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~ Thankful November ~

Interim Pastor: Monica Russell, CRE
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Worship Service: Sunday, 10:30 am



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

**Join your Faith Family in November for
worship, messages from the Bible,
and fellowship.**



~ WALKING IN FAITH ~

NOVEMBER

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....



PASTOR'S POST

November newsletter time already?!? Time certainly flies when I am crazy busy, but I am truly enjoying spending time with our Faith family.

Worship continues to be such an uplifting experience. Our choir, worship leaders, ushers and greeters, Deacons, and all of you make every Sunday a special time to praise God together.

Jamie's World Communion display was exceptional! I would have loved to keep it up another week or two—but I decided that having mice join the choir wouldn't be the best idea. Soon our sanctuary will be beautifully decorated for **Christmas**. The Sundays are flying by, and Christmas will be here before we know it!

Youth in Worship – November 9. Our Youth will help participate in worship on Sunday, November 9. Be sure to come out and support them! Special thanks to Joannie for organizing this and encouraging our youth to take part. The choir also has a fun song planned for that service—you won't want to miss it!

October's Amazing Graze was a great success! A heartfelt thank-you to the Deacons for organizing and to everyone who brought delicious salads and dishes. It was a true feast and a wonderful time of fellowship.

This month's Amazing Graze will be held on **Sunday, November 23**, when our friends at Sierra Vista United Korean Presbyterian Church have again invited us to join them for a Thanksgiving meal and fellowship. From what I've heard, it's always a joyful day filled with love, gratitude, and plenty of traditional food shared with our brothers and sisters across the street. I lived in Korea for 2 years, but I might not mention that – my vocabulary of 2 Korean words won't take me far.

We'll be starting a **Grief Share** group soon. If you didn't have a chance to fill out a survey but would like to participate, please let Judy or me know so we can add you to the list. If you didn't see the survey in October, or didn't have time to fill it out, you can still share your ideas. I would appreciate any thoughts. Email, call or text will work.

We're also preparing for new **Stephen Ministry** leader training. If you're interested, contact Linda Perkins-Murray, our trained Stephen Leader, or me for details. (Remember—taking the training does *not* obligate you to serve as a Stephen Minister. It's simply a great opportunity for spiritual growth and learning to care for others.)

I'm hoping to start some small groups soon! If you haven't filled out a survey or have new ideas for study or fellowship, please reach out and share them.

Advent begins on **Sunday, November 30**. Stay tuned for details about our **Christmas caroling** to shut-ins, one of our most heartwarming traditions. Families and groups will also have the chance to sign up to read and light the Advent candles during worship.

As we enter this season of thanksgiving, let's continue to lift each other up and celebrate all the ways God is at work among us.

With gratitude and joy,

Pastor Monica

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."

~ William Arthur Ward

FAITH STEPPING STONES



~ Happy November Birthday ~

Gertrude Balentine	01
Eleanor Templeman	01
Bill Falconer	02
Dick Laycock	07
Rose Marie Dokken	11
Rick Barr	14
Rodney Seago	16
Jill Witt	24
Fred Whitley	25
Martha Louzy	29
George Van Otten	30



~ Happy November Anniversary ~

Jack & Connie Pitzel	07
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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

October 2025

October 05	70
October 12	79
October 19	79
October 26	74

Average weekly attendance

75.5



Thank you, God.....

Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you that you are able to bring hope through even the toughest of times, strengthening us for your purposes. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your mercy and grace. Thank you that you are always with us and will never leave us. Thank you for your incredible sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life.



Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy!

~ submitted by Randy Mitchell, Deacon

~ November 2025 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2  All Saints' Day PLEDGE SUNDAY	3 4:30 pm PNC	4 Men's Lunch 11:30 Pit Stop	5 6:00 pm Choir	6 Fellowship Breakfast 8:30 am "My Place"	7	8
9 YOUTH! Presentation <hr/> Honoring Faith Vets	10 4:30 pm PNC	11 Vets Day Men's Lunch, 11:30 Pit Stop Finance 2:30 pm Worship/Music 6:00	12 6:00 pm Choir	13	14	15
16  Communion	17 4:30 pm PNC	18 Men's Lunch 11:30 Pit Stop Deacons 3:00 pm Session 6:00 pm	19 Ladies Lunch 11:30 La Casita 6:00 pm Choir	20	21	22
23 Korean Presbyterian Thanksgiving Lunch 12:30 pm	24 4:30 pm PNC	25 Men's Lunch 11:30 Pit Stop UMC Ecumenical Thanksgiving	26 6:00 pm Choir	27  Happy Thanksgiving	28	29
30  CAROLING						

WHAT'S HAPPENING - OUTREACH MINISTRY



**NO
Game Day in
November**

Please remember those in need. Bring non-perishable food for the Food Bank. Place it in the wagon in the narthex.

