

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA



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CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY - *"Messiah, Come" (Medley)* - arr. James
Lisa Heinemeier, violin

* DOXOLOGY - Traditional

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERING

* CLOSING HYMN - *"People, Look East"* #105

* BENEDICTION

~ TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD ~

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE - *"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"*
#85 (verse 1)
*Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.*

* POSTLUDE - *"Prepare Ye (The Way of the Lord)"* - Schwartz

Order of Worship

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 30, 2025

~ GATHERING AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ~

CHIMES

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE AND GREETING

This is the day that the Lord has made! *"Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE - Danette Flamm and Jerry Whelan

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT - *"Advent Song" (verse 1)*

*Light the Advent candle, one: Now the waiting has begun;
We have started on our way, time to think of Christmas day.
Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;
Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.*

PRELUDE - *"Let Us Adore Him"* - arr. Krogstad Lisa Heinemeier, violin

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We don't always know what time it is,
but according to Jesus, it is time to watch.
We're not always sure what we should wear,
but according to the Spirit, we should wear garments of Light.
We're not always sure what we should do,
But according to God, we should always seek good for those around us.

* OPENING HYMN - *"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"* - #82

~ HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD ~

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

In Advent, we prepare for the coming of Christ, full of grace and truth. Trusting in God's unfailing grace, let us tell the truth about ourselves, as we join in our prayer of confession.

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord of mercy, God of grace, we give thanks to you with one voice for the joy and hope this season brings. At times we find ourselves distracted by all the preparations and stresses that surround us. Help us to focus on you, our Rock and Redeemer. Restore our hearts to your message of love and your call to peace.

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

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

We worship a God who is not distant nor apathetic, but a God who is with us - a God who loves us. Let us keep our eyes open and look for God's daily presence and conform our ways to God's teachings of compassion and grace. Let the Holy Spirit shine like a light in our hearts fueled by the love and teachings of Jesus Christ who came into the world so that we would be forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*** GLORIA PATRI - Traditional**

Glory be to the Father; and 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.)

ANTHEM - "Prayer for Emmanuel" - Choplin (Faith Choir)

CHILDRENS TIME - Richard Carter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing and the rejoicing. Speak to us by your Word during these days of Advent and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Isaiah 2:1-5

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON - Matthew 24:36-44

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SERMON - "Some Day, Some Day"

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 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 ~

MINUTE FOR MISSION

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.