

Dayspring

United Methodist Church

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December 24, 2025

8:00 and 10:00pm

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.

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 CHRISTMAS

Please check in at www.dayspringumc.org/bulletin

PRELUDES

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Zachary Golden, organ

"Gabriel's Oboe"

Dayspring Orchestra

Lauren Fox, oboe

READING

John 1:1-5

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.

HIGH VOICES (Sopranos and Altos)

Child, born so lowly, poor and in a manger,

we would embrace thee with love and awe.

LOW VOICES (Tenors and Basses)

Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

HIGH VOICES

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

ALL

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)

8:00 Rosemary Anderson

10:00 Rick Ellis

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.

WELCOME

Rev. Michael Long &
Jeff Procter-Murphy

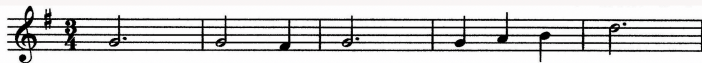
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

8:00 The Harbster Family

10:00 The Kroeger Family

Response: **We gather to once again bask in the glory
that visited a stable and a manger, shepherds
watching their flocks, and a young couple cradling
the newborn Messiah.**

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.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:1-5

ANTHEM

“Villagers All!”

David Schildkret and Susan Griffin

(“Carol of the Field Mice” from

The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame)

Lauren Fox, oboe; Zachary Golden, organ

Dayspring Celebration Chorale

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

submit prayers online at dayspringumc.org/prayer

MOMENTS FOR SILENT PRAYER

SUNG CALL TO PRAYER



PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Shirley Wells

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

“The Infant King”

Basque Carol, arr. David Schildkret and Susan Griffin

Dayspring Orchestra

Dayspring Celebration Chorale

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

Rev. Jeff Procter-Murphy

Glory to God, Not to Empire

THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING

give securely online at: dayspringumc.org/give

OFFERTORY

Fantasy on a French Carol (Patapan)

David Schildkret and Susan Griffin

Dayspring Orchestra

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

Pan de Vida

Carols during Communion:

“Infant Holy”

Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;

oxen lowing, little knowing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.

Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:

Christ the babe is Lord of all! Christ the babe is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of the gospel true.

Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you; Christ the babe was born for you.

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

We walk the streets of Bethlehem this holy, silent night:
there is no calm in Bethlehem, there is no peace in sight.
The wounds of generations that seem too deep to heal
leave scars upon the miracle and make it seem unreal.

The little child of Bethlehem whose birth we sing today
said, “Love your God with all your heart,” and taught us how to pray:
“Forgive and love your neighbor and seek my peace within.”
When we show love to all we meet, God’s healing will begin.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

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!.

RECESSIONAL CAROL

Hymnal #238

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o’er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

THE SPREADING OF CHRISTMAS LIGHT

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. God is giving us Jesus as the light of the world. We are each called to share this light through acts of love.

A candle is a small thing, but one candle lights another.

Yet as each candle gives its flame to the other, see how its own light increases.

CAROL

Hymnal #239

“Silent Night”

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.

Holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,

heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face

with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at the birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing,

Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*May the peace and love of Christmas
be with you this night.*

And also with you!

Go in peace!

Dayspring Orchestra

Yian Shen, Jiyoung Lee, flutes

Lauren Fox, oboe and English horn

Spencer Ekenes, concertmaster

Yun Hao, Dasom Jeon, Rebecca Rosmanitz,

Jaime Wu, Danny Yang, Manxi Xu, violins

Isabella Tannenbaum, Katie Holste, violas

Alex Duke, cello

Wan-Ting Yu, double bass

2025 Christmas Flowers

GIVEN BY:

Sarah Auffret in loving memory of Edna Minger.

Jerry Avanzino and Rebekah Wilfong in loving memory of all of our loved ones who have gone before us.

Jerry Avanzino and Rebekah Wilfong in honor of Stephen Ministry.

Karen Spencer-Barnes & Gene Barnes in honor of our children & their families: Melanie, James, Melissa, Kirk & Jennifer.

Kay Block in honor of my grandchildren: Danielle, Carter, and Cassidy Block, and Izzie and Jayden Freeland.

Kris Bullock (Nana) in honor of my grandchildren Lydia, Matthew, Samuel, Levi, Ethan, Alice, Heidi Bullock and Andrew Hale.

Kris Bullock (Nana) in loving memory of my husband, Roy (Papa), and grandchildren Andrew David Bullock and Alayna Joy Hale.

Grammy and Pa in loving honor of Paige, Riley and Patrick Butler.

Grammy and Grandpa in loving honor of Ryan and Anna Bosanquet.

Jim, Sandi, and Mike Chamness in loving memory of Debbie Chamness, who always gave of herself to others.

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

The Gosling family in loving memory of Jim Howard.

Her husband, Ed Johnson, in loving memory of April Osborn.

Lesly Kelly in loving memory of Teri Wicker.

Mary Camille and Paul Kunze memory of Jason Theodore Kunze.

Carolyn Lee in loving memory of my husband, Harrison Lee, and sister, Barbara Link.

Sal and Jan Mele in loving memory of Vince and Ida and Ted and Jenny.

Megan Nugent, Melinda Schrom, and Meredith Schrom in remembrance of Rev. Jane A. Tews.

Lindsay and Jason Olivarez and his pride and joy, his granddaughters, Ellary and Emerson Olivarez in loving memory of our dad and Papa, Fred Michaels.

Jeff and Janice Procter-Murphy in honor of the incredible Dayspring staff.

Mike and Ruth Rooney in honor of Mark Rooney, Chris Rooney, and Kathy Vigness.

Angela Thorpe in loving memory of Edmund Peacock.

Karen Van Allen in remembrance of Rev. Jane A. Tews.



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

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!

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED through Sunday and will reopen on Monday, December 29.

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*.

THEOPUB, a meetup for Dayspring LGBTQ+ persons and allies, will gather again at Garcia's (Warner/McClintock) on Monday, January 5, from 6-8pm. 6:30Guests and friends are always welcome. Email TheoPub@dayspring-umc.org for more info.

ESL CLASSES at Iglesia Aliento begin a new 12-week session on Wednesday, January 7 at 6:30 p.m. We need caring volunteers to support our Spanish-speaking neighbors as they build confidence in speaking English. If you enjoy encouraging others, practicing conversation, and making a real difference one relationship at a time, this is a meaningful and joyful way to serve. Email Rosemary at revrose04@gmail.com for more info.

SECOND SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE is January 11! Join us for 2nd Sundays at Dayspring, our monthly open house with a warm, welcoming vibe and a variety of short, engaging sessions you can mix and match to create your own morning. Come for music, meaningful conversation, spiritually nourishing activities, and great food—especially January's special slow-smoked beef brisket breakfast burritos, served in celebration of Chef Nikki's birthday! Stay for 10 minutes or linger all morning, and bring your well-behaved pup along—2nd Sundays are dog-friendly. Learn more at: dayspring-umc.org/2nd-sundays.

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

CHRISTMAS EVE

- 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

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

- 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.)



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Christmas

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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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10am - 2pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays

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