

GILBERT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Glorify God
Plant seeds of Faith
Cultivate Disciples

ALL ARE
WELCOME!



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February 15, 2026
6th Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE

Lord, Be Glorified

arr. Hayes
Susan Martinez

VIDEO

It's Time to Worship

WELCOMING OF VISITORS AND

Pastor Christian Johnson

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist—Betty Walford

One: Friends, we come weary from a noisy, divided world, longing for something real—Jesus himself—to break through the shadows.

Many: Come, Lord Jesus. Light our hearts today.

One: We've chased our own answers and still feel the dark. Now we turn to the One whose light has never failed, whose grace surprises us in our weakness.

Many: Shine on us, O God. Draw us close with your steady, scandalous love.

All: We worship you, our true Light in every dark place. Amen.

***THE MORNING PRAYER**

Liturgist —Betty Walford

Loving God, we adore you for seeing our honest longing—our tiredness, our doubts, our hunger for Jesus. In a shadowed, status-chasing world, thank you for meeting us not with demands, but with grace that centers on Christ's foolish, cross-shaped love. Kindle hope in us today. Let your light warm our souls, quiet our questions, and guide us until it dawns fully within. We praise you, Jesus—our steady Lamp and living Hope. Amen.

***HYMN**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Hymn 263

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess we've stumbled in the dark—clinging to status, fueling divisions, and chasing clever ideas that leave us empty. We've ignored your steady light, doubted your promises, and let doubts dim our faith. Forgive us for seeking our own way instead of yours. And now, in silence, we bring our hidden struggles to you...

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***RESPONSE**

Hymn 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

VIDEO

The Way God Does Love

GOD'S WORD FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Christian

All children are welcome in the front

Parents - livestream in progress (kids in front will be viewed online)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE READINGS

Betty Walford Liturgist

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Matthew 17:1-9

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Down to the River to Pray

Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir

SERMON

A Lamp Shining in a Dark Place

Pastor Christian Johnson

Scripture: 2 Peter 1:16-21 NRSVUE

Thanks be to God!

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From the Heidelberg Catechism
(1563), Lord's Day 7, Question 19**

Leader: Having heard God's Word proclaimed today, let us affirm our faith together using words from the Heidelberg Catechism (Book of Confessions, 4.019):

Leader: What is true faith?

People: True faith is not only a certain knowledge whereby I hold for truth all that God has revealed to us in his Word, but also a wholehearted trust, created in me by the Holy Spirit, that not only to others, but to me also, God has given the forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness, and salvation, out of sheer grace, shown for the sake of Christ's merit alone.

CALL TO OFFERING

Pastor Christian Johnson

OFFERTORY

You are invited to use this offertory as a time to reflect on your offering to God.

***DOXOLOGY**

Hymn 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION /PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor Christian Johnson

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

***HYMN**

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Hymn 452

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Christian Johnson

POSTLUDE

Shine, Jesus Shine!

arr. Hayes
Susan Martinez

***If you are able, please rise in body or spirit.**

Attendance last Sunday: 69

Thank you to our Worship and Tech Teams, Susan Martinez, Bruce Jackson, Gaill Blackburn, Damian Martin, Roy Martin, Amy Johnston, Britney Blackburn, Alex Martin.

Thank you to those Serving today:

Liturgist: Betty Walford

Music Director: Damian Martin

Hymn Leaders: Chancel Choir

Pianist/Organist: Susan Martinez

Time with Children: Pastor Christian

Ushers: Kitty Burgess, Carole Blake, Diane Howard

Announcements

OFFICES CLOSED

The church offices will be closed on Monday, February 16 in observance of President's Day.

SHROVE TUESDAY

Join us for a Joyful Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at GPC!

