



**UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY**  
***“Where Everyone Is Someone Special.”***  
\*All may rise, in body or spirit.  
**Congregational response in bold**  
**First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2022**

**PRELUDE**                      **“Send the Light”**                      **C.H. Gabriel/H. DeCou**  
   **Beverly Fletcher, organ**

**GREETING, CENTERING, CANDLE and ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING**

**INTROIT**                      **“Waiting and Longing”**                      **Lloyd Larson**  
   **Praise Team**

**\*UNISON PRAYER**

How good it is for us to gather in God’s house brought to this very place by God! Now, in this season of anticipation and readiness, we look forward with hope to the story of Jesus’ birth. Oh, how wonderful! Oh, how glorious! Together, let us worship the Lord.

**\*OPENING HYMN**                      **“I Love to Tell the Story”**                      **(words on the screen)**

**SILENT REFLECTION, PRAYER, FOLLOWED BY THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**PRAYER**                      **“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**                      **arr. Fred Boch**  
**RESPONSE**                      **Floyd Ellison, piano**

**SCRIPTURE READING**    **Genesis 1:1 – 2:4**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“Love Came for Me”**  
**(from Noel & Alleluia)**  
**Beverly Fletcher, Soloist**

**Tom Fettke,**  
**Beverly Fletcher**

**SERMON**

**“Old, Old Story”**  
**Rev. Brady Abel**

**ANTHEM**

**“Our Hope is in Emmanuel”**  
**Praise Team**

**Victor Johnson**

**CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING**  
**RESPONSE**

**“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”**  
**Congregation**

**John Fawcett**

**POSTLUDE**

**“Sanctus”**  
**(St. Cecelia Mass)**  
**Beverly Fletcher, organ**

**Charles Gounod**



What's Happening This Week....

<b>November 27</b> 8:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	<b>SUNDAY – First Sunday of Advent - HOPE</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal in the Music Room</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Coffee, Cookies and Conversation</b>
<b>November 28</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 1:00 pm	<b>MONDAY</b> <b>TAI CHI in the Beehive</b> <b>Christmas Decorating</b> <b>Walking Group</b>
<b>November 29</b> 1:00 pm	<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>SilverSneakers</b>
<b>November 30</b> 10:00 AM 1:00 pm	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>Book Study in the Meeting room</b> <b>Walking Group</b>
<b>December 1</b> 11:00 am 1:00 pm 1:00 pm	<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>Bible Study</b> <b>Forever 55 +/- Ladies Luncheon</b> <b>SilverSneakers</b>
<b>December 2</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>Office Closed</b>
<b>December 3</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>Office Closed</b>
<b>December 4</b> 8:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 3:00 pm	<b>SUNDAY – Second Sunday of Advent - PEACE</b> <b>Choir rehearsal in the Music Room</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Coffee, Cookies and Conversation</b> <b>Sounds of the Southwest Singers Concert &amp; Ice Cream</b>

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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.

Please do not hesitate to contact our pastor with questions. We hope you will return soon to worship at United Church!

STAFF  
Rev. Brady Abel, Senior Pastor  
Bill Zimmer, Moderator  
Alan Paulson, Minister of Music  
Beverly Fletcher, Organist  
Alan Paulson, Kira Kadel-Funk, Brenda Goodenberger,  
Caryl Leander, Craig Zimmerman, Soloists  
Marcus Essig, Acolyte  
Robin Lemkuil, Office Manager/Assistant to the Pastor  
Donna Halasz, Office Assistant  
Lisa Dunbar, Parish Nurse  
Karen Crawford, Finance Secretary  
Robin Lemkuil, Audio/Visual Tech  
Greg Yagi, Video Tech  
Steve Halasz, Sexton Team Supervisor & Facilities Manager  
Roger Cole, Sexton Team Member

All Members & Friends of United Church, Ministers of the Good News.

God is still speaking,  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



**MONTHLY PARTICIPATION**

Head Usher: Debbie Still

Ushers/Greeters: Pat Graham, Norm Still

Head Teller: Mary Sue Andreason

Tellers: Nancy Nay, Diane Gahm

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY – 90**

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

**BIBLE STUDY** will continue on Thursday, December 1 at 11:00 am in Pastor's office. E-mail will be sent out early in the week. All are welcome!

