



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, June 14th – Fellowship Hour

We're kicking things off with the universal language of joy: **ICE CREAM!**

Trade survival techniques with your summertime neighbors who will be braving the Arizona heat over scoops of frozen goodness.

NEW MEMBER INQUIRY SESSION JUNE 14TH (during Fellowship)

Are you interested in learning more about membership at First Presbyterian Church? We'll plan for our conversation to be fueled by the day's Ice Cream treats as we meet in Swain Hall. See Pastor Ann for more information.

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!
Sunday, May 31, 2026 at 9:30am

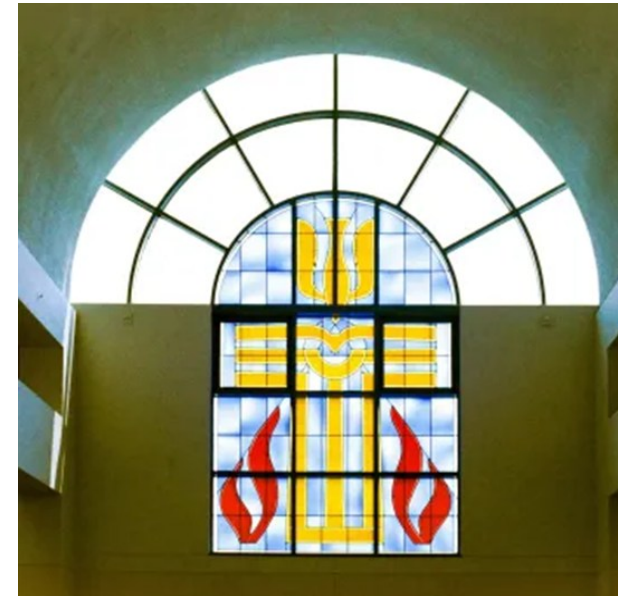


Photo from the PC(USA) Website
Season of Pentecost

Hearing Assistance is available! Please ask a sound technician.

Orange Visitor Cards are available in the pew racks — drop in the Joash Box offering plate or give it to the Pastor.

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MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Michael Collins, Guest Piano

WELCOME AND CHURCH NOTICES

Stewart Porter

PRELUDE

UNISON responses are in **CAPITAL BOLD** text
*indicates to please stand, in body or in spirit

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist

Leader: The Lord of life has created us;
we are called God’s own children.

**PEOPLE: WE LIFT OUR VOICES IN PRAISE
TO THE HOLY ONE,
WHO GIVES US THE GIFT OF THIS DAY.**

Leader: Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
has redeemed our lives.

PEOPLE: THE JOY OF THE LORD IS OUR STRENGTH!

Leader: The Holy Spirit sustains and guides us,
giving us strength beyond our own.

**PEOPLE: LET US WORSHIP OUR GOD
IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH!**



This Week's Schedule

**Sunday,
May 31st**

9:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
10:30am Fellowship in Swain Hall

**Monday,
June 1st**

Office Closed All Day
9:00am SilverSneakers Classic Class in Swain Hall

**Tuesday,
June 2nd**

Office Open from 8:30am to 3:00pm

**Wednesday,
June 3rd**

Office Open from 8:30am to Noon
9:00am SilverSneakers Classic Class in Swain Hall
9:00am AA Serenity Meeting in Annex 1

**Thursday,
June 4th**

Office Open from 8:30am to 3:00pm

**Friday,
June 5th**

Office Closed All Day
9:00am SilverSneakers Classic Class in Swain Hall

**Sunday,
June 7th**

9:30am Worship/Communion in the Sanctuary
10:30am Fellowship/Birthdays/Anniversaries
in Swain Hall

VALLEY VIEW COMMUNITY FOOD BANK



This year's General Assembly [which is the PC(USA) national meeting] will include a Community Day on June 27th. All General Assembly participants and local Presbyterians are invited to begin their Saturday by joining in a public witness focused on gun violence prevention called "Healing Not Harm: A Walk to End Gun Violence."

