

Welcome to the Wonderful World of Multi-streaming!



At the 23-month mark of live streaming our 10:00 service each Sunday, we are now excited to announce you have choices:

- Live on Facebook (as previously) at [TinyURL.com/GSPVirtual](https://tinyurl.com/GSPVirtual)
- Now live on YouTube at [GSPTucson.org/Live](https://gsptucson.org/Live)
- You can also choose a platform on the upper right at gsptucson.org

Why add a second live stream of our service?

Widen our audience: Search engines more regularly show results of YouTube videos than Facebook's. There are also YouTube subscribers who aren't signed up for Facebook.

Great quality video: Some users will find the YouTube version is better quality than Facebook's.


User Preference: Some users prefer not to be involved with Meta Corporation (the new name of the parent company of Facebook), or disagree with their marketing and algorithms. Further, some people still (incorrectly) believe they have to log-in to Facebook to participate. (Facebook continually brings up a log-in page, but you can simply ignore it.)

Redundancy: If either platform experiences service issues, users can try going to the other platform. We don't want you to miss out at home!

User experience/better video player: The YouTube video "player" is preferred by many. In YouTube you can easily go to "Theater Mode" by tapping the "t" on the keyboard while the video is playing (don't need CTRL, Function, Alt, or Shift). This hides extraneous things like Chat. If you're watching it after it's no longer live, you can tap the right arrow key and quickly/easily advance the video 5 seconds.

Troubleshooting Streaming Problems

Please consider and remember the following suggestions for the best experience at home:

- On a **laptop or desktop computer**, consider using an **Ethernet cable**, instead of WiFi, as you can push more data through a wired connection
- On **tablets and phones**, consider using the **house WiFi** instead of your 4G or 5G connection. Refer to your device's setup to enable this feature. Note that you may experience better call connections and save money using this feature, too!
- If you're experiencing intermittent video problems, in either Facebook or YouTube, find the  gear icon on the lower right. Click it and **choose a lesser video quality** (like going from 720p to 360p); this will often solve the issue immediately. Sometimes, you can go back to the higher quality, if you think the issue may be over later. This issue can happen due to high network congestion in the household, or even the neighborhood.
- Be sure that **other household members are not playing movies or online games** while you're watching the live stream. Many residential connections can only handle one such use. Look also at the other tabs in your own browser; be sure something isn't playing in the background.
- If you can afford a **faster Internet connection**, it may be available from your **Internet Service Provider** for an extra charge. Depending on your financial situation, you might find it worth the extra money.

Feel free to email our live streamer, Bruce Anderson, with concerns or questions (you can find his email in the parish directory). Note that he is not available to answer inquiries during the service.


How to attend GSP online - simplified

There are two options for attending online, so get ready, get connected, and get into it!

Get Ready:

- Be in a space where you can focus on the screen (larger screens can help, if you have a computer, rather than a phone or small tablet), free from TVs, phones, or a view of the birdbath.
- Have your device powered up, charged, and do any updates the day before (yeah, we've all been there).
- Print the bulletin from here: <https://gsptucson.tumblr.com/tagged/bulletins> , or have it on a separate tab or device, ready to follow along. Alternatively, you're welcome to just watch.
- Get coffee, take care of <ahem> other matters, and find a quiet space.
- Ask household members that you wish to have them join you, or request that they give you 90 minutes without noise or interruptions, if possible.

Get Connected:

- Choose your platform: **Facebook** has an engaged community of people commenting; **YouTube** has a video viewer free from distractions – you choose.
- **For Facebook**, go to [TinyURL.com/GSPTucson](https://www.facebook.com/GSPTucson) and scroll down (10 minutes before the service) until you see a bulletin cover with today's date; click on it and start the video by clicking on the big arrow pointing right (like 'Play' on an old tape machine). Make sure there's not an 'x' next to the little speaker icon on the lower right and adjust your volume once the organ music starts.
- **For YouTube**, go to [GSPTucson.org/Live](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GSPTucson.org/Live) (10 minutes before the service) and find the bulletin cover for today (if it isn't already playing). Click the big arrow pointing right (like 'Play' on an old tape machine). Adjust the volume once the organ music starts. Some people find that Theater Mode is a way to focus better; to get there simply hit the 't' key one time (don't need CTRL, Function, Alt, or Shift) once the video is playing.
- If you're experiencing intermittent video problems, in either Facebook or YouTube, find the gear  icon on the lower right. Click it and **choose a lesser video quality** (like going from 720p to 360p); this will often solve the issue immediately. Sometimes, you can go back to the higher quality if you think the issue may be over. This issue can happen due to high network congestion in the household, or even the neighborhood.

- If connection problems prove to be severe, you can always view an archived version of the service later in either Facebook or YouTube. Not quite the same, but better than missing out entirely!

Get into it!

- If you made provisions, follow along in the bulletin, either in print, a tab on your browser, or on a separate tablet.
- If you like, chat with people on Facebook, and type a greeting to them at the peace.
- Sing, pray, listen and laugh with others online and in the church. You ARE a part of the congregation!