

UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY

“Where Everyone Is Someone Special.”

*All may rise, in body or spirit.

Congregational response in bold

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, November 20, 2022

PRELUDE

“Theme”
Beverly Fletcher, organ

P. I. Tchaikowsky

GREETING, CENTERING, AND CANDLE LIGHTING

INTROIT

“With Grateful Heart, I Thank You, Lord”
Choir

Mary Kay Beall

***UNISON PRAYER**

Our baskets are full, O Lord with an abundant bounty made possible by you. Our hearts are full, O Lord with praise for you. Our lives are full, O Lord, with blessings from you. So, we come here this day giving thanks to you. We gather to worship you. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“We Gather Together”

(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
RESPONSE**

“Give Thanks with a Thankful Heart”
Floyd Ellison, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 100

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Thank You, Lord”
Praise Team

Paul Balonche and
Don Moen

SERMON

“Giving Thanks to God”
Rev. Brady Abel

ANTHEM

“I Will Live My Thanks”
Choir with Boni Locke, flute

Joseph Martin and
Ruth Schram

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BENEDICTION

**CLOSING
RESPONSE**

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”
Congregation

William Tomer

POSTLUDE

“Exultate Deo”
Beverly Fletcher, organ

Vincent Williams



What's Happening This Week....

November 20 8:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 3:00 pm	SUNDAY – Harvest Table Choir Rehearsal in the Music Room Worship Coffee, Cookies and Conversation Tremble Clefs Concert and Ice Cream Social
November 21 7:30 am 1:00 pm	MONDAY TAI CHI in the Beehive Walking Group
November 22 1:00 pm	TUESDAY SilverSneakers
November 23 10:00 AM 1:00 pm	WEDNESDAY Book Study in the Meeting room Walking Group
November 24	THURSDAY – Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed
November 25	FRIDAY Office Closed
November 26	SATURDAY Office Closed
November 27 8:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	SUNDAY – First Sunday of Advent Choir rehearsal in the Music Room Worship Coffee, Cookies and Conversation

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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
 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 – 92

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

BIBLE STUDY: There will be no Bible study this Thursday, November 24. Bible study will resume again on Thursday, December 1st at 11:00 am in Pastor’s office.

OFFICES CLOSED – The Church office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Donna Halasz, Audrey Goudy, Don and June Stampfl, Donna Bone’s son Chuck, Laurie Allan, Gary and Kathy Geiger, Pat Koopman’s sister Jane and Bill and Cindy Zimmer for the loss of Cindy’s sister.

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. Profiles of each board will be in the next few Newsletters. Be sure to check them out and contact the office to volunteer!

HARVEST TABLE – Today we will receive your gifts of fresh fruits and vegetables for our Harvest Table. Thank you for making a difference and remaining committed to answering the call for help when asked and for caring about your neighbors in need. Harvest Table donations are given to Valley View Food Bank.

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. The Thanksgiving offering will be received today and next Sunday. Special “ETC” envelopes are located in the pews and in the back of church.

TREMBLE CLEFTS – Annual Fundraising Concert by the West Side Tremble Clefts will be today, Sunday, November 20 at 3:00 pm right here at United Church of Sun City. Bring your friends and neighbors and enjoy a beautiful afternoon of music with an ice cream social afterwards! Tremble Clefts AZ provide music therapy for people with Parkinson’s Disease. (There will be a free will offering for their cause.)

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Newsletter articles for the December newsletter are due Monday, November 21 to Donna at officeasst@uccsc.com.

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.

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)

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 on two different days 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 Thanksgiving meal will be ready for pickup Wednesday, November 25 between 9:00 am and 2:30 pm. 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 low. 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.