

First Church Kids

Come and join the fun at Kids Church during the 9 a.m. service! The children start with worship in the Sanctuary at 9 a.m. Then after the children's message, our incredible leaders will guide them to their groups by age. Parents are welcome to walk with us. At the end of the service, children can be picked up from:

Greenhouse (6 months to 3 years old) - Room 109 (8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)

Cubbyhouse (3 years old to Pre-K) - Room 222

Fun House (K-2nd grade) - Room 221

Lighthouse (3rd grade to 5th grade) - Room 102

To Donate Altar Flowers on Sunday Mornings

In honor or in memory of loved ones, you can call Cathy Fuentes in the church office at 602-263-5013 x100 or stop by the church office when you are on campus. Every week we have two arrangements for Sunday services. Each arrangement is \$37. You may donate 1 or 2 arrangements. Please make payment by cash or check to First Church. Call to reserve a day to honor a loved one or special friend.



The Upper Room Daily Devotional Booklets

The Upper Room magazine's mission is to provide a practical way to listen to scripture, connect with believers around the world, and spend time with God each day. **Booklets are now available in the church office.**

Sunday Adult Classes between services at 10 a.m.

Faith for Today Sunday School Class

Our class is a friendly, welcoming group. We meet to enhance our Christian beliefs and practices and how we can apply them to our everyday living. Our goals include outreach to fulfill local community needs and even beyond. We meet in Centennial Room.

The Table Sunday School Class

This class is a diverse, casual and welcoming group. It's a great class whether you're new to your faith journey or a seasoned veteran. Our discussion topics are always changing, class is loosely structured and no homework is required. We meet outside of class socially and have a goal of volunteering to serve the community quarterly. Join us in room 116!

The Upper Room Sunday School Class

In this class, we do detailed study of scripture. We meet in Epworth Room. If you have questions please call Peggy Ward at 623-533-7381.

First Church Foundation Beyond Our Walls

We recently received this communication from Haeli Miceli, Executive Director of the Desert Mission Food Bank.

We are grateful to have experienced firsthand the fantastic work of the First United Methodist Foundation of Phoenix! The Foundation exemplifies the spirit of community, compassion, and making a positive impact on the lives of others.

Desert Mission Foodbank guests have benefitted from the charitable efforts and donations from the Foundation. Between November of 2023 and February of 2024, we have been able to provide over 4,000 meals to our community because of your generosity and belief in our organization!

Please pass on our gratitude from the entire Desert Mission Team and the amazing community we serve!

Looking for a Way to Serve First Church?

There are many ways you can get involved while serving your First Church. Some require very little time. Consider hosting and assisting in the church office during 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. worship services or helping fill the pew pockets during the week in preparation for Sunday services. Hosts are always needed for memorial services to prepare for receptions. If you are interested, please contact Cathy Fuentes at cathy@firstchurch.church or 602-263-5013 ext. 100.

Happening This Week

Today

9 a.m. Worship - Contemporary
9 a.m. Kids Church
10 a.m. The Table Adult Class (Room 116)
10 a.m. The Upper Room Adult Class (Epworth Room)
10 a.m. Faith for Today Adult Class (Centennial Room)
10 a.m. Kids Choir (Room 106)
10 a.m. Jr. and Sr. High Youth (Room 101 and Room 103)
11 a.m. Worship - Traditional
12:15 p.m. Faith for Today Luncheon (Centennial Room)
4:30 p.m. Youth Choir (Room 106)
5:30 p.m. Youth Graduation Celebration (Asbury Hall)

Monday, May 20

2 p.m. Covenant Sisters (Zoom)

Tuesday, May 21

9:30 a.m. Yoga Class (Room 114)

Wednesday, May 22

9:30 a.m. Prayer Quilting (Epworth Room)
10 a.m. The Dressmakers Sewing Group (Epworth Room)
6:30 p.m. AA Group (Epworth Room)
7 p.m. Chancel Choir
7:30 p.m. Al-Anon (Room 116)

Thursday, May 23

9:30 a.m. Congregational Care Team (Room 116)
10 a.m. Games Galore (Centennial Room)
10:30 a.m. Weekday School Graduation (Asbury Hall)
4:30 p.m. Yoga Class (Room 114)
7 p.m. Praise Band

Friday, May 24 & Saturday, May 25 - no church events

Next Sunday, May 26

8 a.m. Covenant Sisters (Library)
9 a.m. Worship - Contemporary
9 a.m. Kids Church
10 a.m. The Table Adult Class (Room 116)
10 a.m. The Upper Room Adult Class (Epworth Room)
10 a.m. Faith for Today Adult Class (Centennial Room)
10 a.m. Jr. High and Sr. High Youth (Room 101 and Room 103)
11 a.m. Worship - Traditional

Opportunity to Serve – Van Driver

It's official, you can become a Sunday driver too! First Church is seeking volunteer drivers to assist those unable to drive to attend worship Sunday mornings. Contact the church office at 602.263.5013 ext. 100 for more information on how you can make First Church available to others.



Consider Prayer Quilting

Whether you have a few sewing skills or you're an accomplished quilter, we have room for you! We meet weekly on Wednesdays in Epworth Room from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Your schedule may bring you in later, or if needed, you may leave earlier. We enjoy fellowship, laughter and end with prayers for quilt recipients. Come join us!

Community Yoga Class at First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church offers two weekly yoga classes to our community. Classes meet Tuesdays, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., and Thursdays, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$12 per class or four classes for \$40. Email the church office for more information: info@firstchurch.church.



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First Church is an inclusive community of faith where **ANYONE** can experience the goodness and grace of God.

