

# FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

2nd Sunday of Christmas

January 5, 2025

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

## CHIMES

PRELUDE      *“Bethlehem Star”* - Scott

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

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT - *“Go Tell It on the Mountain”* #136 verse 1 & 2

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

Arise, shine; for your light has come!

***The glory of God has risen upon us.***

Tell the good news throughout the earth:

***the saving grace of Jesus Christ is for all.***

Come and adore the Savior of the nations.

***We offer the gifts of our lives to the Lord!***

### \* OPENING HYMN - *“Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow”* - #135

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

***God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.***

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

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

The mercy of the Lord is like rain, like showers that water the earth. 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

**\*HYMN** - “*As with Gladness Men of Old*” #150

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (unison)**

***Holy One, giver of all light, lift up our hearts and minds to Christ, the morning star that never fades. By the light of your Holy Spirit reveal to us your saving Word and lead us to offer our lives to you in service and in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Isaiah 60:1-6**

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

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Matthew 2:1-12**

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

**SERMON** “Follow His Star”

## **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** - "Shepherds" - Martin

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

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

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

