



**FOUNTAIN HILLS**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**ECO**  
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**

### **September 14, 2025 – 9:00 AM**

#### **Gather**

#### **PRELUDE**

“Morning Praise”

Joseph Barnby & Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Arr: Jan Sanborn;  
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**

Monique Reynolds

Leader: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

**People: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

Leader: Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

**People: He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.**

Leader: Come now, all who thirst,

**People: and drink the water of life.**

Leader: Come now, all who hunger,

**People: and be filled with good things.**

Leader: Come now, all who seek,

**People: and be warmed by the fire of love.**

—based on Psalm 86:8-13

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Monique Reynolds

**God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*—based on Ephesians 1:3-18*

**\*OPENING HYMN** “Come Christians Join to Sing”

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## **Prepare**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Monique Reynolds

Remember that our Lord Jesus Christ is able to sympathize with us in our weaknesses. In every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. 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. Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

*—based on Hebrews 4:15-16*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Monique Reynolds

**Everlasting God, fountain of all life and the true home of every heart: our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Yet we confess that our hearts have been enslaved by selfish passion and base desire. We have sought after many things and have neglected the one thing needful. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; help us to turn to you and find forgiveness. Lead us home, that we may again find in you our life and joy and peace. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Monique Reynolds

The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. Brothers and sisters: In Christ, all God’s promises are “Yes.” Hear the good news: Through Christ, our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed, and renewed!

*—based on Ezekiel 36:26; 2 Corinthians 1:20*

## **\*DOXOLOGY**

## **THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

Bring Him Home

Music by Shonberg, Lyrics by Kretzmer and Boublii;

George Holtan – Tenor, Debbie Fisher – Piano

## **Hear**

**SCRIPTURE** John 4:7-15

Pastor Jim

**SERMON** What are we Doing Here?  
Restlessness, Restoration & Relationship

Pastor Jim Rizer

## **Respond**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1

**My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

**\*HYMN OF WORSHIP** “In Christ Alone”

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Pastor Jim

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** “Blessed Assurance”

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## **Follow**

**\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor Jim

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** “*Shalom Chaverim*”

**POSTLUDE**

(\* = please stand if you are comfortably able)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

 **WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY – EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
**10:00 AM | Fireside Room**  
**6:00 PM | Fellowship Center**

Our study through the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5–7) continues! This week, we'll dive into Matthew 5:17–20, where Jesus speaks about fulfilling the Law and the Prophets. What does it mean that He came not to abolish the law, but to fulfill it? How should His words shape our understanding of righteousness today? Join us as we explore these challenging and foundational teachings together.

***""Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."***  
**— Matthew 5:17**

 **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](http://www.fhpresbyterian.info)**

*Thank you for your faithful generosity!*



**CHANCEL FLOWERS GIVEN TO  
THE GLORY OF GOD...**

In Memory of Mom & Dad.

-Phyllis Kern