



United Methodist Church

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December 8, 2024

10:00am

WELCOME

We are committed to transforming the church and the world into a full expression of Christ's inclusive love.

Dayspring UMC is a Reconciling Congregation. All people, regardless of age, sex, race, color, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic status or ability are welcome into the full life of our congregation. Dayspring affirms the value and worth of all persons, recognizing that everyone is a child of God. We call all to live by and attest to gender equality and to observe Jesus' principles of love and non-violence in all our relationships.

Together we are on a mission to make God's world more peaceful, just, compassionate, and inclusive.

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THE CHURCH GATHERS TO CELEBRATE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Please check in at www.dayspringumc.org/bulletin

PART A

MUSIC FOR GATHERING AND CENTERING

Allegro maestoso e vivace from Sonata I in F Minor, Op.65
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
Zachary Golden, organ

WELCOME

Pastors Michael Long
& Jeff Procter-Murphy

CHORAL INTROIT

Come, Expected Jesus, Come
Victor C. Johnson
Dayspring Celebration Chorale

CALL TO CELEBRATION

Julia Gunaraj

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when power and might ruled the land, the Word of God came not to rulers, but to John in the wilderness.

Prepare the way of the Lord!

Make straight paths for Him!

Every valley shall be filled, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways smooth.

And all people will see God's salvation!

Today, we gather to proclaim the good news: God's love is breaking into the world!

We come with open hearts, ready to prepare the way for Christ in our lives and in the world.

Let us celebrate, for God's salvation is near!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

**O God, in mystery and silence
you are present in our lives,
bringing new life out of destruction,
hope out of despair,
growth out of difficulty.
We thank you that you do not leave us alone
but labor to make us whole.
Help us to perceive your unseen hand
in the unfolding of our lives,
and to attend to the gentle guidance
of your Spirit, that we may know the joy
you give your people. Amen.**

HYMN RESPONSE

vs. 4

**Angels announce with shouts of mirth
him who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please turn and greet one another as disciples of Jesus Christ!)

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

The Young-Bolt Family

Response: **In a world driven by a passion to maintain
the status quo, we choose to live with a passion for
God's peace, to listen to those who call us to
righteousness, and to submit ourselves to God's
grace, that we might be refined and purified until we
reflect God's love throughout the earth.**

ADVENT SONG Christ Be Our Light



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gath-ered to - day.

MUSIC MOMENT

David Schildkret

ANTHEM

"How Far Is It to Bethlehem?"
English Carol, arr. Tom Fettke and Thomas Grassi
text by Frances Chesterton
Dayspring Celebration Chorale

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

submit prayers online at dayspringumc.org/prayer

CALL TO PRAYER

"Holy is the Night"

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Shirley Wells

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE

"What Child is This"
arr. Brian Buda
Robert Mills, piano

INTERMISSION

PART B

WELCOME

LITANY

Julia Gunaraj

Your season comes, O God.

Come once again, and feed your flock like a shepherd.

Come once again, and gather up the children, the oppressed, and the rejected of the earth.

At this Advent, join us together with neighbors, with strangers, and especially with our own household.

Bring us your light in our time of darkness,

We pray as humble followers of Jesus. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"I Am for You"

Verses 1-4

There is a mountain, there is a sea.
There is a wind within all breathing.
There is an arm to break every chain.
There is a fire in all things living.
There is a voice that speaks from the flame:
I Am for You, I Am for You,
I Am for You is my name.

There was a woman, small as a star,
Full of the patient dreams of her nation,
Welcoming in an angel of God,
Welcoming in God's bold invitation.
Let it be done, she sang, unto me:
I am for you, I am for you!
I am for you: let it be!

There was a man who walked in the storm,
Caught in between the waves and the lightning,
Sharing his bread with those cast aside,
Healing by touch the lost and the dying.
Sending us forth he says to his friends:
I am for you, I am for you,
I am for you to the end.

