



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 FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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

MUSIC FOR GATHERING AND CENTERING

Robert Mills, piano

WELCOME

Pastor Michael Long

CALL TO CELEBRATION

*Arise, shine, for your light has come.*

*The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!*

**The glory of God shines in the darkness.**

*Lift up your eyes and look around.*

**Take the journey that leads to the child.**

*Let your hearts rejoice. Be overwhelmed with joy!*

**We celebrate the Christ child, the hope of the world.**

## CAROL

### “Go, Tell it on the Mountain”

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev’rywhere;  
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 ev’rywhere;  
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 forth in song.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev’rywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

## CHRISTMAS PRAYER (in unison)

**Gracious and Loving God,  
We gather today in the light of your salvation,  
revealed to us through your Son, Jesus Christ.  
We come seeking your promise  
and guided by your Spirit.  
Fill our hearts with wonder  
and our mouths with praise,  
That we, too, may proclaim  
the light of your glory to the world.  
May we recognize your work in our midst—  
a light for revelation, a source of comfort,  
and a call to justice.  
Strengthen us to embrace the joy  
and the challenge of your gospel,  
And help us to follow your Spirit’s leading in all we do.  
Bless this time of celebration,  
that we may encounter you anew  
and leave this place transformed  
to share your love with all people.  
In the name of Jesus,  
the light of the world, we pray.  
Amen.**

## HYMN RESPONSE

**Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and ev’rywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

## 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.**

## ANTHEM

“Wexford Carol”  
arr. Richard Lakey  
Emily Gibson, soprano  
Miriam Schildkret, mezzo-soprano  
Ted Zimnicki, tenor  
John Pierce Kraft, bass

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

MOMENTS FOR SILENT PRAYER

SUNG CALL TO PRAYER

“Spirit of the Living God”

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Shirley Wells

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Hymnal #219

“What Child is This?”

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:25-35

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 Michael Long

*When it Happens*

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

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

OFFERTORY

“Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella”  
French Carol, arr. David Schildkret  
Emily Gibson and Miriam Schildkret  
Robert Mills, 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 #246

“Joy to the World”

WORDS OF BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Offertoire sur les grands jeux (Messe pour les couvents)*

François Couperin (1668-1733)

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; **the Bickler family**, little league friends of the Bernstein family, who experienced their first Christmas without their son, Jackson, who passed away recently from cancer; **Marilyn Miller**, beginning a six month regimen of chemotherapy pills following cancer surgery and radiation; **Cindy Shepherd**, following a lung biopsy on December 18; **Will Glover**, recovering at home following hospitalization with internal bleeding; **Alison Kolomitz**, sister of Bethany Lambrecht, recovering following hospitalization with heart issues; **Jim Van Vleet**, brother of John Van Vleet, experiencing serious health concerns following surgery for bladder cancer; **Joanie Kuczvara**, sister of Janie Magruder, recovering after falling and fracturing seven ribs and tearing her rotator cuff; **Ariel and Marni Anbar**, dear friends and neighbors of John and Cindy Van Vleet, recovering from Covid and caring for their daughter who is recovering from a pulmonary embolism and Covid; 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

**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](https://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](mailto:youth@dayspring-umc.org) for more information.

**AWAKE** returns on January 17 from 6:00-9:00pm. Awake is for all 3rd – 6th graders. It's going to be an awesome evening filled with dinner, Bible activities, and fun games. The cost is \$5 per person, and you must register in advance by emailing [andrea@dayspring-umc.org](mailto:andrea@dayspring-umc.org).

**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.

**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.

**NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION:** We invite you to attend a one hour session with Pastor Jeff to learn more about the United Methodist church and Dayspring specifically, on Sunday, January 26, at 11:15am in Room 112.

**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 Christ-centered care you'll receive is confidential, free, and very helpful. Please 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 29**

- 8:50am - Sacred Space, Sanctuary
- Child Care, Room 116
- 10:00am - Worship, Sanctuary
- Nursery Care (Ages 0-8), Room 117
- Youth Formation, Room 111
- 11:30am - Lunch Bunch, Red Robin (Elliot Rd.)

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 30**

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31**

## **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1**

*HAPPY NEW YEAR!*

## **THURSDAY, JANUARY 2**

- 10:00am - Judith Black Feather Memorial, Sanctuary
- 10:30am - Chair Yoga, Palo Verde
- 6:30pm - NA, Room 111 and 110
- 7:00pm - Centering Prayer, Dayspring Library

## **FRIDAY, JANUARY 3**

- 10:30am - Opening to God, Zoom

## **SATURDAY, JANUARY 4**

- 8:00am - United Methodist Men, Palo Verde
- 1:30pm - Jim Whitelaw Memorial Service, Sanctuary

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 5**

*EPIPHANY*

- 8:50am - Sacred Space, Sanctuary
- Child Care, Room 116
- 9:00am - Exploring Contemporary Issues, PV
- 10:00am - Worship, Sanctuary
- Nursery Care, Room 117
- K - 6th Grade Sunday School, 206
- Youth Formation, Room 111
- 11:30am - Lunch Bunch, Crackers and Co., Elliot Rd.

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Please let us know!

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