



United Methodist Church

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January 4, 2026

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

EPIPHANY

MUSIC FOR GATHERING AND CENTERING

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Zachary Golden, organ

WELCOME

Rev. Michael Long &
Rev. Jeff Procter-Murphy

INTROIT

"With a Voice of Singing"
Martin Shaw (1875 – 1958)
Dayspring Celebration Chorale

CALL TO CELEBRATION

Julia Gunaraj

Arise, shine, for your light has come.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

The glory of God shines in the darkness.

Lift up your eyes and look around.

Follow the star, wherever it leads!

Take the journey that leads to the child.

Let your hearts rejoice. Be overwhelmed with joy!

We celebrate the Christ child, the hope of the world.

OPENING HYMN

"I Am the Light of the World"

"I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!"
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the sages and the shepherds have found their way home,
the work of Christmas is begun.

"I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!"
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.

To find the lost and lonely one,
to heal the broken soul with love,
to feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,
to feel the earth below, the sky above!

"I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!"
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.

To free the prisoner from all chains,
to make the powerful care,
to rebuild the nations with strength of good will,
to see all God's children everywhere!

"I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!"
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.

To bring hope to every task you do,
to dance at a baby's new birth,
to make music in an old person's heart,
and sing to the colors of the earth!

"I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!"
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.

OPENING PRAYER

**We have seen your star, O God,
shining brightly over us
and all the peoples of the earth.
Teach us to trust your light.
Help us to take risks,
that we might step out in faith
into the unknown.
Guide us to the place where you abide,
that we might be overwhelmed with joy
like the magi before us.
Guide us to the stable of your love,
that we might offer you the gifts of our lives.
Amen.**

HYMN RESPONSE

**"I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!"
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

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.**

LEADER RECOGNITION

Kenneth Brooks, Anthony Contente-Cuomo, Dale Daughten, Margie DiCesare, Randy Hamilton, Karen Hostetter, Nancy Jamison, Mark Kaiser, Carol Muggeridge, Kurt Schulte, Pauline Smith, Jacki Taylor, and Tammy White

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

submit prayers online at dayspringumc.org/prayer

CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO PRAYER

**"I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!"
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.**

PRAYER

Rev. Lynda Ellis

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

"Behold the Star"
Spiritual, arr. David Schildkret
Dayspring Celebration Chorale

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-13

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

There's Always Something

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

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OFFERTORY

Dearest Jesus We Are Here, BWV 634
J.S. Bach
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:

“The First Noel” Hymnal #245

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
“We Three Kings”

Hymnal #254
vss. 1-3

WORDS OF BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“We’re Marching to Zion”
arr. Joel Raney
Robert Mills, piano

PRAYERS

The family and friends of Ron Blake, husband of Marcia Blake, following his death on January 2; **the family and friends of Maria Bayardi**, who was killed in an automobile accident on December 28; **Marilyn Miller**, recovering following hip replacement surgery; **Lu Sanford**, to strengthen her faith and her spirit; **Debbie**, grandma to Neil, Grace, and George Ellis, recovering from an unexpected pacemaker surgery; 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.

Today’s food basket is given by Jeff Miller.

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

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 today, January 4th, after the 10:00 service. Be sure to reach out to Sam and Julie via youth@Dayspring-umc.org to get signed up!

THEOPUB, a meetup for Dayspring LGBTQ+ persons and allies, will gather again at Garcia's (Warner/McClintock) on Monday, January 5, from 6-8pm. For this Monday's discussion starter, consider "Who do you want (or wish) to say THANK YOU to this coming year that you haven't had the chance to say this to during this past year?" Guests and friends are always welcome. Email TheoPub@dayspring-umc.org for more info.

ESL CLASSES at Iglesia Aliento begin a new 12-week session this 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.

THE MLK DIVERSITY AWARDS honor individuals and organizations who advance diversity, inclusion, and the living legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Hosted by the City of Tempe and the Human Relations Commission, this year's awards breakfast features our own Pastor Michael as the 2026 Keynote Speaker on January 12, from 8:00–10:00 a.m. at the Marriott Phoenix Resort Tempe at The Buttes. More information and tickets at: tempe.gov/mlk.

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, 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.)

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

- 9:00am - Morning Meditation, Zoom
- 10:30am - Memory Loss Caregivers' Support Group, Zoom
- 3:00pm - Stephen Ministry Meeting, Church Office
- 6:00pm - TheoPub, Garcia's (Warner/McClintock)
- 7:00pm - Scout Troop 172, Fellowship Hall
- Scout Troop 172 Committee, Palo Verde Room
- Tempe South Little League, Room 112

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

- 9:00am - Morning Meditation, Zoom
- 3:00pm - Praying Together, Zoom
- 4:00pm - GS Troop 07431, Room 201
- 5:30pm - Church & Society Meeting, Palo Verde Room
- 6:00pm - Dayspringers Rehearsal, Music Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

- 9:00am - Morning Meditation, Zoom
- Prayer Shawl Ministry, Palo Verde Room
- Stitchers, Palo Verde Room
- 5:30pm - Sacred Story, Zoom
- 6:00pm - Cherub Choir, Room 201
- Children's Choir, Room 206
- 6:30pm - Book Club, Room 112
- 6:45pm - BeTween, Room 203
- Youth Choir, Room 206
- 7:00pm - Celebration Chorale Rehearsal, Music Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

- 9:00am - Connie Reading Circle, Room 112
- Morning Meditation, Zoom
- 10:30am - Chair Yoga, Palo Verde Room
- 6:15pm - Cantilena Rehearsal, Music Room
- 6:30pm - NA (Men), Room 111

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

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, Bisbee Breakfast Club (Chandler)

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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