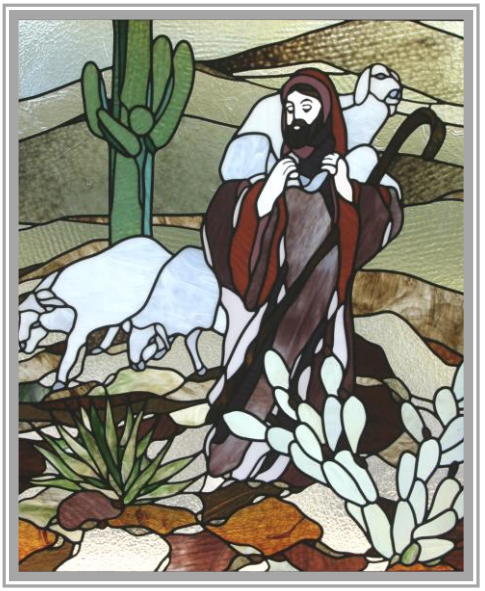
Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church

A Jubilee Ministry Center



Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 8, 2026

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Celebrant The Rev. Kim J. Litsey

Our Missional Vision

Good Shepherd of the Hills Church brings the love and light of Christ Jesus to our neighbors. We are called to go out to serve the needs of our community.

Welcome To All Visitors

If you are a visitor today, we welcome you and thank you for worshipping with us! We hope that you are blessed by your visit.

Vestry Person of the Day: Ed Simpson

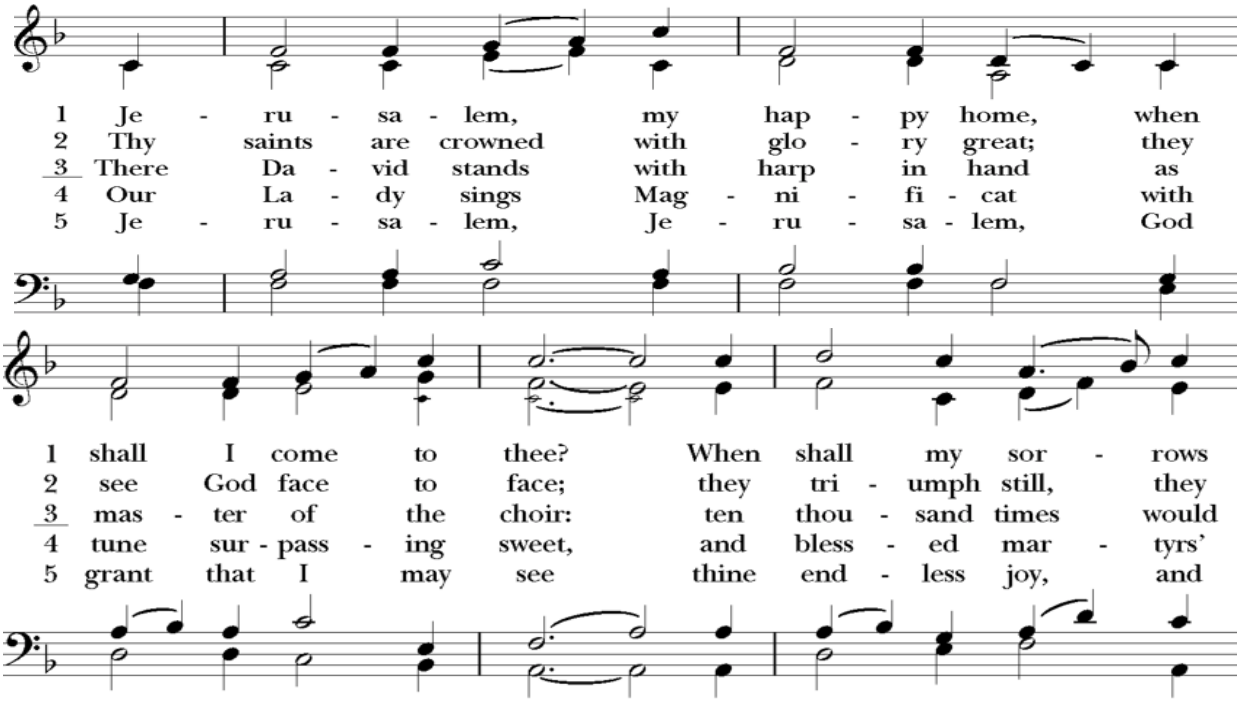
The Right Rev. Jennifer A. Reddall, Bishop
The Rev. Kim J. Litsey, Rector
Eunkyung Suh-Lee, Director of Music
Kristine Kulesza, Parish Administrator
Randi Smelko, Gold Mine Thrift Store Manager