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Steve and Donna Halasz, Don and June Stampfl, Donna Bone's son Chuck, Laurie Allan, Gary and Kathy Geiger, Pat Koopman's sister Jane, Martha McBroom's grandson who is in the hospital and friends of Pastor Brady: Johnnie & Brenda Combs as Johnnie has had surgery for pancreatic cancer.

**UNITED CHURCH** is looking for individuals who would like to serve on boards or committees in the coming year. No experience necessary. Your insight, input and participation are all that is required. Be a stand-by for the church and not merely a by-stander. Contact the Church office to volunteer!

**PLEDGE CARDS:** If you have not yet returned your Time and Talents or your stewardship pledge card, please prayerfully consider your commitment to UCSC, and return your cards to the offering plate in the back of the Sanctuary or the Church office. Pastor Brady will bless our pledges on Sunday, December 11.

**THANKSGIVING OFFERING – “ETC”** (Easter, Thanksgiving & Christmas) Fund – Offerings placed in special offering envelopes for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas are kept in the ETC Fund which is used by our Church Mission Board to send to groups and organizations the Board feels will benefit most from our support. Special envelopes are located in the pews and in the back of church.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING** will be Monday, November 28 at 9:00 am. We need 12-15 people to help. Contact the church office if you are available.

**LUKE AIR FORCE BASE CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE** – Please take a tag with a child's name and bring back your new, unwrapped gifts by Sunday, December 18. Please sign the “tag log” next to the tree for the tag(s) you have taken. All gifts will be delivered to the children at LAFB. Steve Halasz can answer any questions!

Begin the Holiday Magic with Ladies Luncheon **FOREVER 55** (+/-). Thursday, December 1 at 1:00 pm at George's Lakeview Café. We will celebrate the Miracle of Christmas. Please RSVP with Hedy or the Church office (623-933-0058).

**SOUNDS OF THE SOUTHWEST SINGERS** – Sunday, December 4 at 3:00 pm the Sounds of the Southwest Singers will perform here at United Church of Sun City under the direction of Matt Deller. Bring your friends and neighbors and enjoy a beautiful afternoon of music with an ice cream social afterwards! (All donations equally benefit the Sounds of the Southwest Singers and UCSC)

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Join the Men's Breakfast on Tuesday, December 6 at 8:00 am for breakfast at George's Lakeview Café, 10502 W. Thunderbird Blvd. Sun City.

**POTLUCK CHRISTMAS DINNER:** Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 10 for our Ham and Potluck Christmas Dinner! We will provide the ham and sweet potatoes; you bring the rest. *Your ticket for a reservation* is included in today's bulletin. Please detach the “Count me in” portion along with your printed information and drop it in the Christmas Box on the back table. *Bring the ticket portion along with you to the dinner.* (Volunteers are needed for this event.)

**BENEVILLA MEALS** – Benevilla will once again provide free holiday meals to those who lack access or means to prepare a nutritious dinner or may be alone during these holiday times. Freshly prepared dinners will be available for pickup at Birt's Bistro on the Benevilla campus (16752 N. Greasewood St. Surprise, AZ.) The complimentary meals are available by RSVP to 623-584-4999. A Christmas day meal will be available for pickup Thursday, December 24 between 9:00 am and 2:30 pm. Call early, as availability is limited.

**SILVERSNEAKERS:** December 15 will be the last class for the current Classic Class series. January 5, 2023 will be the orientation for the 2023 classes including the Classic Class and the Strength and Balance Class. Join them on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:00 in the Beehive. Contact Ginger Dawson at 623-695-6489.

**SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE** – Dial 988. The Lifeline provides 24/7, confidential and free emotional support for people in suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress.

**THE NATIONAL FRIENDSHIP LINE:** A phone number for seniors (60 years of age and older) who can call if they would like social interaction or to ask health questions. Trained volunteers are available. The Friendship Line is FREE and is sponsored by the Institute of Aging (IOA). Call 1-800-971-0016.

**AA MEETINGS** are held in the church meeting room by the breezeway on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 pm.

**COVID:** The COVID level of safety is MEDIUM. There is a new booster available and now is also a good time to get a flu shot. You may contact Lisa Dunbar, the parish nurse with any questions or concerns you may have.