



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

3rd Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026

~ GATHERING AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ~

CHIMES

INTROIT: *“In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”* (Faith Choir)

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE AND GREETING

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

PRELUDE: *“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”* - arr. Cumberland

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 95)

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God with thanksgiving, music and song.

The Lord is the great God, the great Ruler above all else.

In God’s hand are the foundations of the earth, and the mountain peaks are God’s possession.

The sea is the Lord’s, for God made it all, forming from it the dry land.

Come, family of God, to bow down in worship, kneeling in reverence for our Maker; The loving Creator God is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under God’s care.

* OPENING HYMN: *“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”* #32

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of endless renewal, who calls us to lives restored and rescues the lost and saves the afflicted, there are times when our way grows confused. We struggle to know what to do. Or worse, we know what needs to be done but find it easier to stay on the wrong path. Forgive us for failing to heed opportunities to follow a better way. Remind us that you stand more ready to forgive than we are to confess those aspects of our lives that stand in need of your grace. And thus forgiven, help us to lean in to what you would teach us about how we are to be. We pray all these things in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.

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

* **THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (John 3:17)**

Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes who was raised, who is at the right hand of God who indeed intercedes for us. Believe the promise of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. ***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.***

* **THE WELCOMING OF GUESTS**

We invite our guests to use the nametags in the attendance pads to identify themselves 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: *"Behold, the King of Zion Comes"* - Martin (Faith Choir)

CHILDRENS TIME: Richard Carter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

May the words we hear and the meditations of all of our hearts be acceptable, even pleasing in your sight, O Lord, our strength and redeemer. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 17:1-7

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 5:1-11

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

SERMON: "Justified"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD: "(Excerpted from the Confession of 1967)"

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Music and Worship

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: "*When the Wind Blows*" arr. Tornquist

* 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 OFFERINGS

* CLOSING HYMN: *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”* #829

~ 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.

We’ve come this far by faith.

* POSTLUDE: *“When We All Get to Heaven”* - arr. Hayes

