



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Service of the Witness to the Resurrection

"If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE - *"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"* - arr. Courtney

GREETING - Rev. Brian Louis

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (responsively)

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. In his baptism Jim was clothed with Christ; in the day of Christ's coming, he shall be clothed with glory. The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

O God, who gave us birth, you are ever more ready to hear than we are to pray. You know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Show us now your grace, that as we face the mystery of death we may see the light of eternity. Speak to us once more your solemn message of life and of death. Help us to live as those who are prepared to die. And when our days here are ended, enable us to die as those who go forth to live, so that living or dying, our life may be in Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

* **HYMN** – "Holy, Holy, Holy"

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* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

God of mercy, whose loving-kindness endures forever: we confess that often we have failed to receive and give love; to care for others as we care for ourselves; to forgive and accept forgiveness. We remember good intentions that were not put into actions; harsh words that were hurtful; selfish purposes that caused pain; persistent pride that would not yield. We acknowledge our fear in the face of death and our failure to accept the hope you offer us in Christ. Hear us, O Lord, as in this silence, we make our confession to you.

(Please take a moment for silent confession)

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

ANTHEM - *"The Lord is My Shepherd"* - Goodall (Faith Choir)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Source of all true wisdom, calm the troubled waters of our hearts, and still all other voices but your own, that we may hear and obey what you tell us in your word, through the power of your Spirit. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Job 38:1-2, 4-7, 41

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Hebrews 11:33-12:1

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

SERMON - Rev. Brian Louis

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 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.

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE FOR THE LIFE OF JIM GRAHAM – Gordan Graham, Fred Whitley, a letter from Bill Akins, Larry Diekema, and Gifford Graham

* **HYMN** - *“Be Thou My Vision”*

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND SUPPLICATION

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.

* **SENDING**

Holy God, by your creative power you gave us life, and in your redeeming love you have given us new life in Christ. We commend Jim to your merciful care in the faith of Christ our Lord who died and rose again to save us, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

* **BLESSING**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God’s Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always. Amen.

* **HYMN: “God of Grace and God of Glory”**

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* **POSTLUDE** - *“May the God of Hope God with Us”*
An Argentinian Folk Melody

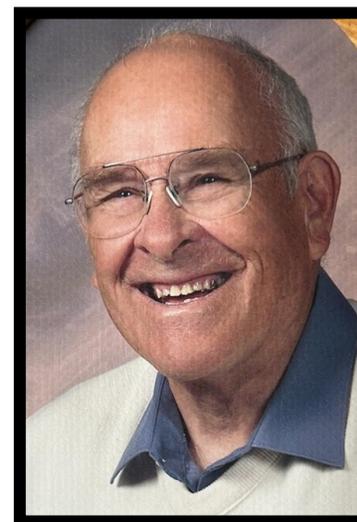
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Sierra Vista, AZ

Jim Graham

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*"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."*

John 13:34

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