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~ Marvelous March ~

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**Faith is so thankful that you are worshiping
with us every Sunday at 10:30 am!**

**Join your Faith Family in March 2026 for
worship, Lenten conversations,
and fellowship.**



~ WALKING IN FAITH ~

MARCH

2026 NEWSLETTER

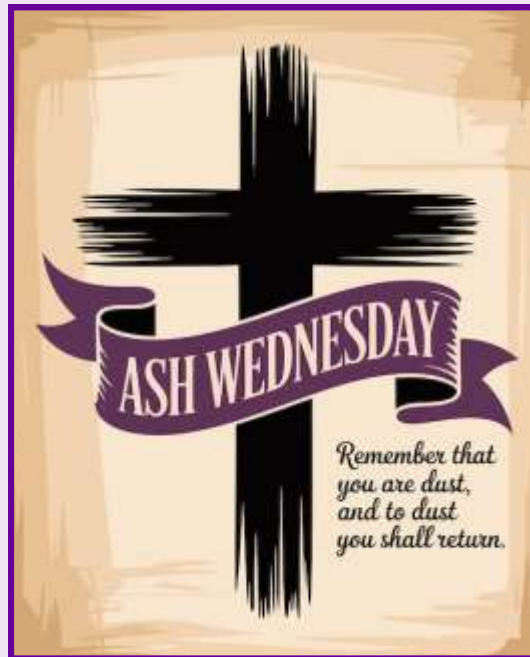
Faith Presbyterian Church Sierra Vista, Arizona



"Love Grows Here"

Faith Presbyterian's Mission Statement

We are Faith Presbyterian, and we seek to do God's work through Christian worship, education, fellowship, and outreach ministry as we serve an awesome God....



February 18, 2026



PASTOR'S POST

Dear Faith Family and Friends,

Ash Wednesday provided a somewhat somber beginning for our Lenten journey. The Choir continues to walk us through the last days of Christ's life with selections from "The Lenten Sketches." The Choir's first selection encouraged us to remember the burdens Jesus endured to give us a "Portrait of Grace." The pieces over the next weeks will help us walk with Jesus through the shadows – a walk we need to make to truly appreciate the sacrifice God made by sending His only son to die for us while we were still sinners.

If you haven't picked up a copy of the Lenten Devotionals, please do and consider joining some of us on Mondays for an informal discussion of the week's readings or other Lenten thoughts. The Devotionals are full of challenges for us to consider and assurances to remember. We are part of God's story. Where might God be inviting you to make room for something new? Where in your life do you feel out of right relationship – with God, with others or with yourself? Thought-provoking reading!

That gift of God's grace that surrounds us every day is what should cause us to want to deepen our relationship with God. Lent calls us to examine our own lives with the prayer, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me" (Ps 139:23-24). God knows what is in our hearts, but we need to participate in that searching with our personal self-reflection. As we examine our relationship with God and become aware of habits, schedules or thoughts that get in the way, God's grace gives us the space to change our ways. What are the things in your life that distract you from spending quality time with God and following the example Jesus gave us? As we turn away from the distractions, we can work on strengthening our relationship with God so that we can confidently answer His call with "Here I am, Lord!"

God calls all of us, so give some thought to how He might be calling you. The news and social media posts can be very disturbing many days, and it would be easy to sink into despair. It doesn't seem right to do nothing, but what can we do? We can start by noticing where God is working in our little part of the world, and then open our hearts and minds to see ways that we can step out in faith and muster the courage to change the things that we can. Remember, you ARE the salt of the earth, and it doesn't take much salt to change the flavor of food – a small pinch can change everything. What you can offer may seem small to you, but God can multiply our efforts for His glory. Let's give Him the chance to show off through us. Let us also pray for our enemies because that is what Jesus told us to do. May we live with such faith that God's light shines through us and touches the hearts of those around us.

What we hear during Lent is that the way of the cross is the way to Easter. Examining our walk with Jesus should be an intentional, every day process so that we don't stray too far off the path. Come Holy Spirit come – open our eyes that we might see. Blessings on your Lenten journey!

Grace and peace to you,

Pastor Monica



FAITH STEPPING STONES



~ Happy March Birthday ~

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|---------------------|----|
| David Rutgers | 02 |
| Aya Diekema | 03 |
| Sharon Raymond | 07 |
| Susan Roetcisoender | 13 |
| Jeff Durham | 14 |
| Casey Jones | 15 |
| Susan Powers | 15 |
| Joanie Heiserman | 17 |
| Vi Faulkner | 19 |
| Sandy Brown | 23 |
| Kozlynn Gulde | 25 |
| Charlotte Osborne | 27 |
| Brenton Silva | 27 |
| Sharon Townsend | 27 |

~Happy March Anniversaries ~

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|------------------------------|----|
| Randy & Kathy Richard | 09 |
| Gene & Sharon Raymond | 09 |
| Larry & Bridget Diekema | 14 |
| Bruce & Linda Perkins-Murray | 26 |



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

February 2026

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|-------------|----|
| February 01 | 70 |
| February 08 | 92 |
| February 15 | 77 |
| February 22 | 78 |

Average Sunday attendance

79

Remember "*Lenten Conversations*"
each Monday at 10:00 am during
Lent in the Conference Room.

Lent is a journey from brokenness to restoration through reflection, repentance and realizing how much our Lord's teaching and mercy means to each of us.

As Pope Francis said—God never tires of forgiving us, we are the ones who tire of seeking His mercy. Praise be to God who gave up His only son for us.