May 19, 2024 • 9 a.m.



Our Ministry Together

The ministers of this church are its members; those who assist them are:

Carlo A. Rapanut - Bishop	Russ Morrow - Business Administrator
Javier Olivares - District Superintendent	Cathy Fuentes - Office Manager
David Rennick - Senior Pastor	Ron Rhode - Organist
Patricia Rodriguez - Lay Leader	Dr. Elizabeth Leyva - Children/Youth Choirs
David Whitaker - Lay Leader	Dan Hawkins - Campus Superintendent
Joshua Elder - Minister of Music	Geoff Berkley - Associate. Campus Superintendent
Julie Cochran - Children's Ministry Coordinator	John Riley - Custodian
Beckie Humphrey - Director of Weekday School	Derrick Sewell - Custodian
Patricia Magyar - Congregational Care Coordinator	

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SPECIAL MUSIC *Fresh Wind* Crocker/Ligertwood
First Praise Band and Choir featuring Natalie Blair and Adam Black

*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist: Susan Sneathen

One: Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: With rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: With tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: With power from above to make our weakness strong,

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

*OPENING SONG *Build Your Kingdom Here*

WELCOME Rev. David Rennick
(Please register your attendance on the *I'm Here* card found in your pew or *Online*.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. David Rennick

Following the Children's Message, children ages 3 - 5th grade are invited to follow the teachers to Children's Sunday School located upstairs. Children may return to their parents in the pews, or childcare is available for infants through age three in our nursery, room 109. First-time visitors are encouraged to accompany their children to the Sunday School room.

SCRIPTURE READING *Acts 2:1-4 and Romans 8:22-27*
Liturgist: Susan Sneathen

SONG OF RESPONSE *Holy Spirit*

GRADUATE RECOGNITION Marilyn Harter and Ron Pinkerton

SPECIAL MUSIC *Come, Sing Alleluia* Bailey/Mayo
First Youth Singers

SCRIPTURE READING *Psalms 104:24-34, 35b* Liturgist: Susan Sneathen

*A TIME OF PRAISE *Sing Wherever I go*
New Wine

SPECIAL MUSIC *Jesus Does* We the Kingdom
First Praise Band and Choir featuring Emma Jean Elder and Adam Black

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. David Rennick

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
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 SONGS *Freedom*
Send Us Out

*BENEDICTION Rev. David Rennick

*For those who are able, please stand.
PLEASE set your phones to vibrate before the service starts.

WELCOME GUESTS!

Thank you for visiting First Church today. We are so glad you chose to worship with us! Please stop by our **Welcome Table** in the Narthex and take a gift bag. We also encourage you to share your contact information so we may formally welcome you.

Afternoon Book Group

The Afternoon Book Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of most months at 1:30 p.m., in room 116. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 28**. The book for **May** is *The Night Watchman* by **Louise Erdich**. We welcome all who love to read and discuss and travel the world through books.

Pentecost Musical Celebration!

Today, May 19

Both services will be packed with music!

9 AM – First Youth Singers, Praise Band and Praise Choir lead a high energy service featuring modern music that celebrates the Holy Spirit.

11 AM – First Church Concert Choir, Orchestra, Organ, and Soloists present Joseph Michael Haydn's Requiem in c minor.

This rarely performed choral masterwork is exciting and beautiful...come and let your soul be stirred!

Join us today to celebrate the birth of the Church, and invite a music loving friend!

PRAYERS TO THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER QUILT IN THE NARTHEX

A prayer quilt displayed in the Narthex this morning is for **Michelle Brinkley**. Michelle is the friend of Jackie Lundblad. We invite you to stop, tie a knot, and pray for healing, grace and comfort.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SPECIAL CARE

Brendan Pensis, Bonnie Rheame, Bobbie Rudd, Darwin Schultz, Buzz and Liv Stevens, Jane Suddarth, Bev Sutton, Brenda and Jim Unsworth

DEATH

First Church is saddened to announce the death of James Freed, who passed on May 5, 2024 in Phoenix.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (Celebrating 50 or more years of marriage)

Grier and Carolyn Cooper 5/13 William and Dana Devine 5/22

SENIOR MILESTONES (Celebrating 80 or more birthdays)

Gael Edwards 5/19 Jean Hamsher 5/21
Bonnie Rheame 5/22 Marjorie Waggener 5/25

HOSTS

Jeff Schrader, Janet Spiker, Jared Smidt, and Mindy Smidt

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCHES

Haven UMC, Jerome; Lakeview UMC, Sun City; Liberty UMC, Buckeye

DESERT SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

This year's mission project focus is support for churches engaged in asylum and border missions and is our communion offering for May. Your offering can be made directly to the Desert Southwest Conference using the QR code.

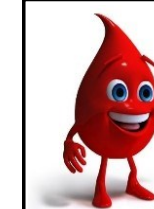


Message from the Financial Development Committee

Did you know that this year, the First Church Foundation has awarded scholarships to 14 students within our community? Twelve are pursuing bachelor's degrees, one is working on a master's degree, and one is dedicated to theological studies.

Over the past decade, our Foundation, known for its commitment to giving back to the community, has granted more than \$500,000 to deserving students. Your generosity has truly made a lasting impact on countless lives and futures. Thank you for your continued commitment to education, empowerment, and community support. Together, we're making a difference!

*With heartfelt gratitude,
Our Foundation Board of Directors*



Blood Drive!

- Sunday, June 16, 2024
- 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Bloodmobile will be in the north parking lot
- Appointments are recommended!

Contact **Stephanie Espinoza** at 602-284-1258 or visit www.donors.vitalant.org (Blood Drive code: firstunited)