

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - *“Blue Bells of Scotland, Op. 85 - Ryder*
(Theme and Variations)

* DOXOLOGY - Traditional

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Faith, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERING

* CLOSING HYMN - *“Live Into Hope”* - #772

* BENEDECTION

~ TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD ~

* BENEDECTION RESPONSE - *“May the God of Hope Go with Us”* - #765

*May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all.
Working for a world that’s new, faithful when we hear Christ’s call.*

* POSTLUDE - *“Scotland the Brave”* (Tucson Highlanders Pipes and Drums)



SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

Monica Russell, Interim Pastor
Rev. Brad Munroe, Guest Pastor
Elder Judy Pike, Worship Leader
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Order of Worship 16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

~ GATHERING AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ~

CHIMES

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT - *“Canticle of the Turning”* - #100 (verses 1 & 4)

GREETING - This is the day that the Lord has made!

“Let us rejoice and be glad in it!”

PRELUDE - *“Highland Cathedral”* (Tucson Highlanders Pipes and Drums)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those whose hope is in God, maker of heaven and earth--
for God keeps faith forever!

God executes justice for the oppressed and gives food for the hungry.
God sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind.

God lifts up those who are bowed down.

God watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow.

People of God, sing praise to the One who is your help—
for God keeps faith forever!

* OPENING HYMN - *“Be Thou My Vision”* - #450

*** CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

*** UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS (unison)**

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

*** 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.*

*** 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.)

~ HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD ~

IN MEMORY OF JOANN MITCHELL - Pastor Kay Travis

"Amazing Grace" - Traditional (Tucson Highlanders Pipes and Drums)

CHILDRENS TIME - Richard Carter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Isaiah 9:1-7

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

SERMON - "The Gospel of Nevertheless"

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.

~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.