

### THE CHURCH NURSERY IS OPEN

The nursery is professionally staffed by the Lullaby Guild, open Sunday mornings, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and welcomes infants through 3 years old. Ask any host for directions to the nursery.

### Habitat for Humanity Outreach Opportunity

Our church is partnering with other UMC churches across the Valley to complete a Habitat for Humanity home this spring. Due to the wide number of churches participating, spots are limited and are first come, first served, so if you're interested, please contact Sammi right away! We have one opening left on Saturday, April 18 for "interior paint and exterior paint prep day."

### Card Shower for Karen Champagne

This week on April 18th, long-time member, Karen Champagne will be celebrating her 84th birthday. Recently, she's been at home receiving hospice care. Please take a moment to send Karen a card and note that we are thinking and praying for her. Thank you for celebrating this moment for Karen.

Karen Champagne  
2129 W. Clarendon Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ 85015

### Community Yoga Class at First 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](mailto:info@firstchurch.church).

### Sunday Adult Classes Between Services at 10 a.m.

#### Faith for Today

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

This class is a diverse, casual and welcoming group of people. 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

The Upper Room class is now doing a detailed study of the Gospel of John. Our leader is Dr. Pat Dickerson who has recently moved to Texas so we meet via Zoom. We invite you to join us in the Epworth Room. Bring your tablet, laptop or phone. A benefit of our Zoom sessions is that it is also possible to participate from home. Call Peggy Ward at 623-533-7381 if you have any questions.

### First Church Logo Shirts

We will be placing an order soon for First Church logo shirts. These high-quality poly knit golf shirts are embroidered with the First Church logo and are available in various colors and sizes for men and women. The cost is \$35 for men and \$32 for women. Please contact the church office to learn more about sizes and colors at [info@firstchurch.church](mailto:info@firstchurch.church) or 602-263-5013.

### Axios

Axios Unaltered is our resident queer small group that meets every week here at the church for a time of discussion, Bible study, prayer, as well as service projects to support the community. If you are LGBTQ+ please join us Tuesdays at 7 p.m. to connect with other like-minded individuals and grow in your faith. Contact Sammi Burkhart or search @axiosunaltered on social media for more information.

### Happening This Week

#### Today

9 a.m. Worship - Contemporary  
9 a.m. Children's Sunday School (Rooms 220, 221, 223)  
10 a.m. Jr. and Sr. High Youth Sunday School (Room 103)  
10 a.m. First Kids Choir (Room 106)  
10 a.m. The Table Adult Class (Room 116)  
10 a.m. Faith for Today Adult Class (Centennial Room)  
10 a.m. Upper Room Adult Class (Epworth Room)  
11 a.m. Worship - Traditional  
4:30 p.m. Youth Choir (Room 106)  
5:30 p.m. Jr. and Sr. Youth Dinner and Program (Room 103)  
6:30 p.m. AA Group - Solution on Central (Asbury Hall)

#### Monday, April 13

8 a.m. Men's Weekly Meet Up (Room 102)  
11 a.m. MS Support Group (Epworth Room)  
2 p.m. Covenant Sisters - Monday (Virtual)  
6 p.m. Foundation Scholarship Committee (Virtual)

#### Tuesday, April 14

9:30 a.m. Yoga (Room 114)  
6 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee (Room 116)  
6:30 p.m. Missions and Social Justice Committee (Virtual)  
7 p.m. Axios (Room 102)

#### Wednesday, April 15

9 a.m. Weekday School Chapel (Sanctuary)  
9:30 a.m. Prayer Quilting (Epworth Room)  
10 a.m. Memorial Service - Susan Greene (Sanctuary)  
2:30 p.m. Cherub Choir (Room 106)  
5:45 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
6 p.m. Boy Scouts #41 (Asbury Hall)  
6:30 p.m. AA Group - Solution on Central (Wesley Lounge)  
7 p.m. Chancel Choir (Choir Room)  
7:30 p.m. Al-Anon (Room 116)  
8 p.m. Community Chorus

#### Thursday, April 16

9:30 a.m. Congregational Care Team (Library)  
1 p.m. Knitty Witty Chain Gang (Wesley Lounge)  
4:30 p.m. Yoga (Room 114)  
5 p.m. Foundation Financial Development (Virtual)  
6 p.m. Praise Choir (Choir Room)  
6 p.m. Girl Scouts #3462 (Epworth Room)  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scout District Boards (Asbury Hall)  
7 p.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary)

#### Friday, April 17

7 a.m. AA Group - Solution on Central (Wesley Lounge)

#### Saturday, April 18 - no church events

#### Next Sunday, April 19

9 a.m. Worship - Contemporary  
9 a.m. Children's Sunday School (Rooms 220, 221, 223)  
10 a.m. Jr. and Sr. High Youth Sunday School (Room 103)  
10 a.m. First Kids Choir (Room 106)  
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**FIRSTCHURCH**  
UNITED METHODISTS OF PHOENIX

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

April 12, 2026 • 11 a.m.



Thank you for silencing phones before the service begins.

