

Faith Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship November 8, 2026

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
November 8, 2026 – 10:00am
New Member Sunday

The Congregation is Invited to Stand in Body or Spirit

Prelude "How Great Thou Art"
"On Eagle's Wings"
"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
Gretchen Dempsey

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Greg Emery

Introduction of New Members

Steve Burt
Steve Butcher
Chaille Duncan
Paul Korth
Gary McFarlane
Ruth Miller
Myron Oen & MJ Seals
Fay Shoup
Rose Thelander
Phill & Sharon Wood

Opening Prayer Pastor Greg Emery

Call to Worship

We are here....
In the name of Jesus Christ.

He came and preached peace to you who were far off
and peace to those who were near.
We are no longer like outsiders in a foreign land,
but are fellow citizens with the saints in the household of God.

Let everyone praise the Lord!
The Lord's name be praised!

Hymn "This is My Father's World" verses 1 & 2
#293

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings

The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world.
Oh, let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heaven be one.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, You came proclaiming peace to those who are far off and those who are near. Yet we confess that this peace has not deeply settled into our hearts.

We stumble in our pride, forgetting that we were once dead in our trespasses and sins, saved not by our own works or boasting, but purely by Your glorious and unearned grace.

Forgive us, O Lord, for our hesitation to live as citizens of Your household. Break down the barriers we construct, and rebuild us by Your Spirit into a dwelling place for God. In the name of Jesus Christ—our peace, our cornerstone, and our Savior—we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

People of God, hear these words of assurance from Ephesians 2:8: "For it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God." This is the Good News, believe and you are forgiven!

***Gloria Patri** #579

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	"His Eye is on the Sparrow"	Gretchen Dempsey
Scripture	Ephesians 1: 15-23, 2: 1-22	
Sermon	"You are no longer strangers …"	Pastor Greg Emery
Offertory	"Give Thanks"	Gretchen Dempsey
***Doxology**	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	#592

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**

Receive our gifts not as a price for Your love, but as an overflow of a grateful heart. Use these resources to bring light, healing, and hope to a broken world, and shape us daily to live out the good works You have called us to do. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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.

***Closing Hymn** "How Great Thou Art" verses 1,3,4
#467

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

[Refrain]
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. [Refrain]

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" [Refrain]

***Benediction**

We leave this place no longer strangers, but members of God's own family, brothers and sisters through Jesus Christ. Out of great love and rich mercy, God has made us alive together with Christ and created us as His workmanship for good works prepared long ago.

So go out with joy and confidence into the world—as open channels of His love and vessels overflowing with His grace, built together into a holy dwelling place where God lives by the Spirit. Amen and **Amen**.

***Postlude** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" - Reprise Gretchen Dempsey

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

Our thanks to Gretchen Dempsey, for the beautiful music in worship this morning.

Sunday, November 8, Quilt Group & Yarn Angels Craft Sale after church in Illingworth Hall. More details in the November Mustard Seed.

Monday, November 9, 2026, Men's Fellowship (Miniature Golf) Bell Rec Center at 1:30pm.

Thursday, November 12, 2026, "Thoughtful Thursdays" 10:00am – Illingworth Hall

Choir Rehearsal – November 12, 2026, at 2:00pm in the Choir Room. Everyone welcome!

Tickets are on sale for Thursday @ Faith featuring Nicole Pesce on November 12. Cut off is noon Monday, November 9. You won't want to miss this incredible keyboard artist!

Free Painting Class (3 spots left) – Friday, November 13, 2026, in the Council Room at 10:00am. See Pat Redden.

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.

Matthew 25:40: "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Two carloads of blankets were delivered to St. Peter's Indian Mission School in Bapchule, AZ on November 4. Thank you to Barbara and Jerry Burnett for delivering warmth for cool winter weather to the people of St. Peter's, generously given by the Faith Family in our recent Blanket Drive. Gratefully, Congregational Life Ministry

Clothing Donations for W.H.E.A.T. - Ladies, this is the month to start bringing in your clothing donations for W.H.E.A.T.! You may drop off your donations at the reception area in the church office. We are collecting gently used or new

women's clothing, along with new undergarments. Your generous donations help support W.H.E.A.T. and its mission of providing clothing, mentoring, and training to women entering or re-entering the workforce. We are excited to welcome W.H.E.A.T. to our **November Ladies Luncheon on Thursday, November 19, 2026!** They will also bring a wonderful selection of handmade items from The Fair Trade Store, offering a great opportunity to shop while supporting artisans from around the world. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our missions. Together, we can make a difference!

Hand and Foot is now offered twice a month on the first and second Wednesdays! Join friends for an afternoon of fun, conversation, and light refreshments. **When?** Wednesday, November 4 and 11. **Where?** Iona Room. **What time?** 12 – 3 p.m. **Cost to play:** $0.50/person. Prizes awarded! **Questions?** Call **Gerri Crothers** or **Nancy Stockton contact info is in the church directory.**

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.

Wednesday, 10:00 AM



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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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.