revelation 1**

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

## **SERMON** “Revelations on Revelation Part 1”

### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD** adapted from “A Brief Statement of Faith”

*In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

### **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.*

#### **SONNY**

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

**OFFERTORY** - “Praise the Lord, Who Reigns Above” – Ritter

\* **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!*

**SONNY**

\* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERING**

\* **CLOSING HYMN** - *“Come, Thou Almighty King”* – #2

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** - *Variation on “We Will Rock You”* – May

*Jesus Christ, our Lord and King;  
On the cross He bore our sin.  
But, He’s alive to come again.  
Praise the Lord! Amen! Amen!*

*He will... He will... Rock You!  
He will... He will... Rock You!*

\* **POSTLUDE** - *“Soon and Very Soon”* – Crouch