FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship **25th Sunday after Pentecost** **November 15, 2026**

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

~ GATHERING AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ~

CHIMES

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT: ***"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"*** #305
(verses 1 & 2)

Come sing, O church, in joy! Com join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE AND GREETING

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

PRELUDE: *"Autumn"* - Stickles

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**

Lord, you have been our dwelling place for all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth or you had formed the earth and the world,
From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.
Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
That we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Let us worship God!

*** OPENING HYMN:** ***"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"*** #716

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, you are generous in the many ways you have gifted us. We have so many blessings to be grateful for. Yet we are often motivated by fear, rather than our trust in you. We hold onto what we have, afraid we will never have enough. We become focused on protection rather than your call to welcome and love others. We see our blessings as our own, rather than seeing your care in each gift. Forgive us, God of grace. Forgive us and restore us to your vision for the world. Amen.

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

*** THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the Good News! Although we have sinned, in Jesus Christ we are graciously forgiven. Be at peace. ***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.

*** 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: *"We Believe!"* - arr. H. Sorenson (Faith Choir)

CHILDRENS TIME: Joanie Heiserman

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, come to us in these words of scripture and proclamation and speak to us of your way in the world and in our lives. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25:14-30

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

SERMON: "Faith's Got Talent"

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 al 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 – Blessing of the Backpacks

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Please remember that our service is live streamed.)

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING and DEDICATION OF PLEDGES – Scott Bird

OFFERTORY: *"I Do Believe"* - Wilson

(Freely based on an Adventist folk hymn)

* **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)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

~ TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD ~

* **CLOSING HYMN:** ***"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"*** #526

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE:** ***"Soon and Very Soon"*** #384 (verse 3)

* **POSTLUDE:** *"Jesus Is Coming Again"* - Peterson. Arr. Bock