We are anointed servants of God.
We have been born again of spirit.
We are the word God speaks to the world,
Freedom and light to all who will hear it.
So let us be the word of the Lord:
I am for you, I am for you,
I am for you ever more.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:1-6

RESPONSE

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Pastor Jeff Procter-Murphy

Returning to God

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

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OFFERTORY

“West Indies Carol”

arr. Sondra Tucker

DayspRingers

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Hymnal #92

**For thyself, best Gift Divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

CLOSING HYMN

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

“Down by the Jordan”

TUNE: Hymnal #139

Down by the Jordan, a prophet named John was baptizing,
Preaching a message the people found bold and surprising:

"God will forgive! Show that you'll change how you live!
Surely God's new day is rising!"

There by the river, the crowd came with great expectation:
"Are you God's Chosen One, sent here to rescue our nation?"

"No!" John replied. "He who is mightier than I
Judges and offers salvation."

Jesus, you went to be baptized along with the others,
Taking your place among sinners, God's lost sons and daughters.
Then with great love, God's Spirit came as a dove!
Your work began in those waters.

Here in the Church, we are baptized and filled with God's Spirit.
Freed and forgiven, we're welcomed with joy! Can you hear it?

This is God's sign! This is how God says, "You're mine!"
Let's take the good news and share it!

WORDS OF BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Ding! Dong! Merrily on High”

arr. Brian Buda

Robert Mills, piano

Today's flowers are given by the Magruder family in honor of Janie's parents, Wallie and Lois Vonderlage.

The rose on the table celebrates the birth of Luca David Garcia, grandson of Mary Chavez, born on December 1.

PRAYERS

A friend of Marianne Lopez, for strength as she fights a rare form of lymphoma that has returned; **Billie**, sister of Della Williams, recovering following surgery on November 29 for heart failure; **Roland and Janet Hatton**, parents of Tracy and Karen Hatton, for healing as Roland is hospitalized with a virus and Janet is at home fighting the same virus; **The family and friends of Aden**, grandson of Betty Boesen and nephew of Kurt Boesen, who died suddenly this past week at the age of 24; **Richard Spicer** who came home on Saturday, following a long stay in rehab; **Brian Baker**, nephew of Anne and Tim Kneuss, undergoing treatment for a slowly growing cancerous tumor at the base of his skull; continued prayers for peace in Haiti, Sudan, Yemen, the Middle East, and Ukraine; for refugees worldwide; for all the indigent people in our society who suffer through all the seasons of the year; for all who actively serve the public common good, including teachers, police, firefighters, healthcare workers, and our men and women in the military.

Ongoing Health Concerns

Kitty Moran, Gail Valenti, Stacey and Megan O'Rourke, Betty Brown, April Osborn, Ted Jung, Joan Wheeler, and Jane Baker.

Do you have a prayer concern you would like to submit? Please go to www.dayspringumc.org/prayer to share it with us. You may choose whether they can be shared publicly through email and during services or should be kept private within our prayer team and pastors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS TAMALES: Iglesia Aliento United Methodist Fellowship is offering a class on making tamales as a part of their annual Tamale Festival. If you've always wanted to learn how to make your own tamales, this is your chance! The class is on December 13. If you'd rather eat them than make them, tamales can be ordered by Dec. 12 and picked up on the 14th.

MESSIAH SING-ALONG! This Friday, December 13, at 7pm, join the Dayspring Choir, members of Cantilena and Euphony, and a small instrumental ensemble in this do-it-yourself sing-through of Handel's MESSIAH. There's no rehearsal involved, just come and sing this wonderful music—or just come and listen. This is a wonderfully informal and intimate way to experience one of the great works of Western music. Don't miss it! (Admission by donation; \$10 suggested)

LONGEST NIGHT TAIZÉ SERVICE: Not everyone is in a mood to sing "Joy to the World" in December. This quiet service on Sunday, December 15, at 4:00pm is for those who would like a more contemplative experience. Perhaps you lost a loved one this year or had some other challenge in your life that makes celebrating at Christmas seem challenging. Or perhaps you are just seeking a moment of peace amidst the bustle of holiday preparations.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: On Sunday, December 22, at 10am, the Dayspring Children's Choir, Cherub Choir, and Youth Choir will perform *Sing With Us: The Christmas Story*, arranged by Teresa and Paul Jennings. This performance is sure to put you in the holiday spirit. These groups have been working very hard to learn their music and script and can't wait to share it with our Dayspring family!

