



## 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.

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](http://www.dayspringumc.org/bulletin)

#### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT & SECOND SUNDAY

#### MUSIC FOR GATHERING AND CENTERING

"Sing We Now of Christmas"  
Richard Hudson (b.1924)  
Zachary Golden, organ

#### WELCOME

Rev. Michael Long and  
Rev. Jeff Procter-Murphy

#### CALL TO CELEBRATION

Mary Thielemeyer

*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

Canticle of the Turning

(Cooney)

vss 1-3

My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
That the God of my heart is great  
And my spirit sings of the Wondrous things  
That you bring to the ones who wait  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight  
And my weakness you did not spurn  
So from east to west shall my name be blest  
Could the world be about to turn?  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring  
Let the fires of your justice burn  
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near  
And the world is about to turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all, you  
Work great things in me  
And your mercy will last from the Depths  
Of the past to the end of the age to be  
Your very name puts the proud to shame  
And to those who would for you yearn  
You will show your might  
Put the strong to flight  
For the world is about to turn  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring  
Let the fires of your justice burn  
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near  
And the world is about to turn!

From the halls of power to the fortress tower  
Not a stone will be left on stone  
Let the king beware for your  
Justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne  
The hungry poor shall weep no more  
For the food they can never ears  
There are tables spread, ev'ry  
Mouth be fed for the world is about to turn  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring  
Let the fires of your justice burn  
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near  
And the world is about to turn!

#### OPENING PRAYER

**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 & capacity. Amen.**

#### HYMN RESPONSE

vs. 4

**Though the nations rage from age to age  
We remember Who holds us fast  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp  
This saving word that out forebears  
Heard is the promise which holds us bound  
'Til the spear and rod can be  
Crushed by God Who is turning the world around  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring  
Let the fires of your justice burn  
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near  
And the world is about to turn!**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

## LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

The Shepherd 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”



## ANTHEM

“Breath of Heaven”

Chris Eaton and Amy Grant (arr. Craig Courtney)

Megan Law, soloist

Dayspring Celebration Chorale

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

## PRAYER

Rev. Shirley Wells

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

## HYMN OF PREPARATION

Hymnal #198

“My Soul Gives Glory to My God”

## 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

Rev. Michael Long

*This Joy that I Have*

## OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

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## OFFERTORY

“The First Noel”

arr. Arnold B. Sherman

Dayspringers

**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

“I Am for You”

vss 1-4

There is a mountain, there is a sea.  
There is a wind within all breathing.  
There is an arm to break every chain.  
There is a fire in all things living.  
There is a voice that speaks from the flame:  
I am for you, I am for you!  
I am for you is my name.

There was a woman, small as a star,  
Full of the patient dreams of her nation,  
Welcoming in an angel of God,  
Welcoming in God's bold invitation.  
Let it be done, she sang, unto me:  
I am for you, I am for you!  
I am for you: let it be!


There was a man who walked in the storm,  
Caught in between the waves and the lightning,  
Sharing his bread with those cast aside,  
Healing by touch the lost and the dying.  
Sending us forth he says to his friends:  
I am for you, I am for you,  
I am for you to the end.

We are anointed servants of God.  
We have been born again of spirit.  
We are the word God speaks to the world,  
Freedom and light to all who will hear it.  
So let us be the word of the Lord:  
I am for you, I am for you,  
I am for you ever more.

#### WORDS OF BLESSING

#### POSTLUDE

“Joy to the World”  
arr. Valerie W. Stephenson  
DayspRingers



# PRAYERS

**Lynn Potts and her family**, as Lynn was diagnosed with ALS; **Pastor Shirley Wells**, recovering from a newly diagnosed fractured wrist after a fall a couple weeks ago; **The family and friends of Ted Jung** following his death on December 4; **George Krebs**, recovering from a stroke and time in the hospital; **Archie Cain**, husband of Elaine Cain, for healing while in the hospital; **Laura Hudson**, recovering following surgery on her foot on Wednesday, December 10, as a result of her fall from the attic; **Sharon Ireland**, recovering following eye surgery for glaucoma on Thursday, December 4; **Nan Inskeep** for healing of vertebrae following a fall on Friday, December 5; **Dana Mack**, nephew of Kay Keith and cousin of Kristin Richie, for peace and comfort for Dana and his family after a long battle with cancer; 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, Joan Wheeler, Star Lyn Mathias, Brian Weinberger, Beth Miller, and Ron Blake.

