

Dayspring

United Methodist Church

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3:00pm

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 CHRISTMAS

Please check in at www.dayspringumc.org/bulletin

MUSIC FOR GATHERING AND CENTERING

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)
Zachary Golden, organ

WELCOME

Pastor Jeff Procter-Murphy

INTROIT

"Savior of the Nations, Come"
Dayspring Quartet

CALL TO CELEBRATION

Rosemary Anderson

Sing a new song of our ancient story.

Sing of the birth of Christ.

Sing a new song of our ancient hope.

Sing of the promises of God.

Sing a new song of peace and love.

Sing of hope and joy.

Sing the song of the angels above.

Sing a song of Emmanuel. God with us!

CAROL

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw night to gaze;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

Child, born so lowly, poor and in a manger,
we would embrace thee with love and awe.
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER (in unison)

**Living God,
moved by the coming of Christ to our lives,
we seek to be your people.
Help us to live in faithful covenant
with you and with one another.
Let the peace of Christ guide us,
and let Christ’s message in all its richness
live in our hearts,
that we may praise you without ceasing.
Amen.**

HYMN RESPONSE

Vs. 6

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given,
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Goin Family

Response: **Christ our joy has come near. Emmanuel,
God with us, has come to dwell with us as a tiny
baby. “His authority shall grow continually, and
there shall be endless peace for the throne of David
and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness from this time
onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of
hosts will do this”**

SONG OF FULFILLMENT

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Lucas Conrad

Response: **Almighty God, you make light to shine out of darkness. You make new life spring out of old. You make all people into one new race. We are glad and grateful for the gift of this person, who delights us and reminds us that you have not given up on your human family. We welcome him into this congregation and pray that we may love him, and grow with him in strength, to love each other and you, that our joy may be full; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:1-5

ANTHEM

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

text by Christina Rossetti, music by Harold Darke
Dayspring Quartet

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

submit prayers online at dayspringumc.org/prayer

MOMENTS FOR SILENT PRAYER

SUNG CALL TO PRAYER

Ho - - - ly _____ is the night. Ho - -
ly _____ is your grace. Ho - - - ly _____ is your
pres - ence. _____ Ho - - - ly _____ is this place.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Shirley Wells

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CAROL SING

- “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” - Hymnal #218, Vs. 1
- “O Little Town of Bethlehem” - Hymnal #230, Vs. 1
- “Angels We Have Heard on High” - Hymnal #238, Vs. 1
- “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” - Hymnal #240, Vs. 1
- “Silent Night” - Hymnal #239, Vs. 1

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-20

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

Pastor Jeff Procter-Murphy

Changed for Good

OFFERTORY

In dulci jubilo
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Zachary Golden, organ

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

“Love Came Down at Christmas”

Carols during Communion:

What Child is This — Hymnal #219
The First Noel — Hymnal #245

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**O God,
when the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the shepherds
have found their way home,
the work of Christmas is begun:
To find the lost and broken one,
to feed the poor and hungry with good things,
to bring peace to an old person’s heart,
to rebuild nations with strength and goodwill,
to make music in the heart.
With this communion,
let the work of Christmas begin with me. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Ted Loder

“Go Tell it on the Mountain”

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

God’s kingdom is among us, let broken hearts rejoice;
A light shines in the darkness, and wonder finds a voice.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

Each life is touched with glory, all creatures now belong;
love tells her saving story, our joy breaks out in song:

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hallelujah Chorus
George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
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.

The flowers on the table are given by Chuck and Elizabeth Winkler in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary.

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.

2024 Christmas Flowers

GIVEN BY:

In honor of the Dayspring Celebration Chorale.

In honor of the Dayspringers, Cherub, Children's, and Youth Choirs.

Gene Barnes and Karen Spencer-Barnes in honor of our children and grandchildren.

Winona and Jack Black Feather in loving memory of Judith Black Feather.

Kris Bullock in loving memory of Papa, Andrew Bullock, Alayna Joy Hale.

Kris Bullock in honor of our grandchildren Lydia, Matthew, Samuel, Levi, Ethan, Heidi, Alice Bullock, Andrew Hale.

Jim and Sandi Chamness in loving memory of Debbie Chamness, who was loved by all who knew her.

Mary Lou Collier in loving memory of my son, my parents and Aunt Eileen.

Chelsie Erwin and Elias Arias in loving memory of Mary Erwin and Maria Arias.

Calvin, Nathan, and Liam in loving memory of Nanny Ruth and Grandpa Mike Milas.

The Grayman Family in loving memory of Melissa Donati, Richard and Tommie Lou Sumpter, Jim and Anne Dewveall.

David Schildkret and Susan Griffin in loving memory of Marie and Westervelt Griffin.

David Schildkret and Susan Griffin in honor of Dorothy Schildkret.

David Schildkret and Susan Griffin in honor of Anita Flanagan.

Sharon Ireland in loving memory of Harry and Clarease Ireland and Cindy Sacha's parents, Lawrence and Evelyn Johns.

Cathy Janssen in loving memory of my parents, Ed and Betty Borst.

The Kroeger family in loving memory of John Kroeger, Griff Schrade, and Les Mesbergen.

Paul Kunze and Mary Camille Madden in loving memory of our son Jason Theodore Kunze.

Sal and Jan Mele in loving memory of Vincent and Ida Mele, Edward and Thelma Peters.

Marilyn Miller in loving memory of my parents, Reece and Louwanda Miller.

Seth, Shayla, Brayden and Corbin in loving memory of Grandma Melville.

Lynn and Rick Potts in loving memory of our parents.

The Procter-Murphys in loving memory of John Procter, Alice Procter, John Murphy, Kathy Roe and Bob Yee.

The Stellburg Family in loving memory of Janelle and Richard Olson.

Mary Thielemeir in loving memory of my parents, Margaret and Larry Thielemeir.

Mary Thielemeir in memory and honor of Dayspring friends.

Simon and Leni Thomas in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. G. Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. K.T. Cherian.

Karen Van Allen, Megan Nugent, Melinda Schrom, and Meredith Schrom in loving memory of Rev. Jane A. Tews.

Linda, Nic, and Jessica Wegener in loving memory of Steven Wegener.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE: Experience a new kind of Sunday morning on January 12! Second Sundays at Dayspring is our monthly open house with a variety of shorter, engaging sessions and a welcoming vibe. It's a choose-your-own-adventure morning filled with music, workshops, spiritual activities, and great food. You can stay for 10 minutes or spend the whole morning. Bonus: the patio is now dog-friendly, so you can bring your pup along! Come for food, music, and activities for all ages. It's the Sunday Morning Experience You Create—all in a safe and inclusive space where everyone belongs. Learn more at: dayspring-umc.org/2nd-sundays

CONFIRMATION: We welcome all 7th graders and up to officially become confirmed in the United Methodist Church! We will be holding an informational meeting about Confirmation on January 12th at 11:15 in the youth room. Please join us if your kiddo is interested in Confirmation! We have a great time and build relationships that carry over into all of our youth activities. Please email Julie and Sam at youth@dayspring-umc.org for more information.

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.

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.

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 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 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)



♥ Merry Christmas! ♥

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Please let us know!

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