

DESERT SPRINGS

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA | TUCSON



November 13, 2022

*“See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.”*

Isaiah 43: 19

To Our Visitors:

Thank you for choosing to worship with us this morning. Our desire is that you be encouraged and learn more about who Jesus is and what He has done for us. We are therefore committed to studying and understanding the Scriptures so that we might know and trust Jesus more fully. Hopefully, you received our gift to you, and we'd love to be able to talk to you after the worship service.

Notes on Our Service:

Churches can conduct their worship services quite differently. As you prepare for worship, please take a few moments to review the commitments and values that shape our worship service.

Liturgy: *The liturgy is the order of things in a worship service. The intent is for the liturgy to engage our minds with truth, stirring up what Jonathan Edwards called 'holy affections,' or emotions, which it then helps us to express. The overall pattern of the worship service is designed to reinforce the centrality of the good news of Jesus Christ. We see His greatness, our rebelliousness, and how Jesus forgives us and begins to change us. We are also given opportunities to share our needs with Jesus as we pray.*

Participation by the People: *Our worship is structured to emphasize participation. We encourage everyone to sing and pray, and to confess individual sins and faith.*

Corporate Responses: *The liturgical practice of responsive reading traces back to the beginnings of the Church. It follows the pattern of Scripture and helps instruct us in how to worship. It can be like learning a new language that expresses what is going on inside of you.*

Music: *Our Music Team is composed of members of our congregation under the direction of a professional Music Director. Songs and arrangements are selected so that ordinary people can sing them in order to best facilitate congregational worship.*

Giving: *We believe giving in proportion to God's provision to us is an act of worship. We have a plate for offerings at the front of the Sanctuary.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

DESERT SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Lord's Day

10:30 a.m.

Refreshing weary souls with the gospel of Jesus in worship, discipleship and evangelism.

WELCOME

PRELUDE & MEDITATION

⁸ Good and upright is the LORD; therefore, He instructs sinners in the way. ⁹ He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble His way. -Psalm 25:8-9

*DOXOLOGY

"Doxology"

Hymn #731

EXALTATION OF GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 24

Elder: The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

People: **Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.**

Elder: He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob

People: **Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!**

All: **Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!**

*SONGS OF EXALTATION

"El Shaddai"

Hymn #42 (vv. 1-4)

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Hymn #30 (vv. 1-3,5,7)

INVOCATION

** Please stand if able*

GOSPEL PARDON

"The sins of the wicked anger God, but the sins of professing Christians grieve Him." -Thomas Watson

CONFESSION OF SIN: *Being Refreshed from the Burden of Guilt*

Elder: Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy. -*Proverbs 28*

Let us therefore confess our sins to Him.

-Time for the Silent Confession of Sins –

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Elder: Arise and hear the Good News.

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit, there is no deceit. -*Psalms 32*

Let everyone who believes in Christ rejoice. For, in Jesus' name, I proclaim to you the forgiveness of all your sins and declare you to be loosed of them on earth, that you be loosed of them also in heaven, in eternity. Amen.

"No sin of yours will ruin you, if you believe; and nothing will save, if you do not." -Thomas Boston

***SONG OF RESPONSE**

"Before the Throne of God Above"

V. Cook

SCRIPTURE READING

Elder Matt Fitzsimmons

Old Testament: Psalms 18:7-15

New Testament: Revelation 16:2; 17-21

Elder: The grass withers and flowers fade...

People: **But the word of God endures forever.**

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SERMON SERIES

“FROM BONDAGE TO FREEDOM: EXODUS, PART 1”

SERMON TEXT

Exodus 9

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Pastor Steve Cavallaro

“THE EARTH IS THE LORD’S”

*** SONGS OF CELEBRATION**

“Psalm 46” (*God is Our Refuge and Our Strength*)

(vv. 1,3) Tune: “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

W. Williams | J. Casella

*** CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Heidelberg Catechism - Questions 1-2

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People: **That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

Pastor: What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

People: **First, how great my sins and misery are; second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance**

WORSHIP AT THE TABLE: *Refreshed by Our Fellowship with Christ*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION PRAYER

All: Father,

We admit that we are weaker and more sinful than we ever dare admit, but through Christ we are more loved and accepted than we ever dared hope. Thank you for paying our debt on the cross, taking what we deserved in order to offer us complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, we turn from our sins and delight in Christ as our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

The cups in the inner rings contain wine; the outer ring contains juice. Gluten and yeast-free crackers, prepared in a common kitchen, are also provided.

GOSPEL HOPE

PRAYER

*SONGS OF HOPE

“Mighty to Save”

R. Morgan | B. Fielding

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

A benediction means “a good word”. In Numbers 6, it was a priestly blessing spoken over the people. This blessing expressed some of the benefits to be experienced through a relationship with God. The pastor concludes the service with this, and other blessings found in the Bible, sending us on our way as Christ’s ambassadors to the world.

Pastor: I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. -Ephesians 4

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. -Romans 15

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

COMMUNITY BIBLE READING

11/14 Psalms 16
11/15 Psalms 17
11/16 Psalms 18
11/17 Psalms 19
11/18 Exodus 10

VERSE FOR MEMORIZATION & MEDITATION

NOVEMBER

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