



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 October 26, 2025 – 9:00 AM

Gather

PRELUDE "Cornerstone Medley"

Arr: Mark Hayes; Dorothy Parris - Piano

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Jim

CHROAL INTROIT "Come Build a Church"

Ken Medema, Celebration Singers

CALL TO WORSHIP Jeff Rand

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, proclaim God's greatness.

People: Tell the nations what God has done.

Leader: Sing praise to the Lord.

People: Tell the wonderful things God has done.

Leader: Be glad that we belong to God.

People: Let all who worship God rejoice.

Leader: The Lord is our God;

God's commands are for all the world.

People: God will keep his covenant forever,

God's promises last for a thousand generations.

Praise the Lord!

-based on Psalm 105:1-3, 7-8, 45

OPENING PRAYER Jeff Rand

Holy God, our praise can never match the wondrous measure of your mercy. Our lips can never express the depth of gratitude that our hearts feel. Your goodness and mercy have followed us all our days. By green pastures we have been led. In the dark valley we have not walked alone. Our comfort has been in your rod and staff. We thank you for your faithfulness in every season, naming us one by one, knowing each of our needs, and supplying all that we require and more, out of your eternal mercy. Hear us, O God, as our hearts, at their best and at their humblest, give you the glory that belongs to your name. Amen

*OPENING HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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Prepare

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jeff Rand

God is faithful in all His ways, including to His promised forgiveness. 1 John 1:8-9 reminds us; If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Confident in God's goodness and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeff Rand

O God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibilities in our service, our imperfect stewardship of your gifts. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Jeff Rand

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

-based on Psalm 103:8-13

*GLORIA PATRI

Hear

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Jim

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC "We Are Yours, Lord" Nancy Price and Don Besig, Celebration Singers

SCRIPTURE 2 Samuel 24:24 Pastor Jim

SERMON What Costs Us Nothing Pastor Jim

Respond

TIME OF COMMITMENT

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." -2 Corinthians 9:7 ESV

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN "I Surrender All" #596

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Pastor Jim

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN "Take My Life" #597

Follow

*BENEDICTION Pastor Jim

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Shalom Chaverim"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Our journey through the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5–7) continues! **Next week**, **10/29**, we'll reflect on **Matthew 5:43-48**, where Jesus calls us to love not only our neighbors but also our enemies. This powerful passage challenges us to embody the radical love of God—one that transcends boundaries and reflects the perfection of our Heavenly Father.

Come join us as we seek to grow in grace, deepen our understanding, and walk more fully in Christ's love.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
-Psalm 119:105

PRESBY PICKINS'

The buzz is back! Our 2025–26 season of **Presby Pickins' Flea Market** opens **Saturday, November 1**, and is **sold out!** Come shop **45+ vendor booths** filled with antiques, original art, crafts, jewelry, home décor, and more. Enjoy **live music by Debbie Fisher** and tasty bites from **Fountain Hills Food Cart, Lumpia Queen of AZ, Sunny Cakes AZ**, and **Swette Ice Cream**. Join the fun from **8 a.m.–2 p.m.** in our front parking lot and celebrate the return of our **Market with Heart!**

HILLTOP HOSPTALITY COMMUNAL DINNER

Hilltop Hospitality Communal Dinner will be on **Saturday, November 15th at 5:30 PM**. Our Pilgrim Lady will be very happy to see us. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthax on October 26th, November 2nd and 9th.

• 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 <u>www.fhpresbyterian.info</u>