

First Church Kids

Come and join the fun at Kids Church during the 9 a.m. service! 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:
(6 months to 3 years old) - Room 109 (8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)
(Pre-K to Kinder) - Room 220
(1st to 2nd grade) - Room 221
(3rd to 5th grade) - Room 223

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."

Blue Prayer Cards

As we pray, we give up control of our life and give it to God. Pray and have patience for the answer as we wait upon the Lord.

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 or 602-263-5013.

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.

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.

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 (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
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 10 a.m. Jr. and Sr. High Youth Sunday School (Room 103)
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 UNITED METHODISTS OF PHOENIX

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

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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:

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

***Call to Worship** Liturgist: Brenda Schrader

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 Song** *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Welcome Rev. David Rennick

(Please register your attendance on the *Church Center* card found in your pew or *Online*.)

Children's Message Sammi Burkhart, Communications Director

Following the Children's Message, children pre-K through 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.

Commissioning of UMCOR Mission Team

Scripture Reading *John 20:19-31* Liturgist: Brenda Schrader
(Common English Bible)

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

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Special Music *Help My Unbelief* Assad
Praise Band with Jessica Elder, soloist

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.

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.

Communion Song *King of Kings*

***Closing Song** *Always*

***Benediction** Rev. David Rennick

*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 *Church Center* card found in your pew.

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.

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.

Men's Monday Meetup

Mondays at 8 a.m. in Room 102

Faith, Conversation, and Camaraderie

This week our theme is today's passage.

Reserve your Niche, Wall Plaque or Patio Brick

First Church has spaces available for you to reserve your single or companion niche. The cost includes your urn and the face plate of your niche. Wall Plaques and Patio Bricks need to be ordered with your dedication or the name you wish. If you have questions or are interested, please contact Cathy Fuentes at cathy@firstchurch.church or call the church office at 602-263-5013 x100.

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. Call to reserve a day to honor a loved one or special friend.



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 Rheame, 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 4/16 Karen Champagne 4/18

HOSTS

Lance Scott, Jane Scott, Mindy Smidt, and Jeff Schrader

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCHES

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

INTO THE WILDERNESS AT MINGUS SUMMER CAMP 2026

June 14-19: Sr. High Beach Camp

July 1-3: Mini Camp

June 28-July 3: Elementary Junior High Senior High

July 12-17: Elementary Night Owls *NEW Junior High Night Owls Sr. High Night Owls

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 interested in volunteering at this event, please contact Dan Cox-Gonzalez at dcoxgonzalez@gmail.com or at 602-463-2197.

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

New Member Information

Are you interested in learning more about First Church and/or becoming a member? Please contact the church office at 602-263-5013 or email cathy@firstchurch.church.