



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

COMMUNION

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~ GATHERING AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ~

CHIMES

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT: *“Surely the Presence”*

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angel’s wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE AND GREETING

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

PRELUDE: *“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”* - Neander, arr. Broughton

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.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The Holy One is in this place! Do we know it?

The Holy One has searched and known us, our path, and all our ways.

The Holy One is in this place! Such knowledge is too wonderful!

Wherever we go, Spirit goes with us! We cannot flee for God is there!

The Holy One is in this place! Spirit bears witness with our spirit, and we gather and wait in hope.

The Holy One is with us. Praise God!

* OPENING HYMN: *“Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet”* #458

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, you have searched us and found us wanting. You have known our innermost thoughts and called us to better things. You have set us in this world to love and serve you by loving and serving one another, to worship you by tending to those most vulnerable among us. When we fail, do not abandon us. When we go astray, call us back home. Search us O God and know our hearts. Test us and know our thoughts. Root out the wicked ways in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

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

* **THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Where can we go from the Spirit? Where can we hide from God's presence? There is no place we can go where we will be forgotten by God. There is no place we can fall into that God cannot find us. God restores us and sets our feet back on right paths. We are forgiven, loved, and restored. Go and share the Good News that God loves you.

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.*

* **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** ~

* **HYMN: "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"** #498

CHILDRENS TIME: Richard Carter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beloved God, we invite you to speak to us today through this text. Give us ears to hear and the ability to recognize your voice. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 44:6-8 and Genesis 28:10-19a

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

SERMON: “More Gardening”

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

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~

MINUTE FOR MISSION—Debi Godwin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Please remember that our service is live streamed)

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “O We have Found a Lovely Vine” - Old Shaker Tune 1829,
arr. Young

* **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 OFFERINGS**

~ SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER ~
(see insert)

~ TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD ~

* **CLOSING HYMN:** “*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*” #839

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE:** “*The Trees of the Field*” - #80

*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there’ll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.*

*And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.*

* **POSTLUDE:** “*Postlude on “Kingsfold”*” - Paxton