



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 10, 2026

A Service of Celebration for the Life of Fred Whitley

“In my Father’s house are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?” John 14:2

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*At the sign of the * asterisk, all who are able please stand.*

PRELUDE - *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”* - Dorsey, arr. Schrader

WELCOME - Pastor Monica

REFLECTIONS ON FRED’S LIFE - Gary Whitley

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said: ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.’

People: ***We believe in Jesus Christ, whose resurrection gives us eternal life.***

Leader: Jesus said with blessed assurance: ‘In my Father’s house, there are many dwelling places.’

People: ***Dwelling places prepared for us, children of God.***

Leader: Jesus promised: ‘If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you there myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.’

People: ***We give thanks for the promise that when it is time for us to leave our earthly lives, Jesus carries us home to be with God.***

Leader: Jesus said: “You know the way to the place where I am going,’ but Thomas had doubts:

People: ***‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’***

Leader: Jesus said to him: ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life.’

People: ***We gather today to celebrate life and to bear witness to the resurrection. Thanks be to God!***

* HYMN - *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”* - #465

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Source of all true wisdom, calm the troubled waters of our hearts, and still all other voices but your own, that we may hear and obey what you tell us in your word, through the power of your Spirit. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC - *“The Lord is My Shepherd”* (Psalm 23)
(Faith Choir)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS

John 14:2
Romans 15:13

MEDITATION - Pastor Monica Russell

SPECIAL MUSIC - *“It is Well with My Soul”* - arr. Fettke
(Faith Choir)

FAMILY AND FRIENDS SHARE REMEMBRANCES

SPECIAL MUSIC - *“He Touched Me”* - Gaither, arr. Maudin
~ BACK ROW BOYS ~

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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, for ever. Amen.

* HYMN - *“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”* - #835

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE** - *“There’ll Be Peace in the Valley for Me”* - Dorsey

Please remain seated while the family proceeds to the columbarium for the inurnment.

The family will join you for fellowship and refreshments in Stevenson Fellowship Hall.

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Sierra Vista, AZ

Fred M. Whitley

November 25, 1941 - December 11, 2025



“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the ‘shadow of death’, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.”

~ Psalm 23:4

Pastor Monica Russell, CRE
Elder Sonny Coble, Worship Leader
Debi Godwin, Choir Director
Janis Wheat, Organist/Pianist