

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.



Blood Drive!

- Sunday, June 14, 2026
- 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 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)

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.



Thank you so much for the support at my concert! I felt so loved. We raised \$1,600 for the youth group!
sincerely, Alice

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. 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
- 6:30 p.m. AA Group - Solution on Central (Asbury Hall)

Monday, May 11

- 8 a.m. Men's Monday Meetup (Not Meeting, until further notice)
- 11 a.m. MS Support Group (Epworth Room)
- 2 p.m. Covenant Sisters - Monday (Virtual)
- 5 p.m. Giving Subcommittee of Finance Committee (Off Campus)
- 7 p.m. North Phoenix Prep Academy Choir Concert (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, May 12

- 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)

Wednesday, May 13

- 9 a.m. Weekday School Chapel (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Prayer Quilting (Epworth Room)
- 2:30 p.m. Cherub Choir (Room 106)
- 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, May 14

- 9:30 a.m. Congregational Care Team (Library)
- 1 p.m. Power Up Lounge with Pastor David (Zoom)
- 4:30 p.m. Yoga (Room 114)
- 5 p.m. United Women in Faith Potluck (Centennial Room)
- 6 p.m. Praise Choir (Choir Room)
- 7 p.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary)

Friday, May 15


- 7 a.m. AA Group - Solution on Central (Wesley Lounge)
- 10:30 a.m. Weekday School Graduation (Asbury Hall)

Saturday, May 16

- 9 a.m. Chancel Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 1 p.m. Kids and Youth Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Next Sunday, May 17

- 9 a.m. Worship - Contemporary
- 9 a.m. Children's Sunday School (Rooms 220, 221, 223)
- 10 a.m. New Member Class (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 (Not Meeting)
- 5:30 p.m. Graduation Celebration (Asbury Hall)



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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 10, 2026 • 11 a.m.
Mother's Day Sunday**



*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 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Wagner
Rejoicing Handbells

*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist: Scott Holcomb

One: As a mother holds her child in love, so Christ holds us in abiding love.

All: We come to dwell in that love—steady, faithful, and true.

One: Jesus says, “As the Creator has loved me, so I have loved you.” This is a love that nurtures, teaches, and gives life.

All: We gather to receive that love and to share it with one another.

One: In a world longing for care and compassion, we are called to love as Jesus has loved us.

All: With open hearts, we choose love—love that listens, serves, and remains.

One: You did not choose me, but I chose you, says the Lord, and appointed you to bear fruit that will last.

All: Rooted in love, we come to worship—ready to abide, ready to love, ready to live.

*OPENING HYMN - No. 100 *God, Whose Love Is Reining o'er Us*

*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 TODAY Liturgist: Scott Holcomb
Abiding God, you love us and call us to remain in that love. We give you thanks for mothers and all who nurture—for their care, strength, and faithful presence. And we lift to you those for whom this day is tender: those who grieve, who long, or who carry complicated stories. Hold them in your love. Jesus, you call us friends and command us to love one another. Prune away what keeps us from love, and grow in us patience, kindness, and joy. Root us in your love, that we may bear fruit that lasts. In Jesus name, Amen.

ACT OF PRAISE *Rise to Sing! The Light is Breaking* Nelson
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING *John 15:9-17* Liturgist: Scott Holcomb
(Common English Bible)

SONG OF REFLECTION - No. 2171 (TFWS) *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

SERMON *Love That Remains* Rev. David Rennick

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Caprice* Dobrinski
Rejoicing Handbells

*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER Re v. 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 HYMN - No. 549 *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

*BENEDICTION Rev. David Rennick

POSTLUDE *An Epilogue of Praise* D. Paxton
Christine Kyhn, organ

*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.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERMON

Sermon Series: *Risen*
Sermon Title: *Witness to the World*

You're invited to read *Luke24: 44-53* 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!

Pentecost Sunday, May 24

Please join us in wearing 'red' to celebrate Pentecost.

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=CR2R5vLbgObdtDbBxftR6Z6PhTsT.1)
[pwd=CR2R5vLbgObdtDbBxftR6Z6PhTsT.1](https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/88689272753?pwd=CR2R5vLbgObdtDbBxftR6Z6PhTsT.1)

Meeting ID: 886 8927 2753

Passcode: Pastor

PRAYERS TO THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER QUILT IN THE NARTHEX

A prayer quilt displayed in the narthex this morning is for **Norma Gualke**. Norma is the mother of Bruce and the mother-in-law of Mindy Smidt. We invite you to stop, tie a knot, and pray for healing, grace and comfort.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SPECIAL CARE

Yvonne Fischer, Barbara Harvey, Barbara K. Johnson, Vickie Johnson, Ronda Klein, Betty Luallin, Terry Lutz, Ray McFarland, Gerry Oliver, Jean Oliver

IN MEMORY

First Church is saddened to announce the death of **Kathy Pearson**, who passed on April 29. Kathy is the sister of Rev. Mike Pearson.

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)

Frances Sawyers 5/10

HOSTS

Geoff Boadu, Michelle Vanecko, Patricia Magyar, and Karen Horton

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCHES

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

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 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*.

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, May 26**. The book for May is *The Lost Bookshop* by Evie Woods. We welcome all who love to read and discuss and travel the world through books.

4-Week Book Study: *The Alchemist*

Join Pastor David for a four-week journey through *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho—a timeless story about following your dreams, listening to your heart, and discovering the deeper meaning of life's journey.

Together, we'll explore themes of purpose, faith, courage, and the ways God can work through our hopes and longings. Whether you've read the book before or are encountering it for the first time, this will be a meaningful space for reflection, conversation, and connection. **Details Below:**

- **Duration:** 4 weeks, Wednesday, May 27-June 17, 10-11:30 a.m.
- **Book:** *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho (Available through your favorite distributor.)
- **Format:** Group reading with discussion and guided reflection.
- **Register:** Call the church office at 602-263-5013.

Come ready to share, listen, and grow as we consider how this story speaks into our own lives and journeys of faith.