### Our Ministry Together

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

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| Carlo A. Rapanut - Bishop   | Beckie Humphrey - Director of Weekday School      |
| Javier Olivares - District Superintendent                               | Russ Morrow - Business Administrator              |
| David Rennick - Senior Pastor   | Cathy Fuentes - Office Manager                    |
| Don Campbell - Lay Leader   | Christine Kyhn - Organist                         |
| Joshua Elder - Minister of Music  | Dr. Elizabeth Leyva - Children/Youth Choirs       |
| Sammi Burkhart - Director of Church Communication, Growth and Marketing | Dan Hawkins - Campus Superintendent               |
| Julie Cochran - Children's Ministry                                     | Calvin McGruder - Associate Campus Superintendent |
| Patricia Magyar - Congregational Care Coordinator                       | Karissa Morales - Custodian                       |
|   | Ryan Newberry - Media Booth                       |

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Benedictus from The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace* K. Jenkins  
Christine Kyhn, organ and Donald Newsom, piano

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist: Sammi Burkhart

One: Easter people, Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

One: Christ is risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up: How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?

**All: Within our questioning, Christ appears.**

One: We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's resurrection, who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

**All: Within our certainty, Christ appears.**

One: Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are all participants in the story of God's salvific work in the world, a story still unfolding all around us.

**All: We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected Christ dwells among us! Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN - No. 312 *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. David Rennick  
(Please register your attendance on the **Church Center** card found in your pew or **Online**.)

PRAYER FOR UMCOR MISSION TEAM

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Liturgist: Sammi Burkhart

One: God's mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea, and God's grace is wider than the whole of the earth. Trusting in that mercy and that grace, let us make our confession, before God and each other, first in silent prayer.

**All: Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives: the fear that stifles us, the prejudice that impedes us, the ignorance that hinders us, the doubt that plagues us. Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places, move to those places where love is needed, and have faith that you are with us. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God! **Alleluia! Amen.**

ACT OF PRAISE *Lift High the Cross* Dobrinski  
Rejoicing Handbells

SCRIPTURE READING *John 20:19-31* Liturgist: Sammi Burkhart  
(Common English Bible)

SONG OF REFLECTION - No. 380 *There's Within My Heart a Melody* (vs. 1-4)

SERMON *Risen: Peace in the Fear* Rev. David Rennick

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *God So Loved the World* Stainer  
Chancel Choir

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS Page 17, red hymnal

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

ACCLAMATION Page 18, red hymnal

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

AMEN Page 18, red hymnal

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

COMMUNION MUSIC - No. 616 *Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast*  
- No. 2266 (TFWS) *Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine*

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.**

*This morning, we invite you to come forward down the center aisle at the direction of a host. Help yourself to the bread and the cup from the servers, then consume the elements. The elements are gluten free. You are welcome to kneel at the rail for prayer, or return directly to your seat.*

\*CLOSING HYMN - No. 2115 (TFWS) *Christ Has Risen*

\*BENEDICTION Rev. David Rennick

POSTLUDE *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* C. Kyhn  
Christine Kyhn, organ

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\*For those who are able, please stand.

### 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. Please complete the **Online** attendance form or the **I'm Here** card found in your pew.

## PRAYERS TO THE CONGREGATION

### PRAYER QUILT IN THE NARTHEX

A prayer quilt displayed in the narthex this morning is for **Bill Wilson**. Bill is the nephew of Ron Wilson. We invite you to stop, tie a knot, and pray for healing, grace and comfort.

### PRAYERS FOR OUR SPECIAL CARE

Betty Luallin, Terry Lutz, Ray McFarland, Gerry Oliver, Jean Oliver, Bonnie Rheaume, Susan Secrest, Liv Stevens, Jim Unsworth, Elizabeth Vick

### IN MEMORY

First Church is saddened to announce the death of **Susan Greene**, who passed on January 22. Services are scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, at 10 a.m., at FUMC.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (Celebrating 50 or more years of marriage)

Jack and Linda Smalley 4/1 Mike and Cecilia Gowey 4/10  
Dave and Charlene Kingston 4/10 Jack and Susan Sneathen 4/22

### SENIOR MILESTONES (Celebrating 80 or more birthdays)

Innocent Abiaka /16 Karen Champagne 4/18

### HOSTS

Mike Fox, Geoffrey Boadu, Ernie Shaver, and Audrey Clayton

### PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCHES

First UMC, Glendale, First UMC, Phoenix; First UMC, Sun City

### NEXT SUNDAY'S SERMON

Sermon Series: *Risen*

Sermon Title: *Risen: Recognized in the Ordinary*

You're invited to read **Luke 24:13-35** each day in preparation for next Sunday.

### Men's Monday Meetup

**Mondays at 8 a.m. in Room 102**

**Faith, Conversation, and Camaraderie**

This week our theme is today's passage.

### Afternoon Book Group

The Afternoon Book Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of most months at 1:30 p.m. in the Library. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 28**. The book for April is *North Woods* by Daniel Mason. We welcome all who love to read and discuss and travel the world through books.

**Registration is open now!**  
Scan the QR code for more information!

### Street Festival at Iglesia Aliento

Iglesia Aliento invites you to a street festival on Sunday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., which will feature tacos, burgers, hot dogs, games, face painting, as well as various booths that provide social services, including domestic violence counseling, and free clothing for those who need it. This is a great opportunity to support their ministry, have some fun, as well as socialize with other UMC churches who have been invited. Come join in!

\*If you are also interested in volunteering at this event, please contact Dan Cox-Gonzalez at [dcoxgonzalez@gmail.com](mailto:dcoxgonzalez@gmail.com) or at 602-463-2197.