Come one, come all for a warm, delicious evening of fellowship as we celebrate **Shrove Tuesday** — the traditional day before Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. For centuries, Christians have marked this day by enjoying rich foods like pancakes and meats, using up ingredients such as eggs, butter, and fats before the Lenten season of fasting and reflection. It's a time of feasting, fun, and

community preparation for the spiritual journey ahead! We're serving up a hearty **pancake and breakfast meat supper** — fluffy pancakes, savory meats, and all the fixings to satisfy everyone.

When: Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 5:00–7:00 PM

Where: GPC Palmer Center

Donation: \$10 per adult | \$5 per child (if able)

Proceeds benefit: Our church's Missions outreach

All are warmly welcome— GPC family, friends from other churches, neighbors, and the wider community. Bring your appetite and a spirit of celebration! No need to be “shriven” in advance — just come as you are for good food, great company, and a meaningful start to Lent. We can't wait to see you there! Look for the signup sheets this morning or speak to Kitty Burgess or Cheri Peterson for additional info.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Join us on Wednesday, February 18 @ 7:00pm at GPC for a combined Ash Wednesday Service with our friends from FPC Mesa. The service will focus our thoughts on the meaning of Lent and will include music, a short sermon, and the imposition of ashes. Please plan to join us for this special service of worship as we enter this important period of preparation that leads us to the glory of Easter.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Join us immediately following our worship service next **Sunday, February 22** for our Annual Congregational Meeting. The purpose of meeting is: to Elect the Officers of the corporation (GPC, Inc.); Elect members of the congregation to serve on the Nominating Committee; Approve the terms of call for our shared Pastor. Copies of the 2025 Annual Reports are now available, please pick up your copy. Plan to attend the Annual Meeting next Sunday.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW will be meeting on Saturday, February 21 at 10:00 am in the Palmer Center. All are welcome.

LENTEN SERVICES

Beginning Wednesday, February 25 through March 25 @ 2:00pm all are welcome to join with our friends from FPC Mesa at FPC Mesa to

attend a Lenten Service. Each service is approximately 50 minutes emphasizing experiential, kinesthetic, and spiritual elements to foster personal reflection and embodied prayer. The theme complements the Sunday sermon series, “*At the Mercy of Christ*” by focusing on personal journeys through life’s “wilderness” to discover God’s sustaining mercy. All are welcome!

SPRING SPLASH

Join us for Spring Splash with Paradise Earth Academy on Friday, March 6 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to set up and supervise fun activity stations for the kids. Please speak to Kitty Burgess.

VIDEO SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will be watching a 6-part series called “He Chose the Nails” narrated by Max Lucado. Max will guide us in examining the gifts that Christ gave at his crucifixion. The cross is rich with God’s gifts of grace, and as we unwrap them, we will hear him whisper, “I did it just for you”. Please join us for faith, fellowship, and fun. We meet each Sunday at 10:30am in Room 6 of the Palmer Center. All are welcome.

Happy February Birthday to:

February 15: Bruce Jackson

GPC General Information

FIRST TIME GUESTS - Welcome to our first-time visitors. A packet of information about our church is available in the entryway or from an usher. We're glad you're here!

OFFERINGS/DONATIONS – You may donate to Gilbert Presbyterian by going to <https://www.azgpc.org/giving-options.html>. Thank you for your support.

REMINDER – Please silence all phones/electronic devices. Thank you.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? - If you're thinking about joining Gilbert Presbyterian Church, PC(USA), or would like a refresher course on what being a Presbyterian Christian means, please call the church office at 480-892-6753 to let us know of your interest.

NURSERY CARE - Nursery care is available in the Palmer Center for Nursery/Toddler care thru 5 years old with our Nursery Attendant Britney Blackburn.

FELLOWSHIP TIME - We invite everyone to join us following our worship service this morning for a time of refreshments and fellowship in the Palmer Center.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Our bible study, meets every Wednesday at 11:00 am in the overflow. All are welcome!

