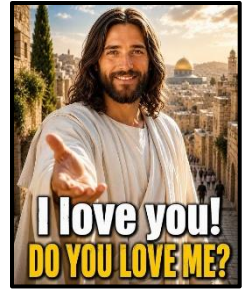


# FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA



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Order of Worship

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2026

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*As a courtesy to others, please turn off your cell phone in the sanctuary.*

~ GATHERING AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ~

CHIMES

INTROIT: “Love the Lord Your God” - #62 (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: “Jesus Loves Me with “Clair de lune” by Claude Debussy –  
Bradbury, arr. Reimer

**\* 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**

*We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.*

***We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.***

*When we feel tested by hard decisions, calls to advocate against injustice, competing narratives, and worrying misinformation, we remember:*

***We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.***

*When we struggle with damaged trust and the need to repair our relationships with God and one another, when we are called to go against the social current to build communities of mercy and justice, we remember:*

***We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.***

*Come, let us worship God whose grace surrounds us when we feel tested and tried, empowering us to remain faithful disciples of Jesus Christ when we face chaos, division, injustice, and hardship.*

***We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the Body of Christ in a broken and hurting world. Amen***

**\* OPENING HYMN: “Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord” - #707**

**\* CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with pride, quarreling, and divisiveness. Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

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

**\* THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

This moment, this morning, this day, and in all the days to come, God's compassion and hope fill our lives. What joyous good news!

***Our hope is not in vain. God forgives our sins and is the dwelling place for all people. Thanks be to God. Amen.***

**\* GLORIA PATRI: “Glory Be to the Father”**

***Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.***

***As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
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 ~**

**ANTHEM:** *“Tis the Church Triumphant Singing”* - Pethel (Faith Choir)

**CHILDRENS TIME:** Richard Carter

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

***Lord, your word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. We need not stumble in darkness, nor fear the night, because you send your Son to be the light of the world. In this hour of worship, we ask to be enlightened by your wisdom and will, through the power of your living word read and proclaimed. Amen.***

**OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

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

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 22:34-46

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

**SERMON:** “Jesus Loves Me ... and You”

**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 - Food Bank – Bob Schratz**

**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:** *"For God is Love"* - Southbridge

- \* **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**

~ TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD ~

- \* **CLOSING HYMN:** *"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"* - #203

- \* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

- \* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE:** *"Jesus Loves Me!"* - #188

- \* **POSTLUDE:** *"A Trumpet Air"* - Purcell, arr. Smith