



United Methodist Church

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December 7, 2025

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.

As followers of Jesus, we are striving to make God's world more sustainable, peaceful, just, compassionate, and inclusive.

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THE CHURCH GATHERS TO CELEBRATE

Please check in at www.dayspringumc.org/bulletin

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MUSIC FOR GATHERING AND CENTERING

Robert Mills, piano

WELCOME

Rev. Michael Long &
Rev. Jeff Procter-Murphy

INTROIT

"Come, Expected Jesus, Come"

Victor C. Johnson

text by Charles Wesley

Dayspring Celebration Chorale

CALL TO CELEBRATION

Jen Rooney

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.

OPENING HYMN

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Hymnal #213

verses 1-3

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

**Thy Holy Spirit lead us on
until our glorious goal is won;
eternal praise, eternal fame
be offered, Savior, to thy name!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

The Nuñez-LaMarre family

**Response: We choose to believe that the day is coming
when “the ransomed of the Lord shall return and
come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be
upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away”**

ADVENT SONG

Christ Be Our Light



A TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN

Jessica Nuñez-LaMarre

SONG

Hymnal #143

On Eagle's Wings

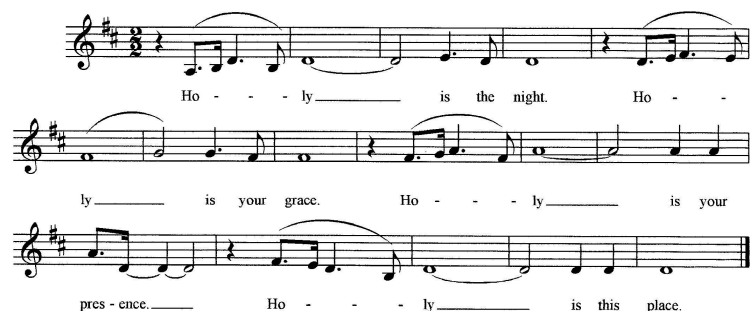
**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

submit prayers online at dayspringumc.org/prayer

CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO PRAYER

“Holy is the Night”



PRAYER

Rev. Shirley Wells

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

"Creation Will Be at Peace"

Isaiah 11:6-9

J. Paul Williams and Anna Laura Page
Dayspring Celebration Chorale

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 13:8-11

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

Rev. Jeff Procter-Murphy

A Wake-Up Call

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

give securely online at: dayspringumc.org/give

OFFERTORY

"Greensleeves"

Timothy Albrecht (b.1950)

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

Rev. Jannette Miller

Pan de Vida

Song during communion:

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Hymnal #216

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

O God, in memory and in hope,

we have come to your table, received your gifts,

and sensed again the miracle of bread and wine,

you and us, and what is possible.

Complete the work you have begun in us.

Release through us a flow of mercy and gentleness

that will bring water where there is desert,

healing where there is hurt,

peace where there is violence,

justice where there is brokenness,

and a sense of your kingdom everywhere.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Hymnal #202

"People Look East"

WORDS OF BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Lo, How a Rose Is Growing”

John Leavitt (b.1956)

Zachary Golden, organ

PRAYERS

Sharon Ireland, healing following eye surgery on Thursday, December 4; **George Krebs**, recovering from a stroke and time in the hospital; for all those living in fear of being detained, and those who have experienced a loved one being detained and have no ability to communicate with them; for all our Afghan refugees who are now fearful of their status after serving with us in the Afghan war; **The family and friends of Rafael Howell**, son-in-law of Jan Espinoza, who died from lung cancer in Washington on November 29; **Laura Hudson**, recovering from surgeries and several broken bones following an accident at her home; prayers of celebration after the marriage of **Bailey and Joseph**, sister and brother in-law of Chelsie Erwin, for a lifetime of happiness and love; for all those who are languishing in detention; 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, Ted Jung, Joan Wheeler, Star Lyn Mathias, Brian Weinberger, Beth Miller, and Ron Blake.

Today's flowers are given by Janie Magruder in memory of Wallie and Lois Vonderlage.

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

FAMILY PROMISE: Thank you to all the volunteers who served the families this past week at Family Promise! We hosted three families - four adults and four kids ranging in age from 2-14. Laundry bags are available on the patio if anyone would like to help with cleanup!

CHARGE CONFERENCE: We will hold a Charge Conference today following the 10:00 service in the Palo Verde Room. The conference will review and vote on the 2026 budget and trustees' Arcadia recommendation.

THE DAYSPRINGERS HANDBELL CHOIR will perform at the Desert Botanical Garden's Noches de las Luminarias on December 12 and 13, beginning at 5:30 p.m. This is always a festive and popular event, which usually sells out!