Why the emphasis?

Gun violence remains a public health crisis in the United States and is the leading cause of death among children and teens. In 2025 alone, there were 408 mass shootings, 233 of which were at schools, and gun deaths by suicide account for over 58% of total gun deaths annually. According to a report by the Commonwealth Fund, U.S. states have a higher firearm mortality rate than most other countries, and those rates are on par with countries experiencing active conflict.

*OPENING HYMN

No. 423 (vs. 1, 4,2)

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.



Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The prisoners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.



To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.



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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Rev. Ann Utke

HOLY ONE, AGAIN AND AGAIN YOU CALL US
TO TURN FROM ALL THAT SEPARATES US FROM YOU.
LOOK UPON US, LORD OF OUR LIVES,
AND SEE US AS WE REALLY ARE. . . . (SILENT PRAYER)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News! Receive the forgiveness that Jesus brings
and be at peace with God and with one another.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

*Loving God, we await Your word
with anticipation and trust.
Speak and we will heed Your message
for Your people.*



SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1 p. 220

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD.**



SHOP — Every purchase is helping fund Habitat’s mission. With the constantly changing inventory, prices well below retail, frequent markdowns and one-of-a-kind items, you’re sure to find something you just can’t live without.

DONATE — Remodeling, cleaning out, downsizing or just getting organized? Consider donating your excess household goods and building materials to the Habitat ReStore. You’ll get the satisfaction of knowing your donations helped support local families—and didn’t end up in the landfill. All of your donations are tax deductible.

VOLUNTEER — The Habitat ReStore depends on enthusiastic volunteers for everything from helping customers to arranging merchandise. The Volunteers both on construction sites and in Habitat ReStores have helped more than 22 million people realize the dream of owning a decent affordable home.

***BENEDICTION**



***POSTLUDE**

Announcements

Thank you for your offerings for the ministry of Christ's church. Donations may be placed in the *JOASH BOX*, which is located in the front of the sanctuary (on the wall near the piano). You may also give electronically — instructions here:

To donate via mobile device, text FPCSunCity to 73256. You may text STOP to cancel or HELP for assistance.

 This morning, we are once again blessed and inspired in our worship as Michael Collins offers the service music today. He is especially gifted with an extensive Jazz portfolio as well as a variety of genres. Catch him online at michaelcollinsjazz.com.
Welcome, Michael!



SPECIAL MUSIC

Michael Collins, Piano Solo

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 13:5-13 p. 227

SERMON

HYMN

(vs. 1 & 2)

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

I am weak but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Refrain:

**Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

Thro' this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. **[Refrain]**



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

*Remember in your prayers the congregation of
Westminster, Phoenix (PCUSA); Eve's Place;
and Church of the Nazarene.*



**OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN,
HALLOWED BE THY NAME.
THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD,
AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS,
AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS.
AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION,
BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.
FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM,
AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOREVER. AMEN.**



*Have a prayer request? Fill out the green pew card and drop it
in the Joash Box offering plate or give it to the Pastor.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON) *(from The Study Catechism)*



HOW DO YOU LIVE FOR THE LOVE OF GOD?

**I LOVE BECAUSE GOD FIRST LOVED ME.
GOD LOVES ME IN CHRIST WITH A LOVE THAT NEVER ENDS.
AMAZED BY GRACE, I NO LONGER LIVE FOR MYSELF.
I LIVE FOR THE LORD WHO DIED AND ROSE AGAIN,
TRIUMPHANT OVER DEATH, FOR MY SAKE.
THEREFORE, I TAKE THOSE AROUND ME TO HEART,
ESPECIALLY THOSE IN PARTICULAR NEED,
KNOWING THAT CHRIST DIED FOR THEM
NO LESS THAN FOR ME. AMEN.**



*CLOSING HYMN

No. 280 (vs. 1, 3, 5)

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.



Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.



When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

