

*BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are interested in attending the Big Event sponsored by the Grand Canyon Presbytery on August 22nd, please speak with Pastor Ann **TODAY**.

A brief prayer service in memory of Mary (Bunny) Geisbert will be held after worship on August 23rd, with mementos from her life on display in the Fireside Room.

Plan to “beat the heat” with our Watermelon themed Fellowship Hour on August 30th.

Offerings may be placed in the JOASH BOX near the front entry, or text FPCSunCity to 73256.

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Office Hours

8:30am-3:00pm Tuesdays/Thursdays
8:30am-Noon Wednesdays
Closed Mondays and Fridays

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Today, August 9th	9:30am Worship (Sanctuary)/Fellowship (Swain Hall)
Monday, August 10th	9:00am Exercise Class (Swain Hall)
Wednesday, August 12th	9:00am Exercise Class (Swain Hall) 9:00am AA Serenity Meeting (Annex 1) (Go to www.aa.org for more information or to register)
Friday, August 14th	9:00am Exercise Class (Swain Hall)

*POSTLUDE



Worship 9:30am Sunday, August 9th

MUSIC FOR GATHERING
WELCOME AND CHURCH NOTICES

Dr. Moyi Liu, Piano

Hearing Assistance is available! Please ask a sound technician.



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

*CALL TO WORSHIP Mark Bakker, Liturgist

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you,
PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.
Leader: Here, may strangers find friendship:
PEOPLE: GOD’S COMMUNITY OF LOVE UPHOLDS US.
Leader: The Holy Spirit changes lives
and reveals God’s purposes in the world.
**PEOPLE: WE FIND WELCOME FOR OUR SOULS
IN THIS HOUSE OF PRAYER.**



*OPENING HYMN O Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim No. 447 (alternate words)

V.1 O servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad that wonderful name:
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol,
Whose kingdom is glorious, he rules over all.

V.2 God rules from on high, almighty to save,
And still God is nigh, whose presence we have.
All honor and blessing with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing and infinite love.



UNISON PRAYER *(The Universal Prayer for Peace)*

O GOD, LEAD US FROM DEATH TO LIFE,
FROM FALSEHOOD TO TRUTH.
LEAD US FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE,
FROM FEAR TO TRUST.
LEAD US FROM HATE TO LOVE,
FROM WAR TO PEACE.
LET PEACE FILL OUR HEARTS, OUR WORLD, OUR UNIVERSE. AMEN.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*O God, as we abide in this holy Word,
dwell among us in love. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

SCRIPTURE READING

SERMON

SUNG RESPONSE

- V.1 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!
- V.2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
- V.3 Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge -- take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Pastor Ann Utke



Mark Bakker, Liturgist

Romans 8:26-34 p. 185

Dr. Moyi Liu

Matthew 13:31-34 p. 17-18

Rev. Ann Utke

No. 403 (1-3)



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

*Remember in your prayers the congregation of Arizona Korean, Sun City (PCUSA);
HART Pantry; and First Christian Church.*



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.

Give Green prayer cards/Orange visitor cards to the Pastor after worship.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(The Apostle’s Creed)*

I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH,
AND IN JESUS CHRIST HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD;
WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY GHOST,
BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE,
WAS CRUCIFIED, DEAD, AND BURIED; HE DESCENDED INTO HELL;
THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD; HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN,
AND SITTETH ON THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY;
FROM THENCE HE SHALL COME TO JUDGE THE QUICK AND THE DEAD.
I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST, THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH,
THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS,
THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY, AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING.

*CLOSING HYMN *Praise With Joy the World’s Creator* No. 478 (alternate words)

- V.1 Praise with joy the world’s Creator, God of justice, love, and peace,
Source and end of human knowledge, grace bestowing without cease.
Celebrate the Maker’s glory, power to rescue and release.
- V.2 Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry, frees the captive, finds the lost,
Speaks the truth, heals with compassion, fearless of both fate and cost.
Celebrate his gracious presence: friend and stranger, guest and host.
- V.3 Praise the Spirit sent among us, calling us to unity;
Guiding us with gifts and power, blessing our diversity.
Celebrate the Spirit’s goodness, strength to love and to believe!

