



**FOUNTAIN HILLS**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**ECO**  
A Covenant Order  
of Evangelical  
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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**

### **November 16, 2025 – 9:00 AM**

#### **Gather**

##### **PRELUDE**

“In Thee Is Gladness”

Giovanni Gastoldi (1556-1622). Arr Terry Osman; Dorothy Parris – Piano

##### **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Christ, in this hour of worship lift us out of the routine of our daily lives and set us up on your holy mountain. Let our worship come from our hearts, that it may be genuine. Let our praises for you leap from our mouths, that we may be alive with faith and joy. Amen.

##### **WORDS OF WELCOME**

Pastor Jim

##### **CHORAL INTROIT**

“He is Exalted”

Stan Pethel, Celebration Singers

##### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Brendan Wagner

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.**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Brendan Wagner

**O Lord, our God, you are always more ready to give your good gifts to us than we are to seek them, and you are willing to give more than we desire or deserve. Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened to us through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## **\*OPENING HYMN**

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

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## **Prepare**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Brendan Wagner

Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

—based on Hebrews 4:14, 16

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Brendan Wagner

**Almighty God, You have showered us with grace and have done what we could not do: mercifully forgive our sins. You know our sinfulness and yet came in love to redeem and restore us. You ask us to trust and believe that your grace is a free gift. Yet we struggle to let go, to fully believe and find ourselves back at work trying to earn your favor or compare ourselves to others so that we might feel more deserving of your mercy. God forgive us for wanting to merit your love, enable us to trust you more, and rest in your grace. Empower us to live now and always as beloved children. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Brendan Wagner

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Believe the Good News in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

—based on Romans 5

## **\*GLORIA PATRI**

## **Hear**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Pastor Jim

## THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Ascribe to the Lord"  
Rosephanye Powell; Celebration Singers

**SCRIPTURE** Roman 3:21-26 Pastor Jim

**SERMON** Warped Gospel: Good Enough? Pastor Jim

### **Respond**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** - from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A's 60-61

**I am made right with God only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart. When I say that by faith alone I am right with God; it is not because of any value my faith has that God is pleased with me. Only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me right with God. And I can receive this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than by faith alone.**

**HYMN** "Just As I Am (I Come Broken)"

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Pastor Jim

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "Amazing Grace" #343

### **Follow**

**\*BENEDICTION** Pastor Jim

**\*SENDING SONG** "Lord, Dismiss Us" #237, v2

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Next week, 11/19**, we will explore **Matthew 6:19–24**, where Jesus teaches about storing treasures in heaven, the importance of a clear spiritual vision, and the impossibility of serving both God and wealth.

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***

### 👏 **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTICE** 👏

Immediately following Sunday Service on **Sunday, November 23rd**, we will hold a **Congregational Meeting** in the Sanctuary for the **election of new Elders and Deacons**.

While attendance is not required, you're welcome to **stay seated and take part**. Your presence is **valued and appreciated** as we come together to support the leadership of our church.



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

With gratitude for Chef Arlene!

*-from The Deacons*



Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM at  
Scottsdale Bible Church  
Fountain Hills Campus

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Fountain Hills Christian Ministerial Association