Our Faith family contributed 246 lbs of food to St. Vincent de Paul in the month of February, most of it on Souper Bowl of Caring. The love our church family has for the least of our brothers in our community is overwhelming. Thank you.



Please contact a Deacon with your needs, such as meals, transportation, etc. We as Deacons are here to serve you.

Submitted by Deacons B&B Schratz

~ MARCH 2026 ~

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|---|---|-----------|--|
| 1  Cowboy Sunday! Joni Harms | 2 Lenten Conversations 10:00 am Conf Rm 4:30 pm PNC | 3 Chair Yoga 10:00 am Conf Rm 11:30 am Mens's Lunch R&R Pizza | 4 6:00 pm Choir | 5 Fellowship Breakfast 8:30 am "My Place" GriefShare 10:00 am Conf Rm | 6 | 7 9:00 am Clean Storage Room |
| 8  Youth Sunday School 9:15 am | 9 Lenten Conversations 10:00 am Conf Rm 4:30 pm PNC | 10 Chair Yoga 10:00 am Conf Rm 11:30 am Mens's Lunch R&R Pizza Worship/Music 6:00 pm | 11 6:00 pm Choir | 12 GriefShare 10:00 am Conf Rm | 13 | 14 |
| 15  Communion | 16 Lenten Conversations 10:00 am Conf Rm 4:30 pm PNC | 17 Chair Yoga 10:00 am Conf Rm 11:30 am Mens's Lunch R&R Pizza Deacons 4:00 pm | 18 Ladies Lunch 11:30 Native Wings 6:00 pm Choir | 19 Mission & Stewardship 3:00 pm Office | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 Lenten Conversations 10:00 am Conf Rm 4:30 pm PNC | 24 Chair Yoga 10:00 am Conf Rm 11:30 am Mens's Lunch R&R Pizza Session 6:00 pm | 25 Game Day 2:00 pm SH 6:00 pm Choir | 26 GriefShare 2:00 pm Conf Rm | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Cantata  "Palm Sunday" | 30 Lenten Conversations 10:00 am Conf Rm 4:30 pm PNC | 31 Chair Yoga 10:00 am Conf Rm 11:30 am Mens's Lunch R&R Pizza | | | | |
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WHAT'S HAPPENING - OUTREACH MINISTRY



**Game Day
Wednesday,
March 25, 2:00 pm**

Please remember those in need. Bring non-perishable food for the Food Bank. Place it in the wagon in the narthex.

**FELLOWSHIP
BREAKFAST
Thurs, March 5**

My Place, 8:30 am
1081 E. Fry Blvd.



~~ MEN'S LUNCH ~~

All men are invited to join the Men's Lunch at 11:30 am each Tuesday in March at the R & R Pizza restaurant.



"THANK YOU!"

Kozlynn Gulde would like to thank everyone that purchased Girl Scout cookies from her.



~ Ladies' Luncheon ~

Wednesday, March 18 at 11:30 am

Native Grill & Wings

3950 Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy

Please reserve your place at the table if you plan to attend. The reservation sheet is in the narthex.



Pictures from the Orient Express on February 17.

Amazing Graze - Spaghetti Lunch - February 15



What a fun yummy lunch!!!



Fun at the Gaslight!!

February 22

Pictures submitted by Rodney Seago



*Lent began
on Ash Wednesday
February 18*





Youth Sunday School has Bible lessons and creative crafts!

On February 8, Hunter, Hudson, and Huck shared their love with others by blowing bubbles.

Bring the youth to Sunday School on March 8 at 9:15 am.

"Souper Bowl of Sharing" was on February 8.

Richard, John, Huck, and Benjamin are praying and thanking God for the 246 pounds of soup donated for St. Vincent de Paul.



Thanks for the donations!!



~100th YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF MONTLURE CAMP~

Montlure Camp is a ministry for all to find and grow their faith in Jesus Christ. Montlure's primary objective is to provide a safe and memorable Christian camping experience for children and youth in Arizona. Each summer we currently hold several weeks of both Overnight and Day Camp programs for various age groups. Each camp is led by a staff of Christian role models as they walk alongside campers on their faith journeys.

To learn more about Montlure and how you can support this ministry, go to montlure.org/sharedresources



“Donut Day”

LifeCare Assisted Living

February 6, 2026

Thanks to Barb, Bob, Heather, Jerry and Danette for sharing Valentine donuts and smiles with the residents.

If you are interested in helping with Donut Day, please contact Margaret Jo:
520-236-9055

Sharing time with others is definitely a rewarding experience!



*Thank you, Jan, for updating the bulletin boards in Stevenson Hall with God's gifts to us!
Very creative!*



~ MARK YOUR CALENDAR ~



- Sunday, March 15** - **Communion**
- Sunday, March 29** - **Palm Sunday - Cantata**
- Thursday, April 2** - **Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm**
- Sunday, April 5** - **Easter Sunday**
- Sunday, April 12** - **Bright Sunday**
Rev. Jim Wallace,
Guest Pastor
- Sunday, April 19** - **Hosting Korean Presbyterian Church for lunch after worship**
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GOOD NEWS ABOUT COFFEE!!!



All the problems with the delay in coffee shipments have been worked out and Café Justo will hopefully be shipping Faith's back order the first week of March.

The director of customer relations thanks us for our patience and support.

The new price of coffee will be \$16.00 per pound.



Thank you, Joni Harms, for your faithful message in music on March 1.



**What a great
"Cowboy Sunday"
at Faith!**

