



FOUNTAIN HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A Covenant Order
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Our Vision: Growing in love for God and others we make disciples for Jesus.

Our Mission: Love God – Love People – Make Disciples.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

August 31, 2025 – 9:00 AM

PRELUDE

“The Solid Rock”

William B. Bradbury, Arr: Todd Beaney; Dorothy Parris – Piano

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, you pour out the Spirit of grace and love. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Jim

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dean Preising

Leader: Lord, you are a merciful and gracious God,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

**People: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.**

Leader: All the nations you have made shall come
and worship before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.

**People: For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.**

Leader: Teach us your ways, O Lord,
that we may walk in your truth;

**People: We give thanks to you, O Lord our God, with our whole heart,
and will glorify your name forever.**

—based on Psalm 86:8-13

OPENING PRAYER

Dean Preising

We give thanks to you, God our Father, for mercy that reaches out, for patience that waits our returning, for your love that is ever ready to welcome sinners. We praise you that in Jesus Christ you came to us with forgiveness, and that, by your Holy Spirit, you move us to repent and receive your love. Though we are sinners, you are faithful and worthy of all praise. We praise you, great God, in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"How Great Thou Art"

#147

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dean Preising

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

—based on Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dean Preising

Heavenly Father, you know us completely and even considering our brokenness you offer even greater grace. Yet we struggle to acknowledge the depths of sin's impact on us. We minimize, convincing ourselves, it's just an occasional bad choice. We seek to justify ourselves, covering misdeeds in plausible clothing. We give voice to our best intentions, masking our mixed motives. In all our attempts to manicure an outward appearance to convince you, others, and ourselves; we withhold ourselves from your forgiveness and mercy. Lord, forgive us and help us to see ourselves and your grace more clearly that we may more fully entrust ourselves to you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Dean Preising

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we, free from sins, might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

—based on 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

***GLORIA PATRI**

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC Special Musical Offering by Margie Brown

SCRIPTURE 2 Samuel 11-12 Pastor Jim

SERMON "Learning to Trust God's Mercy" Pastor Jim Rizer

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 37
During his whole life on earth, but especially at the end, Christ sustained in body and soul the anger of God against the sin of the whole human race. This he did in order that, by his suffering as the only atoning sacrifice, he might set us free, body and soul, from eternal condemnation, and gain for us God's grace, righteousness, and eternal life.

***HYMN OF WORSHIP** "Just As I Am" #488

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Pastor Jim

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" #355

***BENEDICTION** Pastor Jim

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Shalom Chaverim"

POSTLUDE

(* = please stand if you are comfortably able)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY IS BACK!

**Wednesdays at 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM | Fireside Room
Beginning September 3**

After a brief hiatus, the weekly Bible study returns. We'll be walking through the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5–7), exploring Jesus' core teaching on life in the Kingdom of God. Bring your Bible, your questions, and a desire to dig deeper into Scripture together.

"Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them." — Matthew 5:1-2

GIVE YOUR TREASURES A NEW LIFE!




Presby Pickins' Flea Market will accept gently used items household items, decor, tools, children's toys & games, electronics, and more. Please note: We do not accept furniture or clothing. Items can be dropped off at the church during the summer months, Monday through Thursday, from 9am-2pm. Donation receipts are available upon request.

OFFERINGS: TIME, TALENTS, AND TREASURES

As we gather in worship, we are reminded that giving is an act of gratitude and faith. Your offerings, whether through time, talents, or financial gifts, help sustain the mission and ministry of Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church.

Every hour volunteered, every skill shared, and every dollar given truly makes a difference.

You can give financially in any of the following ways:

-  Place your offering in the donation box in the Narthex
-  Drop it off at the church office during the week
-  Give online at **www.fhpresbyterian.info**

Thank you for your faithful generosity!



CHANCEL FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD...

In Memory of our nephew, Stephen Brian Jackson, 1
year anniversary of his passing.

In Memory of Caroline Harrison Soles, a dear teaching
colleague who passed last Saturday.

Twyla & Dean Preising