GPC CHOIR

Our choir rehearses every Thursday at 7:00pm! All are welcome to join!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study SS Class meets at 10:30 am in Room 7. Come join us. We enjoy each other and learning new things.

This Week at GPC

Sunday, February 15, 2026

9:00 am – Online & In Person Worship Service

10:00 am – Coffee Time in the Palmer Center

10:30 am – Combined Video Sunday School & Adult Sunday School

1:00 pm – Revival Presbyterian Church Service

Monday, February 16

Office Closed-President's Day

Tuesday, February 17

8:00 am - Men's Breakfast

5:00 pm –Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

7:00 pm - Session Meeting

Wednesday, February 18

11:00 am – Bible Study @ GPC

7:00 pm – Ash Wednesday Service @ GPC

Thursday, February 19

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, February 21

10:00 am - PW Meeting

Sunday, February 22

9:00 am – Online & In Person Worship Service

GPC ANNUAL MEETING

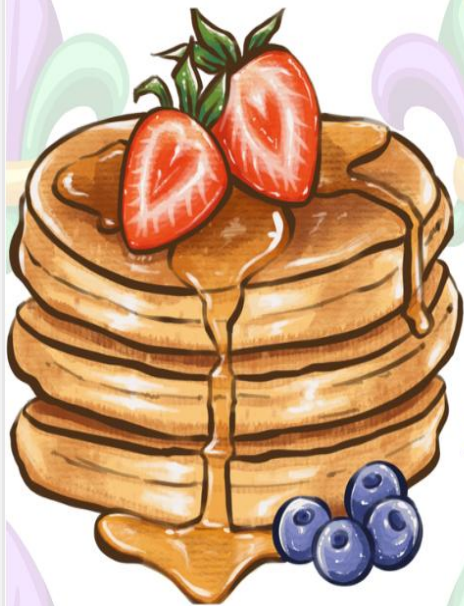
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Shrove
Tuesday
Pancake
Supper



February 17, 5-7 pm
\$10 donation-Adults
\$5 donation-Kids



Ash + Wednesday

"Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return."

Wednesday, February 18
@ 7:00 pm
Gilbert Presbyterian Church



Lenten Services

Wednesdays, February 25-

March 25 @ 2:00pm

with our friends from FPC Mesa

All are welcome to join



HYMN INSERTS

263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Descant

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred thron' we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - sored from the fall,
 3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred thron' we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 to him all maj - es - ty as - crite, and crown him Lord of all!
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

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 Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
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This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

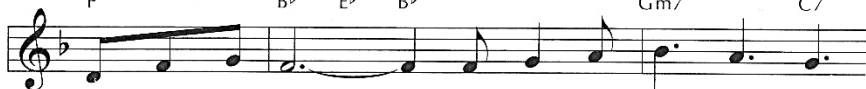
Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures

here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDRETH
LM

452 Open the Eyes of My Heart

D A/C#

O-pen the eyes of my heart, Lord. O-pen the eyes of my heart;

G/B G D

I want to see you; I want to see you;

1 2
Dsus D A Bm

to see you high and lift - ed up,

G A

shin-ing in the light of your glo - ry. Pour out your

Bm Em7 D/E A

pow-er and love as we sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly."

D A/C#

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

Bm G Em/D D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to see you.

The initial petition of this song is based on the language of Ephesians 1:18, while the second part draws on the account of Isaiah's vision in Isaiah 6:1-5. That event, in turn, is the basis of the threefold *Sanctus* that has become a traditional element in Christian worship.

Scripture Readings – February 15, 2026

New Testament Reading: Matthew 17:1-9 Betty Walford

1 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves.

2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

3 Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

4 Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!”

6 When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.

7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.”

8 And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

This is the word of God!
Thanks be to God!

Primary Passage: 2 Peter 1:16-21 NRSVUE

Pastor Christian

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty.

17 For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

18 We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

19 So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

20 First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation,

21 because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

This is the word of God!
Thanks be to God!