HOPEKIDS TOY DRIVE: We are collecting toys for HopeKids again this year. New, unwrapped toys can be delivered to the box in the narthex by December 14, 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 about the organization at [HopeKids.org](https://www.hopekids.org).

A FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT: On December 13 at 2 p.m., the Dayspring Celebration Chorale will perform a special concert of Christmas favorites. "A Family Christmas" offers fun for young and old as we sing familiar carols, culminating in a sing-along.

SECOND SUNDAY: Next Sunday, December 14, is Second Sunday! Join us for a morning full of food, music, and unique experiences for all ages. Enjoy a delicious breakfast burrito while live music fills the Fellowship Hall. Throughout the morning, you'll find engaging workshops and spiritual activities. We'd love to see you there next Sunday!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL: The Cherubs and Children's Choir will present their annual Christmas musical during the 10 a.m. service on December 21. Titled "Arrest These Merry Gentlemen," it's a Christmas musical caper for kids. This is one service you don't want to miss!

THE LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE is December 21 at 4 p.m. Formerly known as "Blue Christmas". Although Christmas is a time of joy and hope, we also recognize that fear and grief are often present. This year, we share fears of the world in addition to personal times of grieving. Also, experiences of the past creep in to overshadow what we wish we were feeling. During the candlelight service, we invite God to join us, no matter what emotions we are feeling.

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. Email stephenministers@dayspringumc.org for info.

SUNDAY LUNCH BUNCH welcomes Dayspringers to join us each Sunday at local restaurants at 11:30, following the church service. Locations are listed at the Welcome table in the Narthex. **We send a weekly email to members so we can make reservations. Email lunch@dayspringumc.org for info.**

THIS WEEK AT DAYSPRING TEMPE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

- 8:45am - Sacred Space, Sanctuary
- Child Care, Room 116
- 9:00am - Exploring Contemporary Issues Class, Palo Verde Room
- Prayer Shawl Ministry, Fellowship Hall
- 10:00am - Worship, Sanctuary
- Nursery Care (0-2), Room 117
- 3-4 year olds, Room 116
- K - 3rd Grades, Room 202
- 4th - 6th Grades, Room 201
- Youth Formation, Room 111
- 11:30pm - Sunday Lunch Bunch, Perfect Pear (Rural & Ray)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 9:00am - Morning Meditation, Zoom
- 2:00pm - Stephen Ministry Meeting, Palo Verde Room
- 6:15pm - Cub Scouts, Rooms 201, 202, 203, 206/207
- 6:30pm - Mary Martha Circle, Parking Lot
- 7:00pm - Board of Trustees Meeting, Palo Verde Room
- Troop 172, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 9:00am - Morning Meditation, Zoom
- 4:00pm - GS Troop 07431, Room 201
- 6:00pm - Dayspringers Rehearsal, Music Room
- 6:30pm - SPRC Meeting, Palo Verde Room

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 8:00am - Kindergarten Concert, Sanctuary
- 9:00am - Morning Meditation, Zoom
- 5:30pm - Sacred Story, Zoom
- 6:00pm - Cherub Choir, Room 201
- Children's Choir, Room 206
- 6:45pm - BeTween, Room 203
- Youth Choir, Room 206
- 7:00pm - Celebration Chorale Rehearsal, Music Room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 9:00am - Morning Meditation, Zoom
- 9:30am - Connie Reading Circle, Biscuits (Elliot Road)
- Prayer Shawl Ministry, Dayspring Library
- 10:30am - Chair Yoga, Palo Verde Room
- 6:30pm - NA (Men), Room 111

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 9:00am - Morning Meditation, Zoom
- 10:30am - Opening to God, Zoom
- 5:30pm - Dayspringers Perform, Desert Botanical Garden

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 2:00pm - A Family Christmas Concert, Sanctuary
- 5:30pm - Dayspringers Perform, Desert Botanical Garden

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

SECOND SUNDAY

- 8:30am - Breakfast and Coffee, Fellowship Hall
- 8:45am - Sacred Space, Sanctuary
- Nursery Care, Room 117
- 8:50am - Celebrating the Divine Feminine, Palo Verde Room
- 9:00am - Adult Sunday School, Room 112
- Prayer Shawl Ministry, Fellowship Hall
- 10:00am - Worship, Sanctuary
- Nursery Care, Room 117
- Kids' Church, Room 206
- 11:15am - Affirming LGBTQIA+ Ministry, Room 110
- Church & Society House Meeting, Office Workroom
- Drum Circle, Sanctuary
- Learn to Crochet, Fellowship Hall
- Love Lessons, Palo Verde Room
- 11:30am - Deep Relaxation, Room 112
- Sunday Lunch Bunch, U.S. Egg (Chandler Blvd.)

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

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9:30 - 12:30 Mondays & Thursdays
and by appointment
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