



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

3rd Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE - *“In the Garden”* - arr. Jay Rouse

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

INTROIT - *“Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life”* (Faith Choir)

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit,
God’s love is poured into our hearts.
The law of the Lord revives the soul;
the word of God makes the simple wise.
Let all who thirst come to the waters;
let all who are hungry come and eat.

* **OPENING HYMN** - *“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”* (Insert)

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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

Listen, the time has come at last. Look, now is the day of salvation! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! ***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 - Elder Richard Carter

ANTHEM - *“The First Song of Isaiah”* - White (Faith Choir)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us, by your Word, through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Isaiah 55:1-9

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Luke 13:1-9

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

SERMON - “Repent or Perish”

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 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, for ever. Amen.

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - *"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"* - arr. Gina Sprunger

*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 - “Amazing Grace” - #649**

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE - “Go In Peace”**

Go in Peace, go in kindness, go in love, go in faith.

Leave the world, the world behind us, God is love, go in grace.

***POSTLUDE - “Jesus is Lord, arrested.” - James Koerts**

