

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE - "I Am His and He Is Mine" with Bach's "Arioso in A. Major" arr. Ham

GREETING

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT - "***Baptized in Water***" #482 verse 1

***Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise;
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.***

* 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 - "***I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry***" #488

* 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 Be to the Father”**

***Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. 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 - “*Carry the Light*” - Beck

Faith Choir

PRAYER OF 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 – Isaiah 43:1-7

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

SERMON “The Expanding Family of God”

BAPTISM OF BRENTON SILVA

Congregation sings: *“Jesus Loves Me”*

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.

REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM - Background music - “Tides” - Binckes

If you would like to come forward to receive a stone to remember your baptism, please do so at this time.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

Bruce Perkins-Murray, Linda Perkins-Murray,
Dezarae Crumpton, Brenton Silva

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS AND ELDER

Deacons: Kathy Crawford, Heather Mayhew, George Van Otten,
Ruth Van Otten

Elder: Gene Raymond

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 - *"Jesus, I Come"* arr. Smith

*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 - *"Here I Am, Lord"* #69

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE - *"Baptized in Water"* #482 Verse 3

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.*

*POSTLUDE - *"Postlude in C Major"* - Unknown