



FOUNTAIN HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A Covenant Order
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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

April 27, 2025 – 9:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Arr: Michael Cox; Dorothy Parris-Piano

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. I will ponder all your work and meditate on your mighty deeds.
(Psalm 77:11-12)

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Bob

PREPARING OUR HEARTS “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Written by Edward Costello; Celebration Singers

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ilene Berg

Leader: In you, eternal Father, and through your Son, Jesus Christ, we find the beginning and end of all things. In him we find hope, forgiveness, and courage for new beginnings.

People: **O God, let the fresh winds of your Spirit sweep into our lives this day, so that this act of worship and the week to follow may become a time of renewal and rededication to your service. Amen!**

OPENING PRAYER

Ilene Berg

God of glory, fill your church with the power that flows from Christ’s resurrection so that, in the midst of the sinful world, it may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity, risen to new life with Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“As the Deer ”

#548

CALL TO CONFESSION

Ilene Berg

God's word assures us: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God. Please pray with me.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS & RENEWAL

Ilene Berg

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive us our sins and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Ilene Berg

Hear these wonderful words of assurance from the prophet Jeremiah: God says, "I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me." Thanks be to God for his love and forgiveness!

***HYMN OF WORSHIP** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" #688

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Bob

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Pastor Bob

OFFERTORY**"Because He Lives"**

William J. Gaither, Arr: John W. Wilson; Dorothy Parris-Piano

DOXOLOGY**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Ilene Berg

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into living sacrifice to you, through our Savior, Jesus

Christ. We continue to pray together as Jesus taught us saying, "Our Father...".

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-9

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Written by Elizabeth Cecilia Clephane; Celebration Singers

SERMON "The Ascension of Jesus" Rev Dr Bob Simmons

(Series: "Meet Jesus: The Greatest Life Ever Lived")

***CLOSING HYMN "Rejoice, the Lord is King"** #370

***BENEDICTION** Pastor Bob

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Shalom Chaverim"**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFTER WORSHIP BIBLE CLASS

Join us today as we continue our study, "*Who is the Holy Spirit,*" with a 25-minute video by Dr. Sinclair Ferguson. **The class starts around 10:20 AM and ends at 11:00 AM.**

**No After Worship Bible Class TODAY.
Class will resume next week, 5/4.**

AFTER EASTER BRUNCH Sunday, April 27

Join us **TODAY** for a delightful After Easter Brunch, hosted by Presby Pickins', in the Fellowship Center following our Worship service. Phil's Filling Station in Fountain Hills will be catering the event, promising a wonderful spread for all to enjoy.

NEW COURSE ON PRAYER BEGINS APRIL 30

The Center for Biblical Studies invites you to join us for a new seven-week study on *prayer*, beginning **Wednesday, April 30**. Sessions will be held **every Wednesday** at two times for your convenience:

- **10:00 AM** in the **Fireside Room**
- **6:00 PM** in the **Fellowship Center**

We'll be exploring *The Lord's Prayer* using a book by Tim Chester, which offers thoughtful insight into deepening our prayer lives. Books have been ordered and are expected to arrive shortly.

Come be part of this meaningful time of study, discussion, and reflection as we grow together in the practice of prayer.



CHANCEL FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD...

In celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary!

-Mary & George Holtan