

**UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY**  
***“Where Everyone Is Someone Special”***

\*All may rise, in body or spirit  
Congregational response in bold  
Third Sunday of Advent  
December 15, 2019

**PRELUDE**

**“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”**  
Beverly Fletcher, *organ*

Matthews/Bock

**GREETING, CENTERING AND ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

**INTROIT**

**“People, Look East”**

Soloists

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*HYMN #517**

**“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

**\*UNISON PRAYER**

Great God of Love, for the comfort of the night, the dawning of a new day,  
the light touch of your Spirit, the beauty of this Advent season,  
and the messages of hope, peace and love,  
we give you thanks and ask your blessing upon us. Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**ANTHEM**

**“Carol of Longing”**  
(from cantata, “The Mystery and the Majesty”)  
~ Choir ~

**Wds & Mus: Joseph  
M. Martin**

**SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD’S PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**“Wexford Carol”**  
~ Ron Cammel ~

**Traditional Irish Carol**  
arr by: John Rutter

**\*DOXOLOGY**  
**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN #142**

**“People, Look East”**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Matthew 11:2-11**

**SERMON**

**“Are We The Ones?”**  
Reverend Brady Abel

**\*HYMN #381**

**“Take My Gifts”**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 441**

**“Peace Be Upon You”**

**POSTLUDE**

**“O How I Love Jesus”**  
Beverly Fletcher, *organ*

arr. Harold DeCou

**What's Happening This Week**

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| <b>December 15</b><br>8:30 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>11:00 a.m.<br>11:15 a.m. | <b>SUNDAY</b><br>Choir Rehearsal in Music Room<br>Worship - B'Days & Anniv.<br>- UCSC Christmas Offering envelopes in pews<br>Coffee Fellowship<br>Healing Service                 | <b>Loyalty Sunday</b> |
| <b>December 16</b><br>7:30 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>1:00 p.m.<br>4:00 p.m.   | <b>MONDAY</b><br>Tai Chi<br>Coloring Group in Beehive<br>Walking Group<br>All Star Band Practice   |                       |
| <b>December 17</b><br>9:00 a.m.<br>1:00 p.m.                              | <b>TUESDAY</b><br>Friendly Service in Beehive<br>Treasures 4 Teachers Journal Making in Beehive  |                       |
| <b>December 18</b><br>10:30 a.m.<br>11:00 a.m.<br>1:00 p.m.               | <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>Small Group Study - Grace Chapel<br>Movie in Beehive - "The Christmas Shoes"<br>Walking Group  |                       |
| <b>December 19</b><br>11:00 a.m.  | <b>THURSDAY</b><br>Bible Study in Pastor's Study   |                       |
| <b>December 20</b>  | <b>FRIDAY</b>  | <b>Office Closed</b>  |
| <b>December 21</b>  | <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>Office Closed</b>  |
| <b>December 22</b><br>8:30 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>11:00 a.m.<br>11:30 a.m. | <b>SUNDAY</b><br>Choir Rehearsal in Music Room<br>Worship with Rev. Dr. David Graham Remembrance<br>Coffee Fellowship/Blood Pressures<br>Committal Service - Rev. Dr. David Graham |                       |

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**(Office Closed on Fridays)**

# Weekly Word



**Welcome!** Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Our prayer is that you will feel United Church is your spiritual home!

If you are new or visiting, please take a look at the table in the back of the sanctuary marked "Visitor Center." You will find various brochures to learn about United Church and the United Church of Christ.

Please don't hesitate to contact one of the pastors with questions. We invite all in attendance to sign the red registration book and to stay for coffee and cookies following the service. We hope you will return soon to worship at United Church!