Today's Ministry Schedule

Lector: Britta Bloomberg
Altar Servers: Brian MacIneirghe and Lynn Walsh
Usher: Tom Sampson and Pete Turner
Greeter: Barbara Popejoy
Crucifer: Vicky Richardson Gospel Bearer: Eme Henderson

~Prelude~ "Prelude In A Minor" By: Robert J. Powell

~Processional Hymn~ #620 Jerusalem, My Happy Home



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Words: F. B. P. (ca. 16th cent.), alt. Music: *Land of Rest,* American folk hymn; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)
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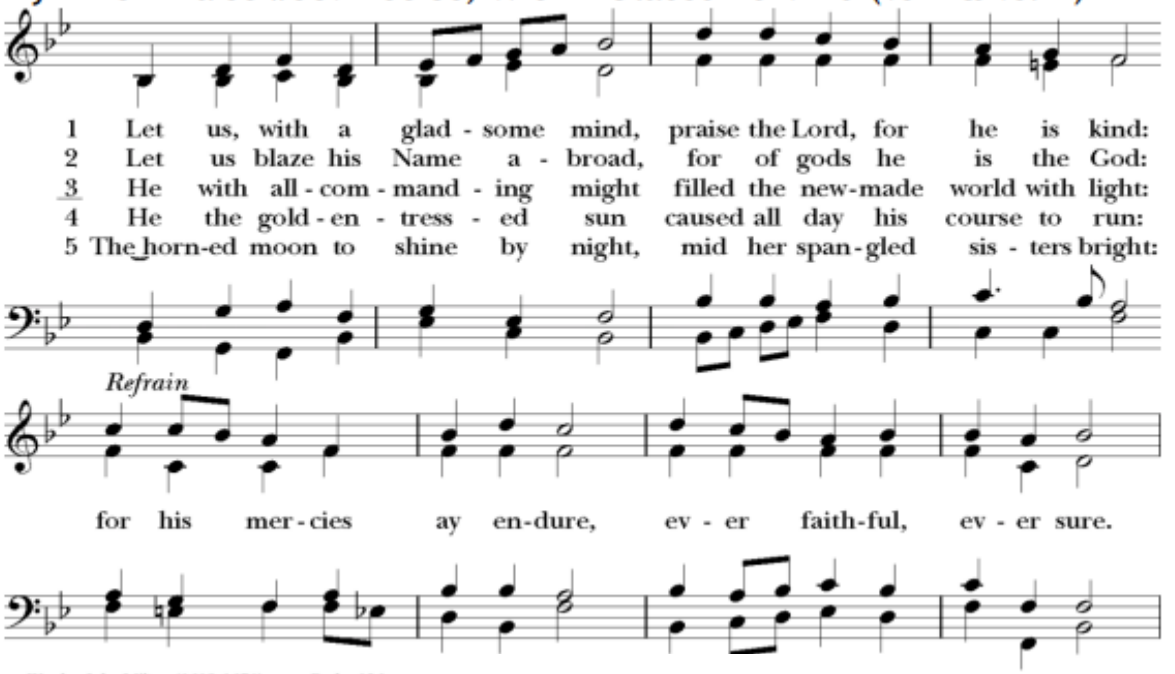
Eucharist, Rite II The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn Of Praise #389 Let Us, With A Gladsome Mind (vs 1 & vs. 2)



Words: John Milton (1608-1674); para. Psalm 136
Music: *Monkland,* melody from *Freylinghausen,* 1704; adapt. John Antes (1740-1811); arr. John Bernard Wilkes (1785-1869)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons: A Reading from the Wisdom Of Solomon

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.

