



**FOUNTAIN HILLS**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**ECO**  
A Covenant Order  
of Evangelical  
Presbyterians

*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**

### **January 18, 2026 – 9:00 AM**

#### **Gather**

#### **PRELUDE**

“When In Our Music God Is Glorified”  
Tune Engleberg by: Charles V. Stanford 1904,  
Arr: Lloyd Larson, Dorothy Parris, Piano

#### **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

God of grace, we come from the hecticness and chaos of our lives into this sanctuary to rest in your presence, be reminded of your promises, and renewed in faith and service. Lord, as we worship, work your word in our hearts and our lives for your glory. Amen.

#### **WORDS OF WELCOME**

Pastor Jim

#### **CHORAL INTROIT**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”  
By Freidrich Von Spree, Celebration Singers

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**    *based on Psalm 8*

Dean Preising

Leader: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**People: You have set your glory above the heavens.**

Leader: When we look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

**People: what is mankind that you are mindful of us,  
and the son of man that you care for him?**

Leader: Yet you have made us a little lower than the heavenly beings  
and crowned us with glory and honor.

**People: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Dean Preising

**Lord God, we gather in this place not because we are deserving of your love and not because we have lived faithfully before your face. We gather here because you have called us. You loved us before we could love you. You have given your Son for our salvation. For this we join all creation in blessing you, praising you, thanking you. You are great, and greatly to be praised. As we offer our praise, we long for you to mold us in the image of your Son, whose death and resurrection give us hope. Through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **\*OPENING HYMN**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

#648

## **Prepare**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

*based on Hebrews 4:15-16*

Dean Preising

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.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Dean Preising

**Our lives are cluttered, Lord Jesus, by too many things and too much to do. We are driven by the need to succeed and distracted from our service. We chase after the comforts of the world and often miss the abiding peace of your presence. We have often lost our way. Forgive us. Let us, like Mary, find the one thing that is needed and sit at your feet. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Dean Preising

When you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with Christ, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

Friends, believe the good news; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

— *from Colossians 2:13-14*

## **\*DOXOLOGY**

**Hear**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Pastor Jim

**THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

"Help Us Accept Each Other"  
By Fred Kaan, Celebration Singers

**SCRIPTURE**

Mark 3:13-19

Pastor Jim

**SERMON**

**FIRST THINGS FIRST**

Pastor Jim

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 26*

**I believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ his Son. I trust him so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and he will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this sad world. He is able to do this because he is almighty God; he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"Near to the Heart of God"

#617

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

#606

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Jim

**\*SENDING SONG**

"Shalom Chaverim"

**NOTE:** 2025 Donation Statements are ready to be picked up in the Narthex.  
Please remember to pick up your statements.

## **OPPORTUNITIES TO REFRESH YOUR FOLLOW**

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

We're excited to begin a new series: **Heavenly Considerations!** **This week, January 21**, we'll explore **1 Corinthians 15:50–58**, where Paul reminds us of the victory we have in Christ and the hope of resurrection. Together, we'll reflect on what it means to live with eternity in view and to stand firm in the Lord's work.

*Join us as we grow deeper in God's Word!*

**Men's Bible Study Group**  
**Monday, January 19 • 9:00 AM • Fireside Room**  
Together, the men will explore the New Testament and learn how to apply its teachings to daily life.

**Women's Bible Study Resumes in February**  
Mark your calendars! The Women's Bible Study will resume in February. Details coming soon. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

**Lunch & Lecture – Genesis Series**  
**Saturday, 24 • 12:00 PM • Fireside Room**  
Enjoy lunch and join us for a twice-a-month, thought-provoking deep dive, offering a rich opportunity to grow in your understanding of God's Word.

**A disciple is a committed follower of Jesus  
who participates in the transforming love of Jesus  
and joins in Jesus' mission to seek and save the lost.**

**A SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA  
& MUCH MORE!**

**November 1 - December 6  
February 7 - March 7 - April 4**  
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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**FLEA MARKET**



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Donations of gently-  
used treasures to sell  
at church tables.