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

## COMING UP ON SECOND SUNDAY:

- 10:45-11:00 Communion/Prayer Corners - Fellowship Hall
- 10:45-12:00 Breakfast & Coffee - Fellowship Hall
- 10:45-12:00 Childcare - Nursery
- 11:15-12:00 Affirming LGBTQIA+ Ministry - Music Room
- 11:15-12:00 Beginning Crochet - Fellowship Hall
- 11:15-12:00 Church & Society House Meeting - Church Office
- 11:15-12:00 Drum Circle - Sanctuary
- 11:15-12:00 Love Lessons Workshop - Palo Verde Room
- 11:30-12:15 Deep Relaxation Session, Room 112

**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. December can be magical—but also overwhelming. If you're carrying stress, grief, or just feeling worn out, we invite you to our Longest Night Service—a calming, candlelit opportunity to breathe, rest, and simply be. With soft music, gentle prayer, and room for quiet reflection, this service offers peace in the middle of a busy season. You don't have to be "okay" - just come as you are and find a moment of light in this longest night. All are welcome.

**CHRISTMAS EVE:** We hope you'll join us on Christmas Eve for one of our services.

- **3:00pm** @ Dayspring Arcadia is an intimate and welcoming celebration.
- **3:00pm** - Early Service: our solo quartet sings beloved Christmas hymns and anthems with nursery care available.
- **5:00pm** - Family Christmas Eve service: Led by Pastor Michael, this service is fun, casual, sometimes chaotic - everything Christmas should be! Featuring performances by the Dayspring Children's and Youth choirs, professional childcare is available if needed.
- **8:00 & 10:00pm** - Candlelight Communion service: The Dayspring Celebration Chorale and full orchestra will lead these magical Christmas Eve services, filling the sanctuary with beautiful music and the wonder of the season.

**CHRISTMAS EVE DIAPER DRIVE:** We are again collecting diapers, especially larger sizes 3 & 5, for AZCEND (Chandler Community Action Program). How fitting that we collect diapers as we celebrate the birth of a child!

**CHRISTMAS DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** Join us for our 2nd Annual Christmas Brunch from 8am to Noon! Bring a dish to share; we'll provide pancakes, coffee, and juice. This open house is for anyone looking for community on Christmas Day. We hope to see you at this time of fellowship and food - it's sure to be a festive time overall!

**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](mailto: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](mailto:lunch@dayspringumc.org) for info.

# THIS WEEK AT DAYSPRING TEMPE

## 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.)
- 5:00pm - Youth Group, Room 111, FH, Kitchen

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 9:00am - Morning Meditation, Zoom
- 10:30am - Memory Loss Caregivers' Support Group, Zoom
- 6:30pm - Grief Support Group, Zoom
- 7:00pm - Scout Troop 172, Fellowship Hall

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 9:00am - Morning Meditation, Zoom
- 3:00pm - Praying Together, Zoom
- 5:00pm - Women's Prison Ministry, Room 112
- 6:00pm - Dayspringers Rehearsal, Music Room

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 9:00am - Morning Meditation, Zoom
- 5:00pm - Musical Dress Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 5:30pm - Sacred Story, Zoom
- 6:45pm - Youth Choir, Room 206
- 7:00pm - Celebration Chorale Rehearsal, Music Room

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 9:00am - Morning Meditation, Zoom
- 9:30am - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Dayspring Library
- 10:30am - Chair Yoga, Palo Verde Room
- 6:30pm - NA (Men), Room 111
- 7:00pm - Centering Prayer, Dayspring Library

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 9:00am - Morning Meditation, Zoom
- 10:30am - Opening to God, Zoom

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 8:45am - Sacred Space, Sanctuary
  - Child Care, Room 116
- 9:00am - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Fellowship Hall
- 10:00am - Worship + Children's Musical, Sanctuary
- 11:30pm - Sunday Lunch Bunch, RigaTony's (Warner Rd.)
- 4:00pm - The Longest Night Service, Sanctuary

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9:30 - 12:30 Mondays & Thursdays  
and by appointment  
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10am - 2pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays

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