



# Dayspring

## United Methodist Church

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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.

The presence of children is a gift to our church and they are a reminder that Dayspring is growing. All children are welcome during our services. If you prefer, nursery care is available for children up to age seven.

Please note: Our services are streamed online. If you prefer not to potentially be on camera, please sit toward the back of the section to your left (farthest from the choir). Dayspring UMC reserves the right to use any livestreaming, video recording, or photography from any event sponsored by Dayspring UMC without the expressed, written consent of those included within the live streaming, video recording, or photography. We strive to use these images in safe and positive ways.

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO CELEBRATE THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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

### MUSIC FOR GATHERING AND CENTERING

Swiss Noël, with Variations  
Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)  
Zachary Golden, organ

WELCOME

Pastors Michael Long  
& Jeff Procter-Murphy

CALL TO CELEBRATION

Sophie Weissberg

*How shall we prepare for the coming of the Lord?*

**With hearts filled with love and peace.**

*How shall we prepare for the coming of Christ?*

**With prayers and songs filled with devotion  
and hope.**

*How shall we prepare for the coming of the Son of God?*

**With worship filled with joy and spirit.**

*Come! Let us worship.*

OPENING HYMN

*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*

Hymnal #240  
verses 1&2

## OPENING PRAYER

**Your season comes, Lord.  
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,  
through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## RESPONSE

verse 3

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King"**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

## THE LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

The Torba Family

**RESPONSE: God invites us to receive the promise of  
God's salvation and the sustenance of God's mercy  
and grace, enabling us to live the promise as God-  
bearers to the world. As Christ was born in  
Bethlehem, so too we answer God's invitation to  
have Christ born among us today and every day.**

## ADVENT SONG

**Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.**

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## Sing With Us: The Christmas Story

compiled and arranged by Teresa and Paul Jennings  
Presented by the Dayspring Cherub and Children's Choirs  
Directed by JulieAnne Weissberg

## CAROL

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-5

## CAROL

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Soloists: Roslyn Aragon, Katie Kagan, Jordan Minnihan, Karalyn Kroeger,  
Riley Butler, Jack Weissberg, Naomi Bolkan, and Lilly Smith

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:6-7

## CAROL

"Away in a Manger"

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:8-12

## CAROL

"The First Noel"

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:13-21

## CAROL

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:9-11

CAROL

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:6

CAROL

“Silent Night”

CAROL

“Joy to the World!”

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

CALL TO PRAYER

“Holy is the Night”

**Holy is the night. Holy is your grace.  
Holy is your presence. Holy is this place.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Shirley Wells

LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

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

OFFERTORY

“The First Noel”  
arr. PinkZebra  
Dayspring Youth Choir

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

Pastor Michael Long

CLOSING HYMN


Hymnal #238

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

WORDS OF BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“In Thee Is Gladness  
Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)  
Zachary Golden, organ



# PRAYERS

**The family and friends of Judith Black Feather**, mother of Winona and grandmother of Jack Black Feather, following her death on December 15; **Tim Lusk**, friend of Pastor Jeff, following the unexpected death of his husband, Kenn Becker; **Cindy Shepherd**, following a lung biopsy on Wednesday, December 18; **Will Glover**, recovering at home following hospitalization with internal bleeding; **Alison Kolomitz**, sister of Bethany Lambrecht, recovering following hospitalization with heart issues; for those affected by the school shooting in Madison, WI and all those impacted by gun violence; **The family and friends of Gary Grouwinkel**, father of Kari Monk, following his death on November 28; **The friends and family of Kathy Britton**, wife of David Britton, following her death on on December 6; **Carolyn Lee**, healing following hip replacement surgery on Tuesday, December 10; **Ann Barone**, healing following knee surgery on December 2; **Rebekah Wilfong**, recovering from heart issues; 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

PLEASE JOIN US at one of our 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, our solo quartet sings beloved Christmas hymns and anthems; childcare is available if needed
- 5:00pm Family Christmas Eve Service, featuring the Dayspring Children's and Youth choirs; childcare is available if needed
- 8:00pm Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve, a string orchestra plays Torelli's *Christmas Concerto* and accompanies the Dayspring Celebration Chorale
- 10:00pm Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve, a string orchestra plays Torelli's *Christmas Concerto* and accompanies the Dayspring Celebration Chorale

**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!

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** starting Tuesday, December 24, and will reopen on Monday, December 30.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who donated toys to the HopeKids Toy drive! Our collection boxes were filled with gifts for families who have a child with a critical or terminal medical diagnosis and are in financial need as a result. These gifts will help brighten the holidays and bring HOPE to these children and their siblings.

**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 January 22.

**SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION:** Join Pastor Jeff for *Saving Jesus: Part 1*, an exploration of a credible Jesus for the 21st century on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. in the Palo Verde Room or Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. at Friendship Village, beginning the week of January 20. We will be joined by 25 renowned experts, including John Dominic Crossan, Marcus Borg, A.J. Levine, and Diana Butler Bass, for a video-based study exploring the relevance of Jesus for today.

**STEPHEN MINISTERS** are trained members of our congregation who listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through tough times. The care you'll receive is confidential, free, and very helpful. Email [stephenministers@dayspringumc.org](mailto:stephenministers@dayspringumc.org) for more information.

**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 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)

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

- 7:00pm - Scout Troop 172, Fellowship Hall

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

*CHRISTMAS EVE*

- 3:00pm - Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary
- Child Care, Room 117
- 5:00pm - Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary
- Child Care, Room 117
- 8:00pm - Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary
- 8:00pm - Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

*MERRY CHRISTMAS!*

- 11:00am - Christmas Potluck Brunch, Fellowship Hall

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

*CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED*

- 6:30pm - NA, Room 111 and 110

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

- 10:30am - Opening to God, Zoom

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

- 8:50am - Sacred Space, Sanctuary
- Child Care, Room 116
- 9:00am - Exploring Contemporary Issues, Palo Verde
- 10:00am - Worship, Sanctuary
- Nursery Care (Ages 0-8), Room 117
- Youth Formation, Room 111
- 11:30am - Lunch Bunch, Red Robin (Elliot / Priest)

Has your mailing address, phone, or email changed?  
Please let us know!

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