

~ 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *"On Eagle's Wings"* - Joncas, arr. Carter

* DOXOLOGY: *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* - #609

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERING

* CLOSING HYMN: *"God Is Here!"* - #409 (verses 1 & 4)

* BENECTION

~ TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD ~

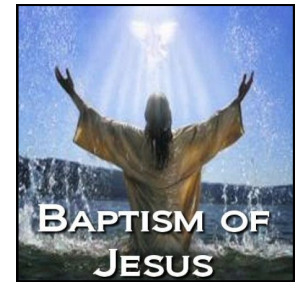
* BENECTION RESPONSE: *"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"* #744 (vs 1 & 4)

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

Monica Russell, Interim Pastor
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Janis Wheat, Director of Music
Debi Godwin, Choir Director
Bethany Dunn Gulde, Video Tech



Order of Worship

Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026

~ GATHERING AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ~

CHIMES

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT: *"Baptized in Water"* - #482 (verse 1)

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,
faithfully now God's praises we sing.*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE AND GREETING

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

PRELUDE: *"A New Year Prayer"* - Scott

"A Song in the New Year" - Paxton

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as a community of faith to celebrate that no darkness can extinguish light and to trust that peace will always be stronger than violence.

The heavens opened. The Spirit descended. Jesus emerged from the water.

A voice echoed through the blue expanse. "This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased." Jesus was named. Claimed.

We come to the water. We remember we are named and we are claimed.

Let us worship the one who names and claims us today and evermore.

* **OPENING HYMN:** *“Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways”* - #164

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We know we prefer to stand on the shore, scared to run barefoot into the waters of faith. We take small sips of the living water of grace that You offer but go on binges with the mixed drinks of anger and fear. We have trouble seeing some neighbors, much less strangers, as your beloved. We often believe our privilege means all are as comfortable as we are.

As we draw near to the waters of baptism, God of grace, have mercy on us. Whenever we forget who we are, open our eyes to see the vulnerable. Whenever we forget what we are, challenge us to be more gracious and just. Whenever we forget whose we are, wash us again in forgiveness and fill us with new life in Christ. Let us receive the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus, and in the ministry of the saints of light. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.

~ Let us take a moment for silent reflection. ~

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity. Rejoice, dear friends, this is the Good News of our Lord. The Spirit descends upon us, the heavens open, and God speaks – not with judgment, punishment, or condemnation, but with joy, grace, hope, love.

We are God’s beloved children – forgiven, claimed, named, baptized. Thanks be to God. Amen!

* **GLORIA PATRI:** *“Glory Be to the Father”*

*Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. 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 ~

ANTHEM: *“Gather at the Water”* - Hart (Faith Choir)

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 this day. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 40:29-31

Isaiah 42:1

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 3:13-17

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

SERMON: “Chosen”

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD: Renewing our Baptism Promises

God is the creator of wind which stirs us to compassion and the mover of wind which carries God’s cries for justice into every corner of creation.

Jesus is the Beloved who stepped out of Glory into the water of baptism, who muddied his feet walking the dusty road to death, who was raised to make us new.

The Spirit still comes, resting upon us like a dove, transforming our ordinary lives into gifts of peace and reconciliation, sending us into a broken world to bring healing and hope.

God in Community, Holy in One, you are our faith, our hope, our life, our love. This we believe. Amen.

HYMN: *“Shall We Gather at the River”* - #375 (verses 1 & 2) Remain seated.

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

HYMN: *“Shall We Gather at the River”* - #375 (verses 3 & 4) Remain seated.