



Faith Presbyterian Church
2053 East Choctaw Drive
Sierra Vista, AZ 85650
Phone: 520-378-9400

Email: faithsecsv@gmail.com

Website: www.faithpresb.org

~ Awesome April ~

Pastor: Rev. Brian R. Louis
Office Manager: Judy Mayhew
Office Hours: 9 am - 2 pm Mon-Fri
Worship Service: 10:30 am



**Faith is so thankful that you are worshiping
with us every Sunday at 10:30 am!**

**Join your Faith Family in April
for love and inspiration
and the celebration of Easter.**



~ WALKING IN FAITH ~

APRIL

2025 NEWSLETTER

Faith Presbyterian Church Sierra Vista, Arizona



"Love Grows Here"

Faith Presbyterian's Mission Statement

We are Faith Presbyterian, and we seek to do God's work through Christian worship, education, fellowship, and outreach ministry as we serve an awesome God....



~ March 5, 2025 ~



PASTOR'S POST

Dear Faith Members and Friends,

I just want to remind everyone to continue to remember our Faith members and friends who may not be able to make it to worship each week. A phone call or a card means a lot! If you're wondering how someone is doing, just give them a call and see for yourself! Part of being a part of a faith community is the community part. We are called to watch out for each other and help each other where we can. Remember also to keep praying for each other and the church. Jesus commanded us to love one another, so let's remember that each day!

Thanks to everyone who attended my Lenten seminar on prayer, almsgiving, and fasting. There was great attendance, and a few weeks we had over twenty people in attendance. I was grateful for all the support and the enthusiasm everyone had for the material. If you were not able to attend and would still like the book we used, please let me know and I can get you a copy! Thanks for everyone's thoughts and feedback on the material, I may use it for my final project to get my doctor of ministry degree. We shall see! Thank you!

We are still working on getting some more music this spring at Faith to take the place of Dixieland Devotionals which helped raise money over the years for various local charities. In June it looks like we will have some great Irish music to offer and at the beginning of May some bluegrass! I am also working on getting a date for a gospel show in May or June. Stay tuned!

As Lent begins to wind down, we have some special services coming up that I want everyone to be aware of. First, on April 13 will be the Palm Sunday Cantata, which is an annual feature of worship and one I look forward to every year. Then on April 17 is Maundy Thursday, where we commemorate the Last Supper and Jesus' institution of the Lord's Supper. We will be serving the bread and wine (grape juice) by intinction that evening. And then on April 20 is the holiest of days in the Christian calendar, Easter Sunday! Please join us in worship as we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord.

But wait, there's more! On Sunday April 27 we here at Faith celebrate "Bright Sunday," where folks wear colorful clothes, and we put bright quilts on the back of the pews to keep our Easter season celebration going!

If you are interested in becoming a member at Faith and would like to know more about what that entails, please let me or Office Manager Judy Mayhew know, and we will schedule a new members class for you. Please consider joining our merry band of Jesus followers!

In Christ,
Pastor Brian

FAITH STEPPING STONES



~ Happy April Birthday ~

Paul Lewis	01
Monica Davis	03
Bridget Diekema	10
Gene Raymond	12
Dave Rockwell	13
Bianca Garcia	16
Joan Lopshire	16
Tonia Swarner	16
Hudson Rutgers	18
Jack Pitzel	19
Debi Godwin	28



~ Happy April Anniversary ~

Bob & Barb Schratz	22
Doug & Eleanor Templeman	27



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 2025

March 02	86
March 05	51
March 09	81
March 16	87
March 23	87
March 30	91

March Weekly Average Attendance 80.5

It's a good thing God has a good memory.

He hasn't heard your voice in a long time!



The Deacons may be needing help or even your input from time to time. We do more than just make coffee for coffee hour and serve. We set up, usually with the assistance of one or 2 parishioners, by making coffee, putting out the plates, napkins, silverware, water, cookies and whatever else has been donated. Once everyone leaves, we clean up. Some Sundays it looks like we are up to our elbows in alligators, so don't be afraid to ask if you can assist us. We won't be offended!

We also set up and serve refreshments after memorial services.

The Deacons get dinners together to take to homebound members that cannot do for themselves. But we are not mind readers so you have to make us aware of your needs. We are happy to help.



The Deacons are considered the "worker bees" of the church. If you don't know who to ask, find a deacon and if you have needs, come to us first and let us help you or someone else that you know is in need. If you see something, say something.

Faith Presbyterian is our family, let's treat it like family!

