

The Church of the Palms

In Sun City, Arizona

40 years of engaging and equipping glad and generous followers of Christ.

September 5, 2010

10 A.M.

*Congregation standing, as able

*No matter who you are, or where you are
on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

CALL to WORSHIP

Pastor Silvester

PRELUDE

Petite Sonata (Sobaje)

Linda McClellent, Organist

INTROIT [choir first, then all] No. 259, *Spirit of the Living God* [adapted]

Spirit of the living God, speak afresh to us.

Spirit of the living God, speak afresh through us.

Teach us, lift us, fill us, send us.

Spirit of the living God, speak afresh to us.

WELCOME and Opening Sentences

from Psalm 1

Linda Gillis

LEADER: Blessed is the one whose delight is in the law of the Lord;

PEOPLE: **He is like a tree planted by streams of water;**

LEADER: It yields its fruit in season, and its leaves do not wither.

PEOPLE: **The Lord watches over the way of those who do what is right.**

*HYMN No. 90 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

OPENING PRAYER [together]

Surprise us, Holy Spirit—even us, even here. Fill us with fresh insight and commitment to action. Help us listen to you. Heal us.

Enrich our giving. Excite our imaginations. Surprise us, Holy Spirit—even us, even here... (*continue in silence...*)

RESPONSE No. 49 (sung by all)

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung!

Let God the Spirit free each tongue!

(women) **Alleuia!** (men) **Alleluia!**

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The SCRIPTURE LESSON Philemon 1-21 (see insert)

ANTHEM *God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale* (Shalk) Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER & Lord's Prayer ["debts" and "debtors"]

RESPONSE: No. 433, stanza 1, *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* [sung by all]

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

OFFERING of Gifts and Tithes

Our Life Together

Offertory *Meditation No. 1* (Barton)

Linda McClellent, Organist

*Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

[seated] **HYMN of the Month No. 605** (stanza 1 by choir, then all)

For Each Day of Life We Thank You

MESSAGE

"The Origins of Free Credit"

Pastor Len Silvester

*HYMN No. 608 *I Would Be True*

*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE: No. 441, *Peace Be Upon You* [choir first, then all]

Peace be upon you and guard you forever.

Go in the knowledge that God is with you.

*POSTLUDE

Recessional on "Holy, Holy, Holy" (Janzer)

Having you worship God with us is a delight. If you can, join us after the service in King Hall for conversation and refreshment.

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✚ THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow for Labor Day.

✚ SUNDAY DISCUSSIONS RESUME: Gather in King Hall any Sunday from 9 to 9:45 a.m. to discuss current events from a faith perspective. Come once or each week...fresh discussion topics are welcome.

✚ THURSDAY CHOIR REHEARSALS have resumed! Come join them this week at 3 p.m. in the Choir Room. Questions? Speak with Roger or email him at music@thepalms.org.

✚ THE 2010 ECUMENICAL RETREAT IS THIS WEEK! Please pray for the 30 retreaters... 'roughing it' [NOT!] at Chapel Rock Center in Prescott.

✚ 'CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS' SERIES: The Rev. Jonathan Riedel invites to King Hall on Wednesdays Sept. 8, 15, and 22 from 1 to 1:45 p.m. to consider this very hot topic. The format will be presentation and discussion.

✚ THE MEMORIAL SERVICE for **Al Remle** will be Wednesday, September 15, at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary.

✚ SUNDAY BUS PICK-UP: Call the bus ministry phone coordinator, June Taylor, at **933-8425** for a ride to church. Invite your friends to join you, as well! (Contact the church office if you are unable to reach June.)

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As part of the Sun City Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, eleven other Sun City congregations today are praying for the ministries, and those who minister, at Faith Presbyterian Church.
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~ ~ *Our Life Together This Week* ~ ~

BR=BOARD ROOM MR=MUSIC ROOM KH=KING HALL SA=SANCTUARY

TODAY – SEPTEMBER 5

9:00 a.m. Sunday Discussion (KH)

9:15 a.m. Choir Warm-up (SA)

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE (SA)

11:00 a.m. Fellowship and Refreshments (KH)

MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 6 LABOR DAY – OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 7

10:30 a.m. Vital Signs (BR)

WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 8

12:00 p.m. Lydia Circle at Royal Oaks

1:00 p.m. *Christians & Muslims* Seminar (KH)

2 & 6 p.m. *Movie: The Exodus Decoded* (KH)

THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 9

10:00 a.m. Board of Stewards (BR)

11:00 a.m. Sarah Circle at Tivoli's Restaurant

2:00 p.m. Board of Fine Arts (BR)

3:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (MR)

FRIDAY – SEPTEMBER 10

1:30 p.m. Wii Bowling (KH)

NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 12 – FAIR TRADE PRODUCT SALE

9:00 a.m. Sunday Discussion (KH)

9:15 a.m. Choir Warm-up (SA)

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE (SA)

11:00 a.m. Fellowship and Refreshments (KH)

Blood Pressure Screening (Library)

We give thanks for those who serve us today:

SERVICE LEADER: Linda Gillis
GREETERS: Chuck and Eileen Hoffman, Marvis Treher
USHERS: Pat Murdock, Marimae Roder, Carolyn Modeen, Jim, Chaffee,
Bernie Schiefen, Captain: Lyn Jacobson
HOSPITALITY HOSTS: Bonnie Green, Joyce Spaulding,
Marjorie Mohn, coordinator
EVANGELISM GREETER: Bonnie Green
WELCOMIN' WAGON DRIVERS: Ron Klemm
VALETS: Roy Spaulding and Harold Thiedeman
BUS DRIVERS: George and Maria Wall
THE FLOWERS adorning the sanctuary this morning are given by
Rusty and Joni Babbitt.

Philemon 4-21

Philemon, each time I mention you in my prayers, I thank God. I hear about your faith in our Lord Jesus and about your love for all of God's people. As you share your faith with others, I pray that they may come to know all the blessings Christ has given us. My friend, your love has made me happy and has greatly encouraged me. It has also cheered the hearts of God's people. Christ gives me the courage to tell you what to do. But I would rather ask you to do it simply because of love.

Yes, as someone in jail for Christ, I beg you to help Onesimus! He is like a son to me because I led him to Christ here in jail. Before this, he was useless to you, but now he is useful both to you and to me. Sending Onesimus back to you makes me very sad. I would like to keep him here with me, where he could take your place in helping me while I am here in prison for preaching the good news. But I won't do anything unless you agree to it first. I want your act of kindness to come from your heart, and not be something you feel forced to do. Perhaps Onesimus was taken from you for a little while so that you could have him back for good, but not as a slave. Onesimus is much more than a slave. To me he is a dear friend, but to you he is even more, both as a person and as a follower of the Lord. If you consider me a friend because of Christ, then welcome Onesimus as you would welcome me. If he has cheated you or owes you anything, charge it to my account.

With my own hand I write: I, PAUL, WILL PAY YOU BACK. But don't forget that you owe me your life. My dear friend and follower of Christ our Lord, please cheer me up by doing this for me. I am sure you will do all I have asked, and even more.

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