CHRISTMAS EVE services are at: 3pm (Arcadia and Tempe), 5pm (Family service with the Children's and Youth Choirs), 8 and 10pm (Candlelight Communion service with the Celebration Chorale and string orchestra).

HOPEKIDS TOY COLLECTION: We are a drop-off site for the HopeKids Holiday Toy Drive this year. New, unwrapped toys can be placed in the box in the Narthex by December 15 and will be delivered to Arizona families who have a child battling a life-threatening medical condition and are in financial need as a result. Learn more at HopeKids.org.

THE CHARLIE PROJECT COLLECTION: This holiday season we are collecting backpacks, jackets, blankets, hygiene items, and more to give to people experiencing homelessness, with a focus on veterans who live on the street during the cold winter months. Please bring donations to the bin in the narthex by December 31.

CHRISTMAS EVE DIAPER DRIVE: This year, during our Christmas Eve Celebrations, we are again collecting diapers, especially larger sizes 3 & 5, for AZCEND (Chandler Community Action Program). Please join us in spreading joy and meeting practical needs this festive season. How fitting that we collect diapers as we celebrate the birth of a child!

SUNDAY LUNCH BUNCH welcomes Dayspringers to join us every week at local restaurants at 11:30 following the Sunday services. We share fun, fellowship and "family" support. Lunch locations are listed at the Welcome table in the narthex. We send a weekly email to members. Please email Mary at lunch@dayspringumc.org for more information. All are welcome.

THIS WEEK AT DAYSPRING TEMPE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

SECOND SUNDAY

- 8:30am - Breakfast and Coffee, Palo Verde Room
- Self-Guided Labyrinth Walk, Patio
- 8:50am - Celebrating the Divine Feminine, Fellowship Hall
- Childcare, Room 116
- Sacred Space, Sanctuary
- 9:00am - Discussion: Jesus Was a Mystic, Room 112
- Gift Wrapping Workshop, Room 110
- 9:20am - Communion and Prayer Corners, Sanctuary
- 10:00am - Worship, Sanctuary
- Kids' Church, Fellowship Hall
- 10:30am - Jr. & Sr. High Formation, Room 111
- 11:00am - Communion & Prayer, Sanctuary
- 11:20am - Faith Unplugged, Room 111
- Love Lessons, Music Room
- Yoga Nidra/Sound Healing, Fellowship Hall
- 11:30am - Lunch Bunch, *Macayo's (Warner / 48th St.)*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 6:30pm - Cub Scouts, Rooms 110, 111, and 112
- Mary Martha Circle, *World of Illumination*
- 7:00pm - Scout Troop 172, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 4:30pm - GS Troop 07431, Room 110
- 6:00pm - Dayspringers Rehearsal, Kelley Music Room
- 6:30pm - SPRC Meeting, Palo Verde Room

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 9:00am - Dayspring Stitchers, Palo Verde Room
- 10:30am - Advent Study, Friendship Village
- 5:00pm - BeTween, Dayspring Kitchen
- 5:30pm - Advent Study, Zoom
- 6:00pm - Children's Choir, Room 206
- 6:45pm - BeTween, Room 110
- Youth Choir, Room 206
- 7:00pm - Dayspring Celebration Chorale, Music Room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 9:30am - Connie Reading Circle, *Crackers & Co*
- 10:30am - Chair Yoga, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm - NA, Room 111 and 110
- Stephen Ministry Potluck, Palo Verde Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 10:30am - Opening to God, Zoom
- 7:00pm - MESSIAH Sing-Along, Sanctuary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 8:00am - United Methodist Men, Fellowship Hall
- 10:00am - Dayspring Celebration Chorale, Music Room

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 8:50am - Sacred Space, Sanctuary
- Child Care, Room 116
- 9:00am - Exploring Contemporary Issues, Palo Verde
- 10:00am - Worship, Sanctuary
- Nursery Care, Room 117
- Pre-K-Kindergarten Sunday School, Rm 116
- 1st - 3rd Grade Sunday School, Room 115
- 4th - 6th Grade Sunday School, Room 112
- Youth Formation, Room 111
- 11:30am - Lunch Bunch, Perfect Pear, Priest and Ray

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Please let us know!

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