

**CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION**

740 W. University Heights Dr. South  
Flagstaff, AZ 86005

**Sunday Worship**

9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

**Sunday School for Children & Youth**

10:45 AM

**Nursery Provided at the 2nd Service**

**Church Office Hours**

Monday & Wednesday: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 am—12:00 pm

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**Church of the  
RESURRECTION**  
"Where People Come Alive!"

**WORSHIP HIS MAJESTY**

Some years ago my friend Don and his wife were invited to hear the great tenor Luciano Pavarotti. They were told the performance would likely be his last appearance on the west coast, and so they gratefully accepted the outrageously expensive tickets for two of the best seats in the house.

They reflected on the occasion, "The concert exceeded our expectations. We were stunned by the master's music. In aria after aria he demonstrated remarkable talent – talent, surely, that set him apart from the thousands who had come to hear him. But that set apartness was revealed in his generous giving; his uniqueness was shown in a gracious offering of himself. He held nothing back, it seemed. Every note was filled with boundless passion and glorious beauty.

"We had to respond: we jumped to our feet and clapped, hooted, and whistled. We did not stop, not for a long time. Wave after wave of grateful applause was sent up to the platform, calling forth encore after encore."

Don said, "In the midst of this mayhem of gratitude, when my hands were beginning to ache from the pounding, I thought to myself, **This is deeply satisfying, a profound joy.** It felt right to offer praise in response to such excellence, and this sense of appropriateness created a congruence in which my little world, at least for the moment, seemed perfectly ordered."

In a similar way, God's gracious self-giving in Jesus Christ calls for the response of faith, and faith's first expression will be the applause of praise. Worship – the word comes from middle English, meaning to ascribe worth

– is both an instinctive response and an inexhaustible source of joy.

Not only does worship happen in response to joy, joy happens as a result of worship; joy brings forth praise, and praise brings forth a new dimension in joy. Don and his wife applauded Pavarotti out of joyous gratitude, but the applause itself swept them into more joy. Their exuberant ovation created its own happiness.

Don went deeper in his reflection, "It felt good to praise Pavarotti because it *was* good. Not only does excellence deserve to be recognized and appreciated, human beings have a basic need to acknowledge it. God has created us for worship, for ascribing worth; to applaud glory is an essential part of our nature. We instinctively responded to the musical glory of Pavarotti because we have been made to praise the greater Glory behind it." The fountainhead of all other manifestations of glory in creation is the Holy One, the Light at the center, the Creator and Redeemer and Sustainer of our lives.

We have been created to live for the praise of this God. Our chief end, in the words of the Shorter Catechism, is "to glorify God and enjoy him forever." The need for worship has been built within the nature of our humanity. Even as cars need gasoline to run, and sailboats need wind to sail, and hawks need thermals to soar, and fish need water to swim – even so, we need worship to live. We **must** worship; we **will** worship.

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**Medical Mission  
to Sonora, Mexico  
February 14-17, 2019**

You will be able to make a Christian difference in the lives of people in need of medical assistance. \$295 per person, including transportation, food, lodging and a contribution to the overhead costs for the trip such as medicines.

For more information contact the Trip Coordinator Amy Casali at (928) 699-8138 or via email at Tony\_Amy@FaithWorks4us.org



**Valentine's Date Night Out**

**for Parents:** The COR Youth Group would like to provide child care during your special date with the one you love. Time is from 5:00 - 8:00 on Thursday, February 14th at Church of the Resurrection. Dinner and games for the kids will be provided.

**CIRCLE OF SISTERS /  
Circulo De Hermanas**

During the months of January and February, the Circle of Sisters will be having a diaper and formula drive to benefit Hope Pregnancy Resource Center. There is a "Wish List" in the COR foyer. This is an opportunity to reach out in love to influence a woman's choice for life for her unborn baby and to be there to help her in practical, tangible ways once she makes the decision of life for her child.

Please bring your donations to church throughout the months of January and February. Questions? Call Joan Stoner (928) 853-9827.

**Meet Your Staff**



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But not everyone worships God. This is because we have the freedom to substitute any sort of false god for the true God. G. K. Chesterton said that when we *"cease to worship God, we do not worship nothing, we worship anything."* And so in the place of God, who alone deserves complete devotion, we erect idols to receive our praise and adoration. No false god, however, can supply the deepest delights of worship. We may aim adoration in a variety of directions, but the greatest joy comes from those who worship God. With the Light of Glory at the center, the lesser lights of glory shine brighter; with God the object of worship, life becomes what the Creator meant it to be. So Karl Barth described worship as *"the most urgent, the most glorious action that can take place in human life."*

Now is the time to learn to worship, to turn our hearts to the living God. Awe. Wonder. Joy. He gives His gifts to us. Come and give and you will receive! Worship His majesty!

**Our Sermon Series for February**  
**"A LOVE Worth LIVING & GIVING"**  
*An Inquiry into New Testament Love*

Worship is the central activity of the people of God. Worship is our celebration of who God is and the life which He gives us in Christ. Worship is empowering. Worship is our family reunion which is a great time to invite unbelievers into the presence of our God.

God is love (1 John 4:16). We invite, "Come, and experience God's love." And part of worship is turning our hearts to the Word of God which sets us free (John 8:31-32). We invite you to prepare your hearts for our Inquiry into New Testament Love. The following messages will be shared in February to bless believers and unbelievers alike. His good news goes out to all who will receive the truth which sets them free.