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To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 70 (R*ead In Unison)*

**1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O LORD, make haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the LORD!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O LORD, do not tarry.**

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God

~Gospel Hymn~ #574 "Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel"
(vs. 1 Before & vs. 2 After)



Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt. Music: *St. Petersburg*, Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825)

The Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon **The Rev. Kim J. Litsey**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the
Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of
all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the
only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God
from God, Light from Light, true God
from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came
down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the
Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in
accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and
his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who
proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

~Prayers Of The People~ WLAP #827 “O Lord Hear Our Pray'r"



Words: Psalm 102
Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994) Taize Admin GIA Publications Inc.

Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Humbled by the bounty and grace of our lives, let us pray without ceasing, saying Spirit of truth, set us free!

Lector: For all the followers of Jesus around the world, that we may be united in sharing God’s unfailing love and forgiveness.
People: Spirit of truth, set us free!

Lector: For the priesthood of all believers, and the ministry of all lay people, the cornerstone of your holy Church; for Kim, and for all clergy; for Jennifer, our Bishop and for Sean, our Presiding Bishop and this diocese, that our hearts may be opened to God’s desire for our future.
People: Spirit of truth, set us free!

Lector: For our world and our nation, that all who govern and lead, may they tend to peace in the land and work for the common good.
People: Spirit of truth, set us free!

CONT.

Lector: For all who suffer violence at the hands of others and for those who live with addiction and mental illness. May we ourselves, and our community provide safety, hope, and compassion for all people.
People: Spirit of truth, set us free!

Lector: We remember today, all who have died, that they may be welcomed into glory with all the saints.
People: Spirit of truth, set us free!

We gratefully acknowledge the Native Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we gather, the Hohokam, as well as the diverse and vibrant Native communities who make their home here today.
People: Spirit of truth, set us free!

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty;
People: Spirit of truth, set us free!

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect
Celebrant: God who sets our hearts on fire, we offer these prayers to you. Accept them as our offering of love and the pledge of our hearts to seek and serve you in all that we do. Through Christ, who is all in all. **Amen.**

Confession Of Sin

Celebrant says: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People:
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant says:
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Announcements

The Offertory

Celebrant: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offering *(The Offering is received and the altar is prepared)*

Offertory Hymn "He Is Lord Of All" By Benjamin Harlan

Oh, who has known the mind of God, and Who has been His counselor?
His ways are sure, His love is pure, and His thoughts are above our thoughts.
He speaks and it is done. Oh, there is none like Him.

He is above, above all things, and everything has come from Him.
Creation bows and worships Him, He who calls every star by name.
He calls each star by name, Oh, there is none like Him.

Do you not Know? Have you not heard? He is the everlasting God.
His Word will stand forevermore. He is Alpha and Omega, He is the Lord of all.
Oh, there is none like Him.



The Holy Eucharist *Eucharistic Prayer B*

The Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



The people stand or kneel.
The Celebrant continues:
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant Continues:
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People:
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,
ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion of the People

All Baptized people are welcome to receive Holy Communion; if you would like, please come forward for a blessing.

