

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA



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* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERING

* CLOSING HYMN - *"Jesus Loves Even Me"* – insert

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE - *"Jesus Loves Me"* - #188

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong. They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus Loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

* POSTLUDE - *"The Light From on High"* – Paxton

Order of Worship

13th Sunday After Pentecost

September 7, 2025

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE - *Jesus Loves Me with "Clair de lune" by Debussy* – Bradbury, arr.
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GREETING - This is the day that the Lord has made!
"Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

INTROIT - *"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"* (Faith Choir)

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Jesus has the words of eternal life;
He is the Holy One of God.
Let us worship God.

* **OPENING HYMN** - *"I Love to Tell the Story"* – #462

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

We are commanded to love the Lord our God, walk in his ways and observe his commandments, decrees and ordinances. Although we continually fail, God never ceases to long for us to turn away from our sin and toward him. Knowing the richness of God's mercy, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You call us to love and serve you, yet we choose false and empty idols. You call us to new life in Christ, yet we turn aside and fall back in fear. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us, by your Word and Spirit, the wisdom and strength to love and serve you faithfully; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

*** THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Trust always in the love of God: for God is faithful, true and always compassionate. Christ Jesus brings us God's love which is freely offered to us. In Christ, we are now 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.*

THE WELCOMING OF GUESTS

We invite our guests to use the nametags in the attendance pads so that we may get to know each other.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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.)

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDRENS TIME - Richard Carter

ANTHEM: "Yes, My Jesus Loves Me" – Warner & McDonald (Faith Choir)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious God, shine the light of your Spirit upon us as we hear these words of Scripture read and proclaimed. Reveal your saving presence in these words, and lead us further down the path of faith. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Isaiah 43:1-7

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Romans 8:31-39

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SERMON - "The Giving Tree"

***OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD: The Apostles' Creed (unison)**

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, forever. Amen.

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - "Delight in the Lord" – Logan

*** DOXOLOGY - "Our God Is an Awesome God" - #616 (sing twice)**

Our God is an Awesome God who reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!