~ submitted by Deacon Tom Mathias

~ April 2025 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Men's Lunch 11:30 Country House	2 Choir 6:00	3 Fellowship Breakfast 8:30 am "My Place"	4	5
6	7	8 Men's Lunch 11:30 Country House	9 Choir 6:00	10	11	12
13  CANTATA	14	15 Men's Lunch, 11:30 Country House Finance 2:30 pm Music & Worship 6:00 pm	16 Ladies Luncheon Angry German 11:30 Choir 6:00	17 7:00 pm Worship 	18	19
20 	21	22 Men's Lunch 11:30 Country House 3:00 Deacons 6:00 Session	23 Choir 6:00	24	25	26
27 	28	29 Men's Lunch 11:30 Country House	30 Game Day 2:00 pm SH Choir 6:00			

WHAT'S HAPPENING - OUTREACH MINISTRY



Join Game Day
Wednesday,
April 23.
2:00 pm

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others."

1 Peter 4:10



~~ MEN'S LUNCH ~~

All men are invited to join the Men's Lunch at 11:30 am each Tuesday in April at Country House Restaurant.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Thursday, April 3
My Place at 8:30 am
1081 E. Fry Blvd.



9:15 am every Sunday morning!

Bring the youth to learn about the Bible and have fellowship and crafts.



~ Ladies Luncheon pictures from the past! ~



The Ladies Luncheon is starting up again!!!

Join the ladies on Wednesday, April 16

at the "Angry German Restaurant"

355 W. Wilcox Drive

11:30 am

Please reserve your place at the table if you plan to attend. The reservation sheet is in the narthex.

Faith had a BAT on the outside wall near the office door!
After residing at Faith for 5 days, the USDA of Cochise County was called to inspect the bat. It was a very much alive Cave Myotis Bat! Thank you AI, from USDA, for removing the bat at Faith!!



Wow!
Look at the teeth!!

ELDERS 2025

Scott Bird, Chair Mission & Stewardship
Heather Carter, Christian Ed Chair
John Gulde, Building & Grounds
John Osborne, Personnel Chair
Judy Pike, Finance
Susan Powers, Music & Worship Chair
Gene Raymond, Treasurer
Jamie Rutgers, Music & Worship
Lisa Tuttle, Christian Ed/Music & Worship
Rhonda Unicume, Mission & Stewardship
George Wheat, Buildings & Grounds Chair
Charles Wilkes, Finance Chair

Please check out the pictures in the Narthex, especially if you do not know the Elders and Deacons.



DEACONS 2025

Kathy Crawford
Marne Gulde, Co-Moderator
Marti Louzy, Food Bank
Tom Mathias
Heather Mayhew, Birthday Cards
Randy Mitchell, Co-Moderator
Charlotte Osborne, Secretary
Sharon Raymond, Anniversary, etc. cards
Barb Schratz, Kitchen
George Van Otten
Ruth Van Otten

Remembering Jim Graham

June 26, 1925 – February 23, 2025



**90th Birthday
2015**



2005



**Jim & Mark Adams
2015**



**Jim & Ron Mayhew
2012**



OHANA 2018



**Learning the many languages God Speaks.
Children's Sermon 2018**



**Jim & Fred Whitley
Advent 2021**

Born in Ponte Nova, Bahia, Brazil, Jim was the oldest of four sons of Ruth and Irvine Graham, Presbyterian missionaries. At age 14, he shipped to the United States for high school. During World War II, he served in the Navy, ending in the Marianas Islands. He graduated from Tarkio College and then did graduate work at Harvard University. He worked at Central College in Iowa for 45 years as teacher, coach, academic dean and interim president, and was most proud of having helped launch, nurse, and nourish study abroad programs in Europe, the UK, Mexico, and China. Jim and his wife, Martha, retired in Sierra Vista, AZ where he lived his last years encouraged by the saints at Faith Presbyterian. A memorial service will be held for Jim at Faith on Friday, April 25 at 10:00 am.

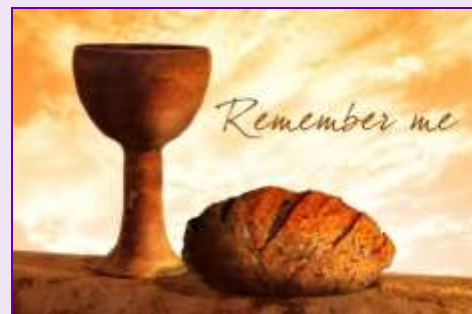


Thank you, Pastor Brian, for the most enlightening Lenten Study:
“The Three-Legged Stool of Lent:
Reflections on Prayer, Almsgiving,
And Fasting in the Bible.”



Join your Faith Family
on Palm Sunday to
praise God by waving
palms!
Enjoy the Cantata!!

Maundy Thursday,
April 17, 7:00 pm
worship and communion



Hallelujah!
Christ
Is Risen!



Baptism

March 9, 2025



*Eleanor Anne Richardson Wheat
The first infant to be baptized by
Rev. Brian Louis.*



Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

March 5, 2025



Ash Wednesday Worship

