

**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



**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.

**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.

**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 fellowship! If you have questions, call Susan Sneathen, 602-361-8235.

*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
- 9 a.m. Children's Sunday School (Rooms 220, 221, 223)
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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 • 9 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

**\*Call to Worship** Liturgist: Deby Campbell

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 Song** *Freedom*

**\*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*.)

**Children's Message** Sammi Burkhardt, 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.

**Scripture Reading** *John 15:1-8* Liturgist: Deby Campbell  
(Common English Bible)

**Sermon** *Risen: Abiding Life* Rev. David Rennick

**Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Special Music** *Tend* Emmy Rose  
Emma Jean Elder, soloist

**Sacrament of Communion**

**Special Communion Offering in Support of The 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.**

**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** *Remembrance*

**\*Closing Song** *O Taste and See*

**\*Benediction** Rev. David Rennick

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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 *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.

### 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](mailto:cathy@firstchurch.church), so that we can prepare your new member packet.

### 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=CR2R5vLbgObdtDbBxftrEL6Z6PhTsT.1)

[pwd=CR2R5vLbgObdtDbBxftrEL6Z6PhTsT.1](https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/88689272753?pwd=CR2R5vLbgObdtDbBxftrEL6Z6PhTsT.1)

**Meeting ID:** 886 8927 2753

**Passcode:** Pastor

### First Sunday Social Hour, Today, May 3

Please join us for our First Sunday Social Hour gathering between services at 10 a.m. in Wesley Lounge. This is a time to gather, mingle and talk about what's going on or how you can serve at First Church. The *May* gathering is hosted by the *Fabric Groups*. We look forward to seeing you!

## 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

Lance Scott, Jane Scott, and Jeff Schrader

### PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCHES

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

## Mostly Music 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 community, 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*.

### 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.

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!