

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.



Communion Rail Offering

Today's Communion Rail Offering is in support of the *Annual Conference Mission Project 2026*

The Solidarity Fund

Grounded in our United Methodist call to love our neighbor and seek justice, the Desert Southwest Conference has established a Solidarity Fund to support immigrants facing financial hardship amid increased immigration enforcement.

In many of our communities, detention and deportation leave family members behind. Those families still need to pay rent and other important bills, while they work to understand ways that they will continue to support themselves. Additionally, the fear of detention and deportation is keeping people from work, school, medical care, and essential services, placing immediate strain on families who are already vulnerable.

This fund offers direct, short-term assistance for basic needs such as rent, utilities, food, transportation, and medical expenses. By sharing our resources, we bear one another's burdens and offer a tangible witness to God's compassion and care for immigrants among us. Your generosity is a faithful act of solidarity with our immigrant siblings and neighbors, affirming the sacred worth of every person.

Our May Communion Rail Offering will benefit The Solitary Fund to share our generosity in gratitude for God's compassion to others.

WEEKDAY SCHOOL

Cherubs Performance

9:00 AM  MAY 10

Join us on Mother's Day at our 9:00 am service to hear our Weekday School Cherub Choir Perform!

Celebration of Life for Paul Harter

You are invited to support Marilyn Harter in the celebration of life for her husband, Paul Harter. His service is Saturday, May 9, at 10 a.m., at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 6300 N. Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85012. Letters of condolence can be sent to the church office at First UMC 5510 N. Central Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85012.

Happening This Week

Today

- 9 a.m. Worship - Contemporary
- 9 a.m. Children's Sunday School (Rooms 220, 221, 223)
- 10 a.m. First Sunday Social Hour (Wesley Lounge)
- 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)
- 6:30 p.m. Olive Branches Concert - Alice Elder (Sanctuary)

Monday, May 4

- 8 a.m. Men's Monday Meetup (Room 102)
- 2 p.m. Covenant Sisters - Monday (Virtual)
- 7:30 p.m. Phoenix College Choral Concert Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, May 5

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga (Not Meeting)
- 6 p.m. Foundation Board (Epworth Room)
- 7 p.m. Axios (Room 102)
- 7:30 p.m. Phoenix College Choral Concert (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, May 6

- 9 a.m. Weekday School Chapel (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Prayer Quilting (Epworth Room)
- 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. Scout Parent Meeting (Centennial Room)
- 7 p.m. Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
- 7:30 p.m. Al-Anon (Room 116)
- 8 p.m. Community Chorus

Thursday, May 7

- 9:30 a.m. Congregational Care Team (Library)
- 4:30 p.m. Yoga (Room 114)
- 6 p.m. Praise Choir (Choir Room)
- 7 p.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary)

Friday, May 8

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

Saturday, May 9 - no church events

Next Sunday, May 10

- 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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FIRSTCHURCH
UNITED METHODISTS OF PHOENIX

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

May 3, 2026 • 11 a.m.



*If you need assistance at any time, please notify a host (usher). They are here to help ensure you feel welcomed and supported.

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 | Karissa Morales - Custodian |
| Patricia Magyar - Congregational Care Coordinator | Ryan Newberry - Media Booth |

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Ellen Hand, guest organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: David Whitaker

One: Easter people, no matter the bends and curves in our path,
Jesus does not leave us alone on this journey of faith.

All: God gives us the Spirit, our Advocate and Helper.

One: The Spirit lives in and among us, pointing us all toward the way,
the truth, and the life of Jesus.

All: God gives us the Spirit, our Guide and Guardian.

One: The Spirit draws us into God's story, showing us how to cooperate
in writing God's dream into reality.

All: God gives us the Spirit, our Dream-Giver and Story-Keeper.

One: Easter people, God's story abides in you, calling you to live as
co-creators of love and abundant life.

