



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

PENTECOST

May 24, 2026

~ GATHERING AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ~

CHIMES

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT: *“Spirit of the Living God”* #288

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE AND GREETING

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

PRELUDE: *“Was and Is to Come”* (Durham © 2026) Rev 4-6

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us sing to the Lord as long as we live! God formed all that is: oceans and rivers, hills and mountains.

Praise God who makes! God created all that is: animals and birds, fish and people.

When God’s hand opens, all are filled.

Praise God who nourishes! Let all that we are praise God.

* **OPENING HYMN: *“Holy Spirit (You are welcome here)”*** - See Insert

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* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We look for tongues of fire to dance upon us, God of Pentecost, but we hold only the ashes of our broken promises. We long to speak simply and clearly so that everyone, everywhere, might understand your love for them, but we scatter our words to the wind with our inability to care for others. Show us the secrets of the kingdom found in our memories and in the the dreams of the young. Have mercy on us and pour out your Spirit. When we pull the shutters of our souls shut, fling them open with the breath of wonder. When we turn out all the lights and huddle in the shadows of fear, illumine our hearts with the dancing flames of the Spirit's joy. When we find it impossible to come up with the language of love, pour your Word into our emptiness so we may fill others. Amen.

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

* **THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news for us. God pours the Spirit upon us in these moments - the Spirit which comforts us, which encourages us, which transforms us through God's grace. The Spirit brings us peace, comforts our hearts, and fills us with hope. We are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God! Amen.

* **GLORIA PATRI: *Tersanctus or "Thrice Holy"*** (Durham © 2026) Rev 4:8b

Holy, Holy, Holy

Is the Lord God Almighty

Who was, and Is, and Is to come. (Repeat)

* **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** ~

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"Burning Heart of God"* (Elmquist, Sooter, Maher, Moore © 2022)

CHILDRENS TIME: Richard Carter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, we have prayed for your Spirit to come and dwell among us, and today it has. Continue to ignite in us new possibilities of community and fellowship. Enliven in us the passion to serve and to share. Grow in us the desire to set this world on fire through your Holy Spirit; and in so doing, we shall never be the same. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE: John 7:37-39

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-21

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

SERMON: “THERE’S SOMETHING HAPPENING HERE”

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD: “The Apostles Creed ”

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead . I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~

MINUTE FOR MISSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Please remember that our service is live streamed)

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: *“God of Wonders”* (Marc Byrd, Steve Hindalong © 2000)
with Heather and Richard Carter, Tina Durham

* DOXOLOGY: *“Awesome God”* - #616

*Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

~ TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD ~

* CLOSING HYMN: *“Light the Fire Again”* (Brian Doerksen 1994) See Insert

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

* BLESSING RESPONSE: *“Shine, Jesus, Shine”* - chorus #192

*Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory,
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

* POSTLUDE: *“Spirit of the Living God”*