



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.

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

MUSIC FOR GATHERING AND CENTERING

Robert Mills, piano

WELCOME

Rev. Jeff Procter-Murphy

CALL TO CELEBRATION

Karalyn Kroeger

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 Burnsed-White Family

**RESPONSE: With Mary and Joseph, we choose to wait,
watch, and listen for the way of Love instead of
responding in fear to the world's judgment.**

ADVENT SONG

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

Arrest These Merry Gentlemen

Created by Steve Moore, Rob Howard, and David Guthrie

Presented by the Dayspring Children's Choirs

Directed by JulieAnne Weissberg

A Peaceful Little Town

Arrest These Merry Gentlemen

Christ Is Born

He Is the One

Clara Bolt & Jillian Schuster
soloists

Look for the Light

Riley Butler, Zion Rooney
Micah Bolkan & Lilly Smith
soloists

No Fear

Neil Ellis & Naomi Bolkan
soloists

Peace Is Here for You

Grace Ellis & Lena Rapposelli
soloists

Share the News

Finale

Roslyn Aragon & George Ellis
soloists

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Joe Sabbath- Jack Weissberg	Source 2- Gary Lujan
Rookie- Lilly Smith	Source 3- Grace Ellis
Seamstress- Clara Bolt	CD- Micah Bolkan
Napper- Zion Rooney	Herb- Naomi Bolkan
Cub- Roslyn Aragon	Frank- Riley Butler
Scoop- Neil Ellis	Vince- Taylor Minnihan
Shep- Dylan Schuster	Merv- Jordan Minnihan
Source 1- Jillian Schuster	Gabriel- George Ellis

Chorus: Amber Brayan, Patrick Butler, Savannah Franco, Navy Griffin, Ava Rapposelli, Ellie Rapposelli, Lena Rapposelli, Nora Reed, and Emily Smith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

submit prayers online at 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

Rev. Shirley Wells

LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

give securely online at: dayspringumc.org/give

OFFERTORY

“Away in a Manger”
arr. Shirley Brendlinger
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

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Hymnal #238

WORDS OF BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“The First Nowell”
David Lasky (b.1957)
Zachary Golden, organ

PRAYERS

Dee Patnelli, recovering following five surgeries on her right ankle following a fall; **Lisa Maki**, sister-in-law of Barb Tiede, for strength as she prepares for stem cell replacement therapy in January to rebuild her immune system; **the family and friends of Linda Faro**, sister of Rosemary Anderson, following her death on December 11 in California; **Susan Hostetter**, mother of Karen Hostetter, for a peaceful transition in her final days of life; **Lynn Potts and her family**, as Lynn was diagnosed with ALS; **Laura Hudson**, for healing as she recovers from a third surgery following her fall from her attic; **Bridgett Sorenson**, friend of Kris Bullock, recovering following emergency hernia surgery; 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 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

THE LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE is TODAY at 4 p.m. December can be magical—but also overwhelming. If you're carrying stress, loss, 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 chamber 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 Second 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!

MESSIAH SING-ALONG: In celebration of his 70th birthday, David Schildkret, Dayspring's Director of Music Ministries, will lead a Messiah Sing-Along on January 3 at 2:00 p.m. with soloists and chamber orchestra. Come to sing or simply to listen to this beloved music — everyone is welcome!

CONFIRMATION: Calling all 7th graders and youth who have not been confirmed! Confirmation classes will be on Sundays after service from January to April. All families interested in Confirmation, we'll have a welcome meeting on January 4th after service. Be sure to reach out to Sam and Julie via youth@Dayspring-umc.org to get signed up!

EXPLORING CONTEMPORARY ISSUES: The Adult Sunday School class is taking a break over the holidays. On January 4, Pastor Mark will lead a discussion of Martin Buber's classic, *I and Thou*.

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 21

- 8:45am - Sacred Space, Fellowship Hall
- Child Care, Room 116
- 9:00am - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Room 112
- 10:00am - Worship + Children's Musical, Sanctuary
- 11:30pm - Sunday Lunch Bunch, RigaTony's (Warner Rd.)
- 4:00pm - The Longest Night Service, Sanctuary

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

- 9:00am - Morning Meditation, Zoom
- 7:00pm - Scout Troop 172, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

- 9:00am - Morning Meditation, Zoom
- 4:00pm - GS Troop 07431, Room 201

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

- 9:00am - Morning Meditation, Zoom
- 3:00pm - Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary
- 5:00pm - Christmas Eve Family Service, Sanctuary
- 8:00pm - Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary
- 10:00pm - Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

- 8:00am - Christmas Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm - NA (Men), Room 111

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

FOURTH SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

- 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, Red Lobster (Ray Rd.)

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

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

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