Sunday, **February 3<sup>rd</sup>** - *"Living in the Overflow of God's Love"* 1 John 4:7-21

Sunday, **February 10<sup>th</sup>** - *"A Realist's View of 1 Corinthians 13"* 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Sunday, **February 17<sup>th</sup>** - *"Love as a Way of Life"* Romans 12:9-21

Sunday, **February 24<sup>th</sup>** - *"The Mark of the Christian"* John 13:1-17, 34-35

**"THE MARRIAGE**  
**YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED"**  
*Video Talks by Dr. Gary Chapman*  
*followed by Class Discussion*  
**Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Room,**  
**Starting February 6<sup>th</sup>**



Dr. Gary Chapman - author, speaker, pastor, and counselor - has a passion for people and for helping them form lasting relationships. He is the best-selling author of *The Five Love Languages* series. Gary travels the world presenting seminars, and his radio programs air on more than 400 stations. To learn more about his ministry, visit [5lovelanguages.com](http://5lovelanguages.com)

We're gathering to learn together about how to create the marriage we've always wanted. It's for those married or those planning for marriage. We'll view, listen and discuss the following topics:

February 6<sup>th</sup> - Session One - *"Communication 101"*

February 13<sup>th</sup> - Session Two - *"Understanding and Expressing Love"*

February 20<sup>th</sup> - Session Three - *"Initiating Positive Change"*

February 27<sup>th</sup> - Session Four - *"Making Sex a Mutual Joy"*

March 6<sup>th</sup> - Session Five - *"How to Share the Things that Bug You"*

Pass the word in the community. These sessions are life-changing! For more information or to register for the class, contact Pastor Bob at (928) 699-7592 or the church office at (928) 699-2715. Childcare will be provided upon request.

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**  
**is Moving Forward at COR!**  
**Monday Evenings at 6:30 p.m.**  
**in the Fellowship Hall**

Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace University* has reached over 5 million people and motivated them to budget, get out of debt, and plan for the future. Would you like Financial Peace in your life instead of financial stress, worry, and conflict? Call Chuck Thomsen our FPU Coordinator to gather more information (928) 699-6011. It's time!

**HOSTING the HOMELESS**  
**at Church of the Resurrection**  
**January 27 - February 3**

We welcome the homeless as if they were Christ himself (Galatians 4:14). Biblical hospitality can be an open door into the hearts and lives of those struggling with homelessness providing hope for the hopeless. How do we do this? We provide nutritious, hot *breakfasts* each morning and scrumptious *snacks* in the evening hours to warm the hearts of our Flagstaff Shelter Services overflow guests. We need volunteers. We need **you**. We'll need a team to prepare and serve these delicious meals. Would you help? Call the church office at (928) 699-2715 or Pastor Bob at (928) 699-7592. Several of our key volunteers are incapacitated so you could make a huge difference. Why not respond today. Call and say, *"Yes! You can count on me to help host the homeless!"*

**Receiving the**  
**SACRAMENT of**  
**BAPTISM**  
**Confirms Your**  
**IDENTITY IN**  
**CHRIST**



We have several people praying about baptism and are planning to be baptized in the coming weeks. Have you ever been baptized? Maybe you would like to learn about baptism and how to receive this essential Sacrament of Identity. Call Pastor Bob today at (928) 699-7592.

**The MEANING of**  
**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

By our faith in Jesus Christ we are to become members in the Body of Christ and express this through membership in our local church. It is expressing our commitment to Christ, to the Body of Christ, and to the work of Christ in the world. Recently, someone said, *"Becoming a member of the Church is like getting married instead of just living together!"* This is actually a pretty good analogy. Church membership is making Church of the Resurrection your family and your spiritual home. Good choices. Honoring to God. For information on how to do this, call Pastor Bob at (928) 699-7592.

**Praying for a**  
**"SPIRIT OF INVITATION" in 2019**  
**Picture Post Cards and Business Cards**  
**Available at the Church**

Studies indicate that when surveyed, new worship attenders tell us that they came because *"a friend or family member invited me."* Oh, the power of a personal invitation! We've made it even easier by having printed 1000 beautiful picture post cards and 1000 business cards for distribution by our members and friends of Church of the Resurrection to friends in the greater Flagstaff community.

One receptive group is what we call "disconnected Christians". These are people who profess Christ as their personal Lord and Savior, but for whatever reason have become separated from a local church. Do you know any folks who fall into this category? Most of us do. Reach out to them and warmly invite them to COR.

Another group are the "TV Christians" who worship in front of a screen. This falls so far short of God's design for life together in the Body of Christ. There are 51 "one anothers" in the New Testament and the message of Scripture is for us to live life together so we can encourage one another (Acts 2:41-47 and Hebrews 10:23-25). Reach out to these TV spectator Christians so they can resume their place in the Body of Christ. Be intentional about sending a post card or handing them a business card and inviting them to Christ and meaningful fellowship at COR.

**Decorative Church Flags to Celebrate**  
**our National Holidays**

Thanks to Brian Kolb and Robin Long we now have a beautiful American flag and a beautiful Christian flag to display when we celebrate a national holiday. We will be dedicating these attractive additions to our chancel area on Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> over President's Day weekend. Thanks, Brian and Robin for your generosity!

**We Welcome LARRY & KATHY**  
**HOSHOR and GEORGE NESERKE**  
**To Our CHURCH of the**  
**RESURRECTION FAMILY**  
*"Love one another...by this all people will*  
*know that you are my disciples"*  
**John 13:34-35**