~~ MEN'S LUNCH ~~

All men are invited to join the Men's Lunch at 11:30 am each Tuesday in November at the **Pit Stop**.

**FELLOWSHIP
BREAKFAST**

Thurs, Nov. 6

My Place, 8:30 am
1081 E. Fry Blvd.



~ Ladies' Luncheon ~

*La Casita Restaurant & Cantina
Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 11:30 am*

Men are welcome, too!

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

There is NO UPDATE on when Faith will be receiving the next coffee shipment.

We hope it will be sometime in November, but do not have the final word from Café Justo.



The prices for your Café Justo beans are going to be increased in the upcoming weeks.

Thank you for your understanding, support and patience.

"Donut Day" at Life Care!!

October 10, 2025



Thank you Danette, Jerry, Barb, Bob and especially Margaret for sharing your smiles, love and donuts with others!!

If you are interested in helping with Donut Day on the 2nd Friday of each month, please contact Margaret Jo at 520-236-9055. Donuts and kindness will give you a lift!!

Life Care sends a resounding **"THANK YOU"** for all the candy donations for their "Trick or Treat" on Halloween program. Sweet blessings upon all of you at Faith!

World Communion was served on October 5.

Thank you Elder Jamie Rutgers for the fabulous decorations.





SAVE THE DATE!

Faith Presbyterian is going to the Gaslight Theater, Tucson, Arizona!
Don't miss this chance for some great fun and laughs.

"THE BELLE OF TOMBSTONE"

Sunday, 22 February 2026, 3:00 PM
66 seats have been reserved.



Calling all children and youth!!

*Sunday School will be the second
Sunday of each month:*

November 09 and December 14

Meet in the last classroom to the right in Virginia's Place!

*The youth will be giving a special presentation
during worship on November 9.*



*Pictures from Sunday School
and the "Fall Get Together"*



"Amazing Graze" and other fellowship gatherings in October



*“Sierra Vista Sings” presents our Holiday
Concerts:*

Angels and Shepherds and Miracles

*Featuring Vocalise, the High Desert Singers,
and the Note-ables, providing traditional
and new holiday music*

under the direction of Debi Godwin

accompanied by Dorothy Scheafer and Billie Hayes

Friday, December 5, 2025, at 7 PM (doors open at 6:30pm)

with a matinee performance on

Saturday, December 6, 2025, at 2 PM (doors open at 1:30 PM)

Sierra Vista United Methodist Church
3225 St Andrews Drive
Sierra Vista, AZ 85650

Tickets on sale now for \$10. Contact Deb Koltveit: text or call 520-895-9645. Tickets will also be available in limited quantities at the door!

Free will offering in support of



*Calling all singers to be part of the Sierra Vista
"Messiah" Choir*

The Choir will perform under the direction of Reynoldo Romo, and be accompanied by Billie Hayes on the pipe organ.

The choir will perform the Advent and Christmas portion of "Messiah" and the "Hallelujah Chorus".

Rehearsals will be at 10:30 am on Saturday mornings, generally at St. Andrew's, 800 Taylor Dr. The dates are: Saturday, November 8, 15 and 22 and Saturday, December 6, 13 and 20.

The performance will be Sunday, December 21, 2025

Place: St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church at 7 pm

Musical scores will be available on loan from Cochise College, or the music can be downloaded from the internet (public domain music).

For additional information, call Maryann Hockstad at 520-456-5555 or email her at maryann.h@cox.net.



Notice to our Faith Family....

Every Sunday there is a need for ushers and greeters!
Please feel free to sign up in the narthex for this special opportunity to share your smile and hand shake with others.

Instruction Manuals are in the narthex.



SAVE THE DATES!

*Rising Out of the Ashes:
A Celebration of New Beginnings*

**First Presbyterian
Church of Douglas**

1020 D Avenue, Douglas, AZ 85608

Rev. Peggy Christiansen & Rev. Joca Gallegos, pastors

970.980.0656

Open House: Saturday, December 6 ♦ 11am — 4pm
Dedication Service: Sunday, December 7 ♦ 10:30am



“Grief Share” is a 13 week Christ-centered program, developed by clergy and clinicians alike, to help participants navigate their grief sojourn. Each of the 13 videos and workbook topics are independent of each other (they stand alone). So you join at anytime in the 13 weeks process, and with holidays right around the corner you may find yourself missing a class or two while out of town or accommodating guests. Regardless the reason, you can make up the sessions you missed in the following 13 week session. Plans are to launch the first Grief Share 13 week program the first week in December.