**All: We come to worship God and listen for the Spirit who inspires,
guides, and helps us join in God's story, until God's kingdom
comes on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN - No. 101 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

*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 OF CONFESSION

Liturgist: David Whitaker

**Eternal God, Creator of all, in you we live and move and have our being.
You sustain us through the earth and air and call us to care for one another
and share your gifts justly. Yet we confess we can be proud and hard-hearted—
hoarding, fearful, and short-sighted. Incarnate God, you know us fully and
offer forgiveness even before we ask. You embrace us and call us to begin again,
following Jesus, who showed your love through the cross. Spirit of God, open
our hearts to receive your grace, to forgive as we are forgiven, and to live lives
of reconciling love. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:1-8

Liturgist: David Whitaker

(Common English Bible)

HYMN OF REFLECTION - No. 700

Abide With Me

SERMON

Risen: Abiding Life

Rev. David Rennick

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Dona Nobis Pacem

Joshua Spacht

Chancel Choir with Jessica Elder and Katherine Rosenfeld, soloists

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

SPECIAL COMMUNION OFFERING IN SUPPRT OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE
MISSION PROJECT: THE SOLIDARITY FUND

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 19, 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 20, red hymnal

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

AMEN

Page 20, red hymnal

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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 ANTHEM

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Friedell

Chancel Choir

*CLOSING HYMN - No. 315

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

*BENEDICTION

Rev. David Rennick

POSTLUDE

Postlude on Duke St
Christine Kyhn, organ

C. Kyhn

*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 en-
courage 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: Love That Remains

You're invited to read **John 15:9-17** each day in preparation for next Sunday.

Would You Like To Receive Text Messages from First Church?

If you'd like to opt into text message news and updates from our church, please
contact the office to be added onto the text list!

PRAYERS TO THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS FOR OUR SPECIAL CARE

Liv Stevens, Jim Unsworth, Elizabeth Vick, Selena Alderman, Carolyn Allen,
June Becker, Bill Carpenter, Ruth Clark, Mary Anne Cooper, Laura DeNinno

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (Celebrating 50 or more years of marriage)

John and Vicki Beaver 5/2 Grier and Carolyn Cooper 5/13
William and Dana Devine 5/22

SENIOR MILESTONES (Celebrating 80 or more birthdays)

Bijan Mohraz 5/3

HOSTS

Stephanie Grainer, Patricia Magyar, Dawn Torres-Rivas, and Diane E. Davis

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCHES

First UMC, Yuma; Fort Yuma UMC; Gila Mountain UMC, Yuma

POWER UP LOUNGE WITH PASTOR DAVID

(Online Zoom Gathering)

Join Pastor David each Thursday from **1:00–2:00 PM**, May 7 through June 11.

This is a time to connect for support and care, share and prayer, getting a head
start on Sunday, and more.

Join the gathering using the link below:

[https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/88689272753?](https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/88689272753?pwd=CR2R5vLbgObdtDbXftrEL6Z6PhTsT.1)

[pwd=CR2R5vLbgObdtDbXftrEL6Z6PhTsT.1](https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/88689272753?pwd=CR2R5vLbgObdtDbXftrEL6Z6PhTsT.1)

Meeting ID: 886 8927 2753

Passcode: Pastor

New Member Class

Sunday, May 17, 10 a.m.

Rev. David Rennick welcomes prospective members, answers any questions
you may have, and shares expectations of membership. If you plan to attend,
please call Cathy Fuentes at 602-263-5013 x100 or email
cathy@firstchurch.church, so that we can prepare your new member packet.

Mostly Music Sunday, Sunday, May 17

9 a.m. – The Sailor's Bible by Long and Pote

**Presented by First Youth Singers and FirstKids Choir; Dr. Elizabeth Leyva,
director**

This children's musical includes two famous Bible stories, each featuring the
ocean's wind and waves as symbols of life's chaos which can be tamed only by
God's great power. Come hear the stories of Jonah and the Great Fish; and Paul's
Shipwreck told with childlike playfulness, charming humor, and resonant songs
with catchy tunes!

11 a.m. – Mozart Masterpieces: a morning of sacred choral works

Presented by The First Church Community Concert Choir and Orchestra

The Chancel Choir, augmented by singers and instrumentalists from the commu-
nity, will present 3 works for choir, soloists, organ and orchestra by W.A.
Mozart. The centerpiece of the morning will be Mozart's Mass in C major, K.
258 aka "Piccolomini Mass." This upbeat mass is full of memorable and highly
tuneful melodies. Additionally, we will perform the lively *Te Deum in C, K. 141*,
and the beautiful "*Laudate Dominum*" movement from Mozart's *Vesperae
solennes de Confessore, K. 339*.

Women's Potluck

ALL Ladies of First Church are invited to a potluck dinner, sponsored by the
United Women in Faith. It will be held in Centennial Room, on Thursday, May
14, at 5:30 p.m. We wish to enjoy your company for fabulous food and fellow-
ship! If you have questions, call Susan Sneathen, 602-361-8235.