

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



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)

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.

- **Duration:** 4 Wednesdays, May 27 through June 17, 10-11:30 a.m.
- **Book:** *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho (available from 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.

Strategic Plan

Church leaders have developed a comprehensive Strategic Plan to guide the next few years. It is centered around our vision of being an inclusive community of faith where ANYONE can experience the goodness and grace of God. Built from congregational input, it outlines key goals to help our ministries grow in a sustainable and vibrant way. The plan will be actively monitored, with regular updates and adjustments to ensure we're not just creating a plan, but truly living it. Please scan this QR Code to read the Strategic Plan document.



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 benefits The Solidarity Fund to share our generosity in gratitude for God's compassion to others.

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. 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
- 5:15 p.m. Sunday Night Bookworms (Centennial Room)
- 6:30 p.m. AA Group - Solution on Central (Asbury Hall)

Monday, June 1 - no church events

Tuesday, June 2

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga (Room 114)
- 10 a.m. Scatter Garden - Robert "Bob" Young
- 12 p.m. Desert Southwest Conference Bishop's Luncheon (Asbury Hall)
- 7 p.m. Axios (Room 102)

Wednesday, June 3

- 9:30 a.m. Prayer Quilting (Epworth Room)
- 10 a.m. Book Study - The Alchemist (Room 102)
- 6:30 p.m. AA Group - Solution on Central (Wesley Lounge)
- 7:30 p.m. Al-Anon (Room 116)

Thursday, June 4

- 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)
- 6 p.m. 33 W. Missouri HOA (Room 116)
- 7 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, June 5

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

Saturday, June 6 - no church events

Next Sunday, June 7

- 9 a.m. Worship - Contemporary
- 9 a.m. Summer Kids and Youth Sunday School (Room 222)
- 10 a.m. First Sunday Social Hour and Farewell Reception for Pastor David Rennick (Asbury Hall)
- 10 a.m. The Table Adult Class (Not Meeting)
- 10 a.m. Faith for Today Adult Class (Centennial Room)
- 10 a.m. Upper Room Adult Class (Epworth Room)
- 11 a.m. Worship - Traditional
- 5:15 p.m. Sunday Night Bookworms (Centennial Room)
- 6:30 p.m. AA Group - Solution on Central (Asbury Hall)

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.



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.



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

May 31, 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 Burkhardt - Director of Church Communication, Growth and Marketing | Dan Hawkins - Campus Superintendent |
| Julie Cochran - Director of Next Gen Ministry | Geoff Barkley - Morning Custodian |
| Patricia Magyar - Congregational Care Coordinator | Karissa Morales - Evening Custodian |
| | Ryan Newberry - Media Booth |

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

Liturgist: Patricia Magyar

One: We gather in the name of the risen Christ, who meets us in every place and calls us forward.

All: We come to worship the One who sends us into the world with love and hope.

One: Jesus says, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

All: We trust in Christ, whose power is greater than fear, doubt, or division.

One: Jesus calls us to make disciples, to share grace, to teach peace, and to live mercy.

All: We are called to be the Church together—welcoming, serving, and growing in faith.

One: And Jesus promises, "I am with you always, to the end of the age."

All: We are never alone. Christ is with us in worship and in witness.

All: Come, let us worship God with joy, courage, and thanksgiving!

*Opening Song

Our God Saves

*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*.)

Preview for Next Sunday's Communion Offering

Peace with Justice

Children's Message

Sammi Burkhart, Communications Director

Following the Children's Message, children ages pre-k to 5th grade are invited to follow the leaders to Kids Summer Class, located upstairs in Room 222 for fun, friendship and faith. Children are combining for weekly themed games, arts, crafts and more. At the end of the service, please pick children upstairs in Room 222.

*A Time of Praise

*Thanks and Praise
Holy, Holy, Holy (Jesus Reigns)*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Liturgist: Patricia Magyar

Sermon

What's in a Name

Rev. David Rennick

Heartfelt Giving

Don Campbell, Lay Leader

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Special Music

This I Believe
First Praise Band and Choir

Crocker/Fielding

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. 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 Song

New Doxology

*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 in your pew.



