



Faith Presbyterian Church



Order of Worship October 18, 2026
10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
October 18, 2026 – 10:00am

**The Congregation is Invited to Stand in Body or Spirit*

Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision”
“Thou Art Worthy”
“Oh How He Loves You and Me”

Gretchen Dempsey

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Greg Emery

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

We gather this day as people looking for signs of God's grace and glory.

We come with our empty jars, hoping to be filled.

Jesus Christ is here, turning the ordinary into the extraordinary, and replacing scarcity with abundant joy.

We lift our hearts to the One who pours out grace upon grace.

Come, let us worship the Water-changing God, whose first sign revealed His glory so that we might believe.

Open our eyes and transform our lives, O Lord. Let us worship You together!

Special Music

“I Exalt Thee”
Jeff Sinley, trumpet and Gretchen Dempsey, pianist

Prayer of Confession

When the wine of joy runs low in our lives and communities, we look to our own strength rather than waiting for Your miracles. Forgive our exhaustion, our cynicism, and the ways we have ignored the injustice, pain, and brokenness around us.

May our minds, spirits, and bodies be a temple open to Your presence, and may our words and our actions testify to Your love and truth. Purify our lives and our mission, so that all we do may reveal Your Gospel to others.

Words of Assurance

Just as Jesus filled the empty stone jars to the brim with grace, He takes our empty, weary, and broken lives and fills them with a joy and a cleansing we could never manufacture on our own. Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, our shame is washed away, our cups run over, and our sins are forgiven.

***Gloria Patri**

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**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

***Welcome Wave / Passing of The Peace**

Special Music

“Emmanuel”

Tony Padayhag, guitar and Gretchen Dempsey, pianist

Scripture

John 2: 1-12

Sermon

“Will the real Jesus Christ, please stand up”

Pastor Greg Emery

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Offertory

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Gretchen Dempsey, pianist

***Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

**Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, as Jesus transformed ordinary water into the finest wine, we ask that You take these humble gifts and transform them for Your glory. Teach us to listen to Your word, to agree to "do whatever He tells us", and to trust Your timing and provision. Bless these offerings and our lives so that they may overflow with Your grace and love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

verses 1,3,4

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.**

**And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.**

**That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.**

***Benediction**

Go now from this place, remembering that the God who calls us to attend memorials also calls us to weddings. May God's will be done here where we live; may impossible things come to pass.

May we find strength in the journey and joy in the struggle, through the grace of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen and **Amen**.

***Postlude** “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!” Gretchen Dempsey, pianist

Welcome Visitors! Faith Presbyterian Church welcomes you. Everyone is invited to Illingworth Hall for fellowship following the service.

Our thanks to Jeff Sinley, trumpet, Tony Padayhag, guitar and Gretchen Dempsey, pianist, for the beautiful music in worship this morning.

Monday, October 19, 2026, Men’s Fellowship (Cornhole) Illingworth Hall at 1:30pm.

Choir Rehearsal – October 22, 2026, at 2:00pm in the Choir Room. Everyone welcome!

Yee-haw! Don your western gear! LONE MOUNTAIN BAND gets the first Thursday @ Faith event of the season off to a boot-scootin’ start on October 22. This kick-off event will again emphasize Faith’s commitment to mission. You are invited to participate in a **BLANKET DRIVE** for the families of **St. Peter’s Indian Mission School** in Bapchule, AZ. Please bring new or gently used blankets of any size to the church on October 11, 18, or the night of the concert. **Thank you warmly!!** T@F tickets are on sale in the Narthex on October 11 and 18. Deadline for purchase is noon Monday, October 19, 2026.

Contact information for: Rev. Anne Emery, Honorably Retired
contact information is in the church directory.

New Member Sunday will be Sunday, November 8, 2026.

Pastor Greg mentioned that there is a recently released four-part series entitled "Christianity at a Crossroads", a film by Martin Doblmeier, which aired on PBS. It is available on YouTube by simply searching for the name of the series. Though it is rather far-reaching, many aspects of the program are important for our congregation to see and understand. Please take the time to view.

Please prayerfully consider your contribution to the capital campaign for our vision of The Faith Center. If you did not receive a mailing, please let us know. Be sure to contact Vern Meury or Pastor Greg to discuss the various ways to give.

Celebrating Pastor Greg



Happy Birthday and Pastor Appreciation, Pastor Greg! We pray your day was filled with the same love, joy, and peace that you pour into our lives every single week.



Bus Trip

**Thursday, October 29, 2026
9:00am – 3:00pm**

**Japanese Friendship Garden
Valley Presbyterian Church
The Casa**



Japanese Friendship Garden



**Valley Presbyterian
Church**

**Informing our
Vision**



**The
Franciscan
Retreat
Center
“The Casa”**

**\$20 per
person
signup today**

Welcome!

Welcome to those who have no church home, need strength, have doubt, want to follow Christ, or do not believe. Welcome to those who have worshiped in this place for years! Welcome to our first-time guests! Welcome to all generations, single people, couples, believers, and to questioners, and, of course, to questioning believers! We hope you find peace and uplift in our worship today.

We are very glad you are here!

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Pastor Greg Emery – greg@scfaith.org

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FAITH CHURCH

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, great things are possible." (Matthew 17:20)

That is our theme. It plays out this way: we are big enough to flourish, but small enough to be personal; caring for the world & community, but above politics; take the Word seriously, but ourselves not so much.

Our pastor, elders, deacons and members are here for you.