

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

1st Sunday of Christmas

December 29, 2024

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE *"Christmas Lullaby"* - Rutter

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

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT - *"Love Has Come"* - #110 (verse 1)

*Love has come: a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
Hear how their song of joy arises: Love! Love!
Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

I will proclaim the gracious deeds of God;
the steadfast love of the Lord is great.
Now we have seen the saving love of the Lord,
the glory of God's people and a light to all.
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly!

* OPENING HYMN - *"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"* - #146

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord

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

* THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

Christ our Savior gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from our sin and claim us as his own people. ***Thanks be to God!***

* 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 - Bill Brouwer

SPECIAL MUSIC - "Go Tell it on the Mountain" - Traditional - arr. Durham

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious God, by the gift of your Holy Spirit show us the Word made flesh— good news of great joy for all— so that we may sing with the angels: glory in the highest and peace on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Psalm 148

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Colossians 3:12-17

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

SERMON “Joseph the King”

CRE Johnnie Travis

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 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, for ever. Amen.

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - “Only a Manger” - Green

DOXOLOGY *Traditional*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Faither, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

CLOSING HYMN - *“Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple”* - #148

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE - *“Love Has Come”* - #110 (verse 3)

*Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking. Love! Love!
Love is the gift of Christmas. Love! Love!
Praise to you, God on high!*

POSTLUDE - *“A Song of Joy”* - Orbe Waldo de los Rios

