



United Methodist Church

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10:00am

## WELCOME

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

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.

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

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## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO CELEBRATE

*THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT*

Please check in at [www.dayspringumc.org/bulletin](http://www.dayspringumc.org/bulletin)

MUSIC FOR GATHERING AND CENTERING

"Ave Maria"

Franz Schubert arr. Parodi Ortega  
Grace Templeton, piano

WELCOME

Pastor Jeff Procter-Murphy

CHORAL INTROIT

"O Come, Emmanuel"

15th-century plainsong, arr. Dave and Jean Perry  
Dayspring Celebration Chorale

CALL TO CELEBRATION

Lori Nelson

*My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!*

**For God has done great things,  
and holy is God's name.**

*God's mercy is for those who love the Lord from generation to generation.*

**God has shown strength,  
scattering the proud and lifting the lowly.**

*The hungry are filled with good things, and the rich are sent away empty.*

**God has helped us,  
remembering the promise of mercy.**

*Come, let us rejoice in the God of hope and justice!*

**With hearts full of praise, we celebrate the One  
who turns the world upside down with love.**

OPENING HYMN  
"My Soul Gives Glory to My God"

Hymnal #198  
vss. 1-4

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

**Holy Mother,  
in this Advent season,  
we gather to wait...in the dark...  
for something to be born in us and in the world.  
Germination/creation is happening  
even when we cannot see it.  
We trust in birth and re-birth of all kinds, Mother God.  
So forgive us when our patience runs short.  
Cradle us in your arms  
with a tenderness that makes us know, like Mary,  
that you will give us your divine energy,  
courage and capacity. Amen.**

HYMN RESPONSE

vs. 5

**Praise God, whose loving covenant  
Supports those in distress,  
Remembering past promises  
With present faithfulness.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE  
(Please turn and greet one another as disciples of Jesus Christ!)

Rev. Lynda Ellis

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

The Giannetta Family

Response: **Faced with the troubles and the suffering of  
the world, we choose to live in joyful presence to God  
and one another. We will not turn away from the pain  
and the hurt in our world, and we will not stop  
rejoicing in God, whose salvation fills us to  
overflowing that God's love might flow through us  
and flood our troubled world with hope, peace, and  
joy.**

ADVENT SONG      Christ Be Our Light



A TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN

Katie Cathcart

SONG

Hymnal #143

*On Eagle's Wings*

**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

MISSION MOMENT

Women's Prison Ministry

ANTHEM

**"Creation Will Be at Peace"  
(Isaiah 11:6-9)**

J. Paul Williams and Anna Laura Page  
Dayspring Celebration Chorale

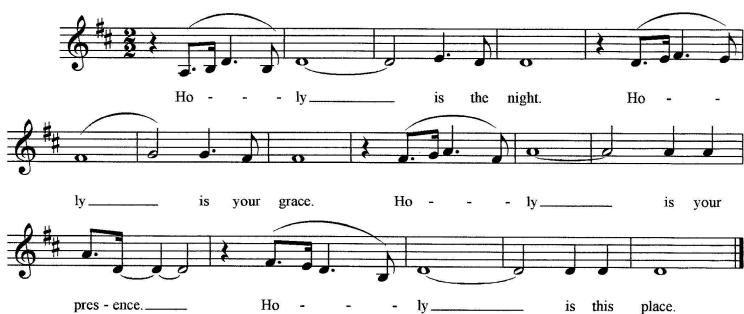
## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

submit prayers online at [dayspringumc.org/prayer](https://dayspringumc.org/prayer)

## MOMENTS FOR SILENT PRAYER

## CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO PRAYER

### “Holy is the Night”



## PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Shirley Wells

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

## HYMN OF PREPARATION

Hymnal #216

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:46-55

## RESPONSE

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God!**

## PREPARATION

Let the words of my mouth,

**and the meditation of my heart,**

**be acceptable in Thy sight,**

**O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.**

## MESSAGE

Dr. Miriam Schildkret

*What We Can Learn from Mary*

## OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

give securely online at: [dayspringumc.org/give](https://dayspringumc.org/give)

## OFFERTORY

“Breath of Heaven”

Chris Eaton and Amy Grant

Miriam Schildkret

Grace Templeton, piano

## DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## CLOSING HYMN

Hymnal #196

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

## WORDS OF BLESSING

## POSTLUDE

“Sing We Now of Christmas”

arr. Mark Hayes

Grace Templeton, piano

**Today's flowers** are given by Annie and Prince Mayson in celebration of their 29th wedding anniversary.

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## PRAYERS

**The family and friends of Gary Grouwinkel**, father of Kari Monk, following his death on November 28; **Judith Black Feather**, mother of Winona and grandmother of Jack Black Feather, in rapidly declining health due to Congestive Heart Failure; **The friends and family of Kathy Britton**, wife of David Britton, following her death on December 6; **Carolyn Lee**, healing following hip replacement surgery on Tuesday, December 10, and thankful for all the Dayspring support; **Ann Barone**, healing following knee surgery on December 2; **Rebekah Wilfong**, recovering from heart issues; **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; 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](http://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

**LONGEST NIGHT TAIZÉ SERVICE:** Not everyone is in a mood to sing “Joy to the World” in December. The quiet service this afternoon at 4:00pm is for those who would like a more contemplative experience. Perhaps you lost a loved one this year, are facing health issues, or have some other challenge in your life that makes celebrating at Christmas seem unrealistic. Or perhaps you are just seeking a moment of peace amidst the bustle of holiday preparations. Join us!

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** Next Sunday, December 22, during the 10am service, 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:**

- 3:00pm Cozy Christmas Eve Service (Arcadia), jazz pianist Beth Lederman plays during an intimate and welcoming service
- 3:00pm Early Christmas Eve Service (Tempe), our solo quartet sings beloved Christmas hymns and anthems; childcare is available if needed
- 5:00pm Family Christmas Eve Service (Tempe), featuring the Dayspring Children's and Youth choirs; childcare is available if needed
- 8:00pm Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve (Tempe), a string orchestra plays Torelli's *Christmas Concerto* and accompanies the Dayspring Celebration Chorale
- 10:00pm Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve (Tempe), a string orchestra plays Torelli's *Christmas Concerto* and accompanies the Dayspring Celebration Chorale

**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](https://www.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](mailto:lunch@dayspringumc.org) for more information. All are welcome.

# THIS WEEK AT DAYSPRING TEMPE

## 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 - Covenant Council, Palo Verde Room
- Lunch Bunch, Perfect Pear, Priest and Ray
- 4:00pm - Longest Night Service, Sanctuary
- 5:00pm - Youth Group Christmas Party, Room 111

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 10:30am - Memory Loss Caregivers Support, Zoom
- 6:30pm - Grief Support, Zoom
- 7:00pm - Scout Troop 172, Fellowship Hall

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 3:00pm - Praying Together, Zoom
- 6:00pm - Dayspringers Rehearsal, Kelley Music Room

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 10:30am - Advent Study, Friendship Village
- 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 19

- 10:30am - Chair Yoga, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm - NA, Room 111 and 110
- 7:00pm - Centering Prayer, Dayspring Library

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 10:30am - Opening to God, Zoom

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

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

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

*CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT*

*FOURTH SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE*

- 8:50am - Sacred Space, Sanctuary
- Child Care, Room 116
- 9:00am - Exploring Contemporary Issues, Palo Verde
- 10:00am - Worship, Sanctuary
- Nursery Care, Room 117
- Youth Formation, Room 111
- 11:30am - Lunch Bunch, Rigatony's, Warner/McClintock

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Please let us know!

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