

# FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship    21st Sunday after Pentecost    October 13, 2024

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

## CHIMES

**PRELUDE**    “Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross” - arr. By McDonald

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

**CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT**    “Surely the Presence”

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,  
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angel’s wings, I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

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

O come, let us sing to the Lord  
*and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!*  
Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving,  
*singing joyful songs of praise.*  
O praise the Lord with me,  
*let us exalt God’s name together*

**\* OPENING HYMN - “God is Calling Through The Whisper” #410**

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

*Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.*

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

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

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

### \* GLORIA PATRI - Traditional

*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.*

### \* 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

(Children's church available during worship for ages 0 - 10)

**SPECIAL MUSIC - "And Can It Be" - Forrest  
Men's Ensemble, Sierra Vista Sings**

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

*Gracious God, guide us as we read the word today. Open our hearts, ears, and minds to what you have to say in scripture, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Psalm 37:1-11**

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

## **NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Matthew 5:5**

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

## **SERMON - "Sharing Our Inheritance"**

## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD - adaptation of "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. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. 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. Amen.*

## **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** - *"I Surrender All"* - arr. By Schram

**\* DOXOLOGY** - Traditional

***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** - *"When the Lord Redeems the Very Least"* #852 (verses 1-3)

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE** - *"When the Lord Redeems the Very Least"*  
#852 (verse 4)

**\* POSTLUDE** - *"To God Be the Glory"* - arr. By Hayes