~Communion Hymn~ "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" By: William M. Runyan

Post-Communion Prayer
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:
Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

~**Processional Hymn~#608** "Eternal Father, Strong To Save"



Words: William Whiting (1825-1878), alt. Music: *Melita,* John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

~Postlude~ "Jubilation" By: Jason D. Payne



Please pray for those celebrating their Birthday:
William Vessels, Dale Demastus

Please Pray For the Following People

Mariah Myers, Mike, Kathy Frederick, Chris Francis,
Darrow, Johnny, Mandie, Brynn and Iann Miller, Paddi Mozilo,
Jan, Edna, Mat Rhoades, Dee Crane, The Family and Friends of Todd Hodesh,
Eric and Michelle Salawich, Susan, Aaron Parson, John, Tim Rosenhoover,
Andrea Hensley, The Friends and Family of Sharon, Bernice Insalaco, Bob S.,
Joan Shillingburg, Paula Vessels, David Vessels, and Rachel Vessels,
Gary Zimmett, Micah Young, Evelyn Bonet, The Lee Family, Marion Anderson,
Joyce Ann Diehl and Bill Diehl, Debbie Shields, Tom, Bence Leite, Bob,
Arlo Nelson, Katie Mitchell, Lydia Meijer, The Family and Friends of Gracia
Floyd, Patty, Annamaria, Richard and Lucy Reed, Michelle Burr,
Jessica Weiland, Frank Librera, The Family and Friends of Alice,
The Friends and Family of Judi Smith, Kathy Spolarich, Peter Spolarich,
Bobbie MacKenzie, Sandy, The Friends and Family of Lance Estervig,
Mark Spolarich, Sherrie Miner, Deborah Pendl, Ginny Berberian,
Jane and Bill Hadley, Perry Burr, Lynn Moore. Jason, Christine Wilson,
Rae Jean, Lee Freeman, Anna Colin, Michael Thoms,
The Family and Friends of Earl Pool, Dee Dee Myers, Susie Hansen,
Sally Whitman, The Friends and Family of Helen Guittard, Irwin Gorman

Please Pray for those in the Armed Forces

Stephanie Case Andersen, Adam and Kim Bennett, Jeff Walker,
Jeff Lindbom, Jordan Knight, Katherine Guthrie, Pierce Guthrie, Nathan Cole,
Gabriel Leite, Blake Henderson Jr., Brady Bevard, Peter Buckley (Johnson)



Altar Flowers have been dedicated by
Ann and Mark Spolarich
In Loving Memory of our parents
Martin and Veronica Spolarich,
Paul and Barbara Eshenaur

Offerings at a Glance!

Tuesday

Bible Study Tuesday @ 1pm Good Shepherd Library

AA Group Tuesday 7:00pm

Wednesday

Centering Prayer Wednesday 10:00AM via Zoom

Sandwich/Meal Making Every Second Wednesday 9:00am

Choir Practice Wednesday 6-7:30pm

AZ Archeological Society Meetings Every Second Wednesday 6:00pm

Midday Healing Service with Eucharist Every Fourth Wednesday 12:00

Thursday

Youth Ministry Thursday @ 4-6:00pm

Foothills Caring Corps Memory Cafe, Third Thursday 10-11:30am

Autism Support Group, Third Thursday 6:30pm

Weekend

Centering Prayer Saturday 9:00am via Zoom

Hiking Ministry Every Third Saturday of the Month

Potluck Sunday Every 2nd Sunday after the church service

Bell Choir Practice Sunday 11:30-12:30pm

Bible Study
Tuesdays @ 1pm in the Good Shepherd library. Please bring a Bible and a notebook.



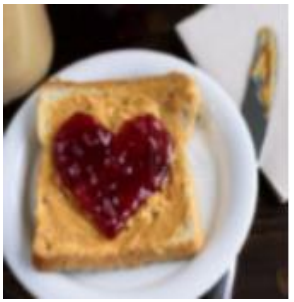


Join us during Coffee Hour today for a short Community Conversation to thank everyone for all that you do, update you on a few projects and get your input about the coming year.



November Theme Potluck Sunday Coffee Hour Today!

Please join us Sunday, November 8th for our Thankful Harvest Themed Coffee Hour potluck. All are welcome!



Sack Lunch Ministry

We will be making Sack Lunches in Maitland Hall on Wednesday, November 11th at 9am. These lunches will be delivered to St. Vincent de Paul's kitchen to help feed the homeless. We will have all that is needed for the lunches but need some people to help put the sacks together and make the PB & J sandwiches.

