

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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* 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

~ SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ~

(refer to the insert)

* CLOSING HYMN: "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" #744

~ TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD ~

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE: "We've Come This Far by Faith" #656

*We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord.
Trusting in the holy word; God's never failed us yet.
O, can't turn around, we've come this far by faith.
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* POSTLUDE: "Room At The Cross For You" - Stanphill, arr. Bock



Order of Worship

COMMUNION

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~ GATHERING AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ~

CHIMES

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT: "Come to the Table of Grace" #507 (vs 1)

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE AND GREETING

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

PRELUDE: "Elegie" - Tchaikowsky, arr. Troutman

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our shepherd; we lack no good thing.

He provides restful green pastures and refreshing quiet waters.

The Good Shepherd guides this flock of ours along the right paths and we can trust in God with every step.

Even in our darkest moments—when we walk through valleys of depression and fear—we need not fear evil, for God remains nearby.

The Shepherd gently nudges us back on the path and his staff rescues us when we stumble.

Our comfort comes from God's care and protection.

Even in the midst of our enemies, God provides a meal of celebration.

God's presence is like a fragrant oil poured over us, and our cup overflows with abundance! We can be certain of God's love expressed to us each day—shown through the Lord's goodness and mercy. Our eternal home is secure in the Lord's house forever!

* OPENING HYMN: *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*

#182

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of eternity, you know how often we travel down the rocky roads of doubt and fear. We pester others with our worries; we hurl bitter words at those we love. We have chances to offer ourselves in service but give only our contempt to those in need. We could share the living waters with the world but want to store it in jars for safe-keeping. Yet, You turn towards us, to meet us wherever we are. You break open our sinful hearts so we might be made whole. In Jesus Christ, our thirst for hope and joy is quenched. Amen.

~ Let us take a moment for silent reflection. ~

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God does not disappoint us. Our sins are forgiven, our lives are made whole, we are sent forth to serve. *Thanks be to God! Amen*

* GLORIA PATRI: Traditional

Glory be to the Father; and to 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 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: *"From An Upper Room"* - Martin (Faith Choir)

CHILDRENS TIME: Richard Carter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, guide us by your Word through these forty days. Minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Ephesians 5:8-14

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SERMON: "Walking in the Light"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD: Adapted from the Confession of 1967

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~

MINUTE FOR MISSION - Building and Grounds

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Please remember that our service is live streamed)

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *"Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone"* - Allen, arr. Wells