Please let the church office know the day(s) and time (s) that work best for you and we will do our utmost to accommodate the majority of respondents. All are welcome. Church membership not required. Email: faithsecsv@gmail.com



*Viola Faulkner has moved to Virginia.
She would love to hear from you.*

*Viola Faulkner
6311 Granby Street
Apartment 233
Norfolk, VA 23505*



**Faith will honor their Vets and those
currently serving our country on
Sunday, November 9**

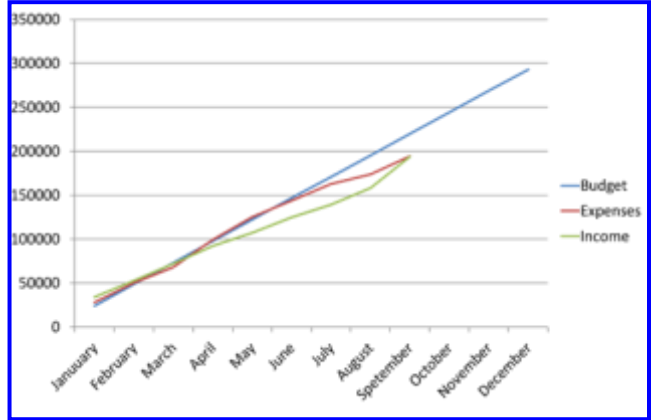
*Teddy and Jack are getting
acquainted.*



TREASURER'S UPDATE

By Gene Raymond
Faith Treasurer

THIRD QUARTER UPDATE AND A THANK YOU. It is once again time to let everyone know how we are doing financially at Faith. The graph shows our Income versus Expenses for the first three quarters of this year. It shows we have reached a significant milestone. For the year to date our income equaled our expenditures. This is the fiscal equivalent of "The Rapture." This was due to both the "flattening" of the expense line by the careful stewardship of the Session, but it is mostly due to increased giving on your part; and for that I and the Session want to thank you. Keep up the good work! Your generosity is helping us get ready for next year.



We hope your spirit of generosity will continue into next year as you consider your pledge decision for next year. Faith remains financially stable thanks to your continued generosity. However, we still have daily Church operational costs. Our reserve funds will be held for Special Projects and to address unanticipated financial needs that may arise. In the meantime, we have salaries and bills to pay and Christ's work to do in the community and region. In addition, we hope to call a new Installed Pastor next year, and we would like to be in excellent financial shape meet the increased costs of calling a new Pastor and to show them what a generous and giving church Faith is.

As you prayerfully consider your pledge for the coming year, we hope that you will consider pledging at your current level, or if you are able, to increase it. Please also pay the per capita as a separate payment (for 2026 the per capita is \$44 for each individual of your family who is a member of Faith), it helps our regular budget go farther.

Thank you again for your continuing support of your church so we can live out our mission in the name of Jesus Christ.

We want to hear from you!

We value your presence in our church family and would love to hear your thoughts on the kinds of activities and events that would be most meaningful to you. We currently offer recurring fellowship activities such as Ladies' Lunch, Men's Lunch, Fellowship Breakfast, and Game Day. Now, we're looking to expand our calendar and would appreciate your input! Please take a few minutes to complete this survey and share your ideas. Let Pastor Monica or Judy know your thoughts and ideas.

✓	Skilled Or can assist	What types of activities are you most interested in? (Check all that apply. If you have skills in any area and are open to assisting—even if you don't want to lead—let us know!)
		Bible studies or Devotional Groups <i>Topic(s) of interest:</i>
		Social gatherings / Fellowship events <i>Examples: "Getting to Know You" coffee/lunch, Table Talks, Book discussions (e.g., The Pilgrimage Through the Last Third of Life)</i>
		Exercise or wellness classes (e.g., stretching, walking groups)
		Crafts or Art activities
		Hymn sing
		Guest speakers <i>Possible topics:</i>
		Volunteer/service projects <i>Possible organizations:</i>
		Support group for Caregivers
		<i>GriefShare – 13-week sessions led by Bruce Perkins Murray</i>
		Nursing Home Ministry
		Stephen Ministry Interested in the Stephen Ministry training <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Would like a Stephen Ministry Caregiver <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		Other (please specify)

What day(s) is most convenient for you to attend activities? (Check preferences)

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Sunday after worship

What time of day is most convenient for you to attend activities? (Check preferences)

Morning Afternoon Evening No preference

How often would you like these activities to be offered?

Weekly Every other week Monthly Occasionally (special events only)

Do you have any ideas or suggestions for activities you'd like us to offer?

NAME _____ PHONE _____



Come and enjoy worship and fellowship at Faith in November!

November 2 - All Saints' Sunday plus Pledge Sunday

November 9 - Special presentation by the youth

November 9 - Honoring Faith's Veterans

November 16 - Communion will be served

November 23 - Thanksgiving lunch and fellowship at Korean Presbyterian

November 23 - Decorating the sanctuary in the afternoon for Advent

November 30 - First Sunday of Advent plus caroling after worship

Remember the songs, food, and fellowship Faith had with the Korean Presbyterian Church?



Faith is invited again for Thanksgiving Sunday to share in God's blessings



with our neighbors across the street.



There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex. The meal will start at 12:30 pm on Sunday, November 23.