If you prefer to make the sack lunches at home, they will gladly be accepted! They can be dropped off to Maitland Hall before 10 A.M. on Wednesday, November 11th.



Gold Mine is needing your donations!

Please clean out your closets, kitchens, garages, etc. and bring us your unwanted items. Donation bags have been placed in the Narthex for you to fill with your treasures. Donations can be dropped off curbside at the Gold Mine once your bag has been filled Thank you for your support!

Randi- Gold Mine Manager

Thanksgiving Food Drive

FOOTHILLS FOOD BANK & RESOURCE CENTER

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Foothills Foodbank to help those in need for the Holidays. The De Broske's are giving some incentive (and some fun) to help us get in the giving spirit with a contest between the men and women on who can bring in the most items before the deadline. The winning group will get Ice Cream sandwiches!

Dates: Sundays (October 25, November 1, November 8, November 15)

Items collected can be placed on the back table in Maitland Hall. Please make sure you put it on the correct side of the table, so your team gets the credit for the contest! If you have any questions, please contact Arlene or John.

We are beginning our annual Toy and Gift Drive for the Foothills Food Bank. The Food Bank is asking this year for the items from the list below. If you do not wish to purchase items yourself but want to participate, please contact the church office for options. Last day to drop off your gifts to Maitland Hall is December 6th.



WISH LIST

Games for all ages, Squishmallow stuffed animals. Legos, footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, and volleyballs.

* new items only, Please!

ADDITIONAL WISHLIST FOR FAMILIES AND SENIORS:

Socks, Slippers. Throw blankets, Large-print crossword puzzles and word searches coffee pots, toasters, hand mixers, and crock pots.



The Dandelions enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Phoenix Art Museum, where they took part in an engaging, docent-led tour. The Firefly exhibit room was amazing. We later walked across the street from the museum and had lunch at Forno 301 Italian Restaurant.

The Halloween themed coffee hour was a great time. Lots of spooky treats and great costumes!







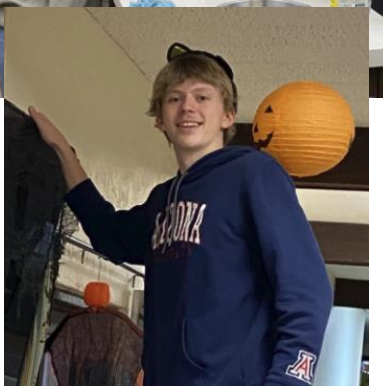






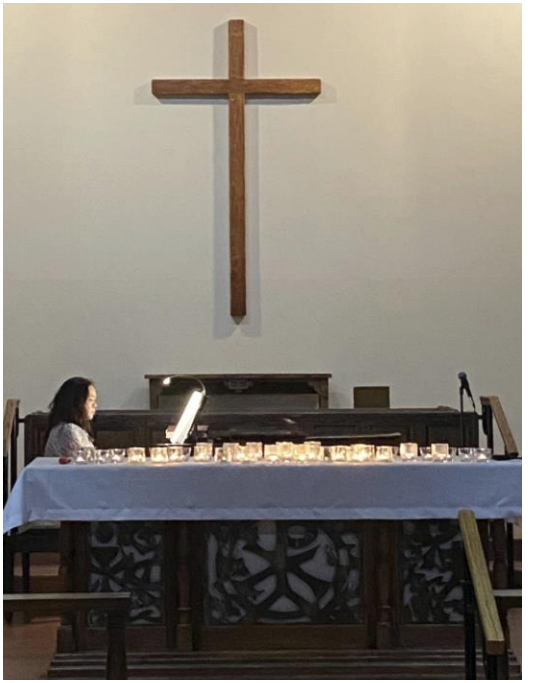
Big thanks for our Youth Ministry for their help decorating and baking for the Halloween Coffee Hour!







The rain didn't stop us from having a special All Saints Candlelight service. The Rev. Kim Litsey officiated a beautiful service as we remember the communion of saints and the faithful departed.





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