

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA



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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.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY - *"The Advent of Our King"* - Haan

* 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 - *"Prepare the Way, O Zion"* #106

* BENEDICTION

~ TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD ~

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE - *"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"*
#85 (verse 2)

*Light two candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.*

* POSTLUDE - *"How Far It Is to Bethlehem"* - Stowey

Order of Worship 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7, 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 - Bob and Barb Schratz

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT - *"Advent Song"* (verse 2)

*Light the Advent candle, two: think of humble shepherds, who
filled with wonder at the sight of the child of Christmas night.
Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;
Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.*

PRELUDE - *"The Rose"* (Symbol of the Nativity) - Russell

* CALL TO WORSHIP

In this season of prophecy, promise, and preparation, we come to be renewed and refreshed.

We come to be inspired by stories of a Messiah who will change the world—and change us.

We come to listen for words of hope and joy, promise and challenge.

We come with open ears, open minds, and open hearts.

We come to receive the blessings God has in store for us in this season of waiting.

Come! Let us worship our God—the One who brings all things to fulfillment.

~ HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD ~

* **OPENING HYMN** - *“Lo How A Rose”* - #129

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

We have all sinned, not one of us is clean; but there is mercy for those who call on the name of the Lord. Let us make our confession together.

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Forgive us, O Lord, When we seek to keep You to ourselves and shut others from Your influence. Forgive us, O Christ, when we wallow in our own weakness and take advantage of the weakness of others. Forgive us, O Spirit, when we deny Your friendship and withhold Your compassion from others. Heal us, restore and empower us, O God, we pray For the sake of Your kingdom which has broken into our world.

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

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. ***In Jesus Christ we are 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 - *“All is Well”* - Smith and Kirkpatrick
Jeff Durham, solo & piano

CHILDRENS TIME - Richard Carter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Blessed Lord, you have caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn and digest them, that, encouraged and supported by your holy Word, we may embrace and always hold fast the joyful hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Isaiah 11:1-10

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON - Matthew 3:1-12

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SERMON - *“Repeat the Sounding Joy”*

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