Electronic Giving Made Easy

Use the new Church Center mobile app to give to First Church with convenient and secure electronic methods, including credit card, debit card, bank transfer from savings or checking, and Apple Pay. Scan this QR code to get started. Thank you!



NEXT SUNDAY'S SERMON

Sermon Title: *Wake Up! You are going to live!*

You're invited to read *Matthew 5:13-20* each day in preparation for next Sunday.

Thank You, Pastor David

As his time with First Church comes to a close, we want to wish Pastor David our best. If you would like to celebrate David's time with us and honor him, you are welcome to leave a thank-you card or a token of appreciation in the church office or in the narthex on Sunday mornings. If you are enclosing a gift, please make it directly to David Rennick. These will be given to David on his last Sunday, which is June 14. A Farewell Reception will be held next Sunday, June 7 at 10 a.m. in Asbury Hall hosted by *Missions Committee*, *Staff Parish Relations Committee*, and *Social Justice Committee*.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE VAN DRIVERS NEEDED

Van drivers are needed during the Annual Conference in Sun City to shuttle delegates to and from parking and the conference. If you are interested, please email info@firstchurch.church. Various times Thursday through Sunday, June 18 - 21.

POWER UP LOUNGE WITH PASTOR DAVID

(Online Zoom Gathering)

Join Pastor David each Thursday, **1:00–2:00 PM**, 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?pwd=CR2R5vLbgObdtDbXfrEL6Z6PhTsT.1>

Meeting ID: 886 8927 2753

Passcode: Pastor

PRAYERS TO THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS FOR OUR SPECIAL CARE

Bonnie Rheaume, Susan Secrest, Jim Unsworth, Elizabeth Vick, Selena Alderman, Carolyn Allen, June Becker, Bill Carpenter, Ruth Clark, Mary A. Cooper

IN MEMORY

First Church is saddened to announce the death of **Robert "Bob" Young**, who passed on April 22. This is an open invitation to the congregation to attend the spreading of Bob's ashes on Tuesday, June 2, at 10 a.m., here in the Memorial Garden.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (Celebrating 50 or more years of marriage)

John and Peggy Ward 6/2 Noel and Inese Markman 6/3

SENIOR MILESTONES (Celebrating 80 or more birthdays)

Jill Huddleston 6/2

HOSTS

Marilyn Seese and Mindy Smidt

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCHES

First Sunday Social Hour, Next Sunday, June 7

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

Communion Offering

Next Sunday, **June 7**, will be in honor of **Peace with Justice**

Our communion rail offering for June is in honor of Peace with Justice ministries. This fund supports United Methodist ministries that work toward social justice locally and globally. They work for the justice and dignity of all people, peaceful solutions to problems, and help train leaders to create social transformation within our world.

Here's the Scoop on Our Incoming Pastor, Mike Wilkerson - Part 1

Reverend Michael Wilkerson was born in Ocala, Florida, and spent much of his childhood moving throughout the southeastern United States. After graduating from high school, Mike enlisted in the Navy. After a few years, he was granted an ROTC scholarship at the University of Florida, and, upon graduation, received a commission and served on submarines. Following 13 years of military service, Mike returned to the University of Florida, where he earned a master's degree and transitioned to civilian life. Mike then spent 20 years as a component design engineer at Intel Corporation in Phoenix.

Summertime...and the livin' is easy...

*Love to sing?
Love to make music with others?
Love air conditioning?*

If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, then you should join us for...

Summer Choir!

Beginning June 14, we will hold regular Sunday morning Summer Choir rehearsals from 10:10 to 10:45 AM in the Sanctuary. During this time, we will put together anthems that are simple and straightforward – easy enough to sing at the 11 AM worship service!

In addition to the Sunday morning rehearsals, we will come together for 3 special Wednesday night rehearsals. These rehearsals will take place at 7 PM on June 10, July 8, and August 5. These supplementary rehearsals will give us a chance to look at the pieces for the coming Sundays. Even if you cannot make Wednesday night rehearsals, you are encouraged to participate in Summer Choir!

Come sing with us!

For more information, please contact Joshua Elder:
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