**STAFF**

- Rev. Brady Abel, Senior Pastor
  - Norm Still, Moderator
  - Pastor Susan Aurich, Assistant Pastor
  - Ginni Summers, Minister of Music
  - Beverly Fletcher, Organist
  - Ron Cammel, Kira Kadel, Alan Paulson - Soloists
  - Caroline Bittman, Administrative Assistant
  - Lisa Dunbar, Parish Nurse
  - Robin Lemkuil, Audio/Visual Tech
  - Doug Gourley, Custodian
  - Steve Halasz, Sunday Custodian
  - Sara Shryock, Finance Administrator
  - Luanne Hanks, Finance Secretary
- All Members & Friends of United Church, Ministers of the Good News



**MONTHLY PARTICIPATION**

**Head Usher:** Debbie Still

**Assistant Head Usher:** Maurice Kelsall

**Ushers/Greeters:** Norm Still, Pat Dilmore, Maria Coesens-Kelsall, Bill Hill

**Candle Lighters:** Barrett Rainey, Jonathan Foote, Ron Cammel,  
Ed Cross, Rusty Babbitt, Craig Zimmerman

**Fellowship Coordinator:** Nancy Bain

**Fellowship Servers:** John and Margie Burton

**Head Teller:** Mary Sue Andreason

**Tellers:** Nancy Nay, Audrey Goudy


**Communion Preparers:** Pat Dilmore, Audrey Goudy

**LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE: 314**

**DID YOU KNOW . . . God is calling you today . . . but not on your cell phone! Please silence yours. ☺**

**Remember in your prayers: Edith Brozka; Byron Gettle; Shirley Lindquist; Phyllis Swickard; Grace Havlik; Mal and Lucy Summers; Bette Schlie; Betty Dettering-Fox; Carol Rush; Ted Kern; and the family of Rev. Dr. David Graham.**

** Friendly Reminder – The campus of United Church is smoke free. Thank you.**

** You are kindly requested to not bring any food or drink into the Sanctuary except for water. Thank you!**

**Want to stay abreast of what's happening at United Church?  
Check us out on Facebook or on uccsc.com!**

**Thursday Bible Study is at 11:00 a.m. in Pastor's Study. All are invited!**

**Small Group Study with Parish Nurse, Lisa Dunbar, meets on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in Grace Chapel. All are invited to attend!**

**Book Discussion Group meets the second Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Beehive. All are invited!**

**Treasures 4 Teachers journal making is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Beehive. All are invited to join this fun group!**

**Friendly Service will not be meeting on December 24<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup>. Please mark your calendars. Thank you!**

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**~ CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - 5 PM  
CAROLS AND READINGS ~**  
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**Next Sunday, December 22, we will be remembering and giving thanks for the life and ministry of Rev. Dr. David Graham during our regular worship service. Coffee and fellowship will follow the service and at 11:30 a.m. there will be a Committal Service in the Memorial Garden.**

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**A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE:** Giving Statements for the tax year 2019 will be mailed out shortly after the 31<sup>st</sup> of December. Please remember that we cannot send you a statement if we don't have your mailing address, or if you have moved and haven't informed the church office. Please email Caroline at [uccsc@qwestoffice.net](mailto:uccsc@qwestoffice.net), or call the office at 623-933-0058, if you do not have an address/correct address on file. Thank you.  
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**Pledge Drive Update:** Our Pledge Goal for 2020 is \$159,000. To date we have received 53 pledges, totaling \$66,683.86. The Finance Board uses the amount pledged as an aid to help set the budget for the coming year. Remember, your pledge is confidential, and should circumstances change your ability to give, no questions will be asked. If you have turned in your pledge card already, thank you. If not, please consider dropping it in the offering plate, or mail to the church office. As always, thank you for your generosity. Today we dedicate the pledges.  
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**Coming on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. "Popcorn, Beverage & A Movie!" All are invited – bring a neighbor! This month the movie will be *The Christmas Shoes* with Rob Lowe. This is a holiday movie you won't want to miss. Come and join us!**  
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**FREE:** The National Friendship Line, 1-800-971-0016. The Friendship Line is a phone number for seniors (60 years of age and older) who can call once a day, every day, if they would like social interaction or ask health questions. They can even request a volunteer to make an outgoing call directly to a loved one who might be in need but is reluctant to reach out. Trained volunteers are available to take the calls and each year they make and/or receive 100,000 phone calls with seniors. Founded in 1985, The Friendship Line is sponsored by the Institute of Aging (IOA).  
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**National Suicide Prevention Hotline, 1-800-273-8255.** The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals.  
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