

Dayspring

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, children's Sunday School and nursery care is available. Children in Pre-K through 6th grade will meet in the Narthex following Children's Time and be escorted to their classes. Parents are encouraged to walk with first-timers to their classroom.

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 live stream, video recording, or photography from any event we host or sponsor without the expressed written consent of those included within the live stream, video recording, or photography. We strive to use these images in safe and positive ways.

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO CELEBRATE

Please check in at www.dayspringumc.org/bulletin

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

MUSIC FOR GATHERING AND CENTERING

Robert Mills, piano

WELCOME

Rev. Michael Long and
Rev. Jeff Procter-Murphy

CHORAL INTROIT

"Angels' Carol"

John Rutter

Dayspring Celebration Chorale

CALL TO CELEBRATION

People of God, arise and rejoice!

We come to celebrate God's gift of love.

In the stillness of night, good news was born.

Christ has come among us.

Light shines where shadows linger.

Hope is alive in the world.

Joy is proclaimed to the weary and the waiting.

Peace is offered to all people.

Come, let us worship the God who draws near.

We welcome Christ with glad hearts!

OPENING HYMN

Ted Loder

“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.

OPENING PRAYER

**God of good news,
we celebrate Jesus is born among us.
Your kingdom is near.
You bind up broken hearts and invite us to rejoice.
Your light shines in our darkness,
and wonder rises where hope had grown quiet.
You touch every life with glory;
you gather all creation into belonging.
Your love tells its saving story again,
and our joy breaks forth in song.
Send us from this place as bearers of the news—
to tell it with our voices,
to live it with our lives,
to sing it with our joy:
Jesus Christ is born.
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

Rev. Jeff Procter-Murphy

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

“Hurry, Hurry Yonder”
Douglas E. Wagner
Dayspring Celebration Chorale

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

submit prayers online at dayspringumc.org/prayer

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

Watson/Schildkret

“Lead us Now, O God”

PRAYER

Rev. Jannette Miller

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Hymnal #249

“There’s a Song in the Air”

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

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

give securely online at: dayspringumc.org/give

OFFERTORY

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

arr. Brian Būda

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”

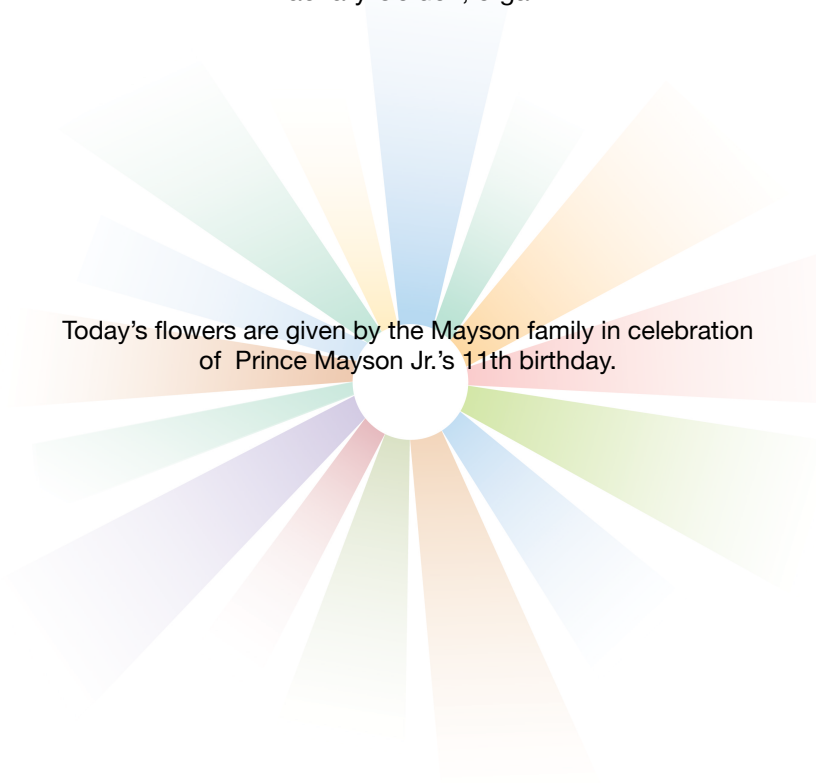
WORDS OF BLESSING

POSTLUDE

O Little Town of Bethlehem

John Leavitt (b.1956)

Zachary Golden, organ



Today's flowers are given by the Mayson family in celebration of Prince Mayson Jr.'s 11th birthday.

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 CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED through Sunday and will reopen on Monday, January 5, 2026.

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.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Join us for our first build day of 2026 on Saturday, January 17, as we jump into framing—one of the most exciting stages of a build! No experience needed—just bring your energy and willingness to help. Email Mark at ruthandmarkboyle@gmail.com to register and be part of building hope, one wall at a time.

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 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.)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

- 9:00am - Morning Meditation, Zoom

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

- 9:00am - Morning Meditation, Zoom

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

- 9:00am - Morning Meditation, Zoom
- 6:30pm - Sacred Story, Zoom

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

- 6:30pm - NA (Men), Room 111
- 7:00pm - Centering Prayer, Dayspring Library

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

- 2:00pm - Messiah Sing-Along, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

- 8:45am - Sacred Space, Sanctuary
- Child Care, Room 116
- 9:00am - 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, Garcia's (Warner Rd.)

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

Church Office: (480) 838-1446
In-Person Office Hours:
9:30 - 12:30 Mondays & Thursdays
and by appointment
Virtual Office Hours:
10am - 2pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays

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