

“Where Everyone Is Someone Special.”

Congregational response in bold

PRELUDE

Beverly Fletcher, organ

GREETING, CENTERING, and CANDLE LIGHTING

ADVENT WREATH – HOPE

INTROIT

Dan Moen

***UNISON PRAYER**

***OPENING**
HYMN

“Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming” (words on the screen)

SILENT REFLECTION, PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
Floyd Ellison, piano

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3: 1-12 (NRSV)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Goin’ to the Holy City”
Brenda Goodengerger, Soloist

Joseph Martin

SERMON

“Wilderness Surprise”

Rev. Brady Abel

***CLOSING**
HYMN

“God of Grace and God of Glory” (words on the screen)

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS and BENEDICTION

***CLOSING**
RESPONSE

“Come Christians, Join to Sing” (words on the screen)
Congregation

POSTLUDE

“Sarabande”
Beverly Fletcher, organ

Carl Bohm



What's Happening This Week...

November 30 8:00 am 8:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	SUNDAY – First Sunday of Advent - Hope Praise Team Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal Worship with Love Offering Coffee Fellowship
December 1 1:00 pm 2:00 pm	MONDAY Walking Group Tai Chi in the Beehive
December 2 8:00 am 1:00 pm 2:30 pm	TUESDAY Men's Breakfast at George's Lakeview Café Silver Sneakers - Strength and Balance in the Beehive Silver Sneakers - Strength and Balance in the Beehive
December 3 10:00 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm	WEDNESDAY Converse & Connect in the Beehive Power of the Pause – Stop and Pray Walking Group
December 4 11:00 am 1:00 pm 1:00 pm 2:30 pm	THURSDAY – Happy Birthday Alan Paulsen Bible Study, Pastor's office Silver Sneakers - Strength and Balance in the Beehive Ladies Lunch George's Lakeview Café Silver Sneakers - Strength and Balance in the Beehive
December 5	FRIDAY – Happy Birthday Beverly Fletcher Office Closed
December 6	SATURDAY Office Closed
December 7 8:00 am 8:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	SUNDAY – Second Sunday of Advent - Peace Praise Team Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal Worship with the Sacrament Of Holy Communion† Coffee Fellowship with CRAFT FAIR!

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 or church leaders with questions. We hope you will return soon to worship at United Church!

STAFF
Rev. Brady Abel, Senior Pastor
Greg Bradley, Moderator
Heather Purtle, Vice Moderator
Bill Zimmer, Past Moderator
Alan Paulson, Minister of Music
Beverly Fletcher, Organist
Praise Team: Kira Kadel-Funk, Brenda Goodenberger, Michael Nanney
Robin Lemkuil, Office Manager/Assistant to the Pastor
Craig Zimmerman, Boni Locke, Office Assistants
Lisa Dunbar, Parish Nurse
Karen Crawford, Finance Secretary
Greg Yagi, Lester Atkinson and Robin Lemkuil, Audio/Video Tech
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MONTHLY PARTICIPATION

Head Usher: Randy Skanes
Greeters: Barbara Grant & Joan Cassaw
Head Teller: Mary Sue Andreason
Tellers: Diane Gahm, Gerry Paul, Donna Bone, Leslie Chrissan

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 105

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Sue Roden; Rosanne Pruitt; Ralph & Kathy Warren and Gary; Scott Nickles; Linda Welch; Bonnie Newton; Caden Bickmore; Art & Leslie Chrissan; Ellyn Mae Ullman; Kim Hopkin; Bob Spishak; Robinson, Stella, Elijah, and Joshua; Mary and Bob Conner; Mary and Frank; Sadie Salvatore; Arlen and Rozanne Freeman; Carson, Jason, and Allison; Steve; Theresa; Debbie Tischendorf; Bud and Mary Sue Andreason; Jerry and Donna Walter; Mike and Dana Annis; Jean Braun; Kris Purtle; Chuck Bone; Nancy Wohlhuter; Jason Bradley; Nancy Yagi; Sue Costa; Philip Atem; Pray for Peace in Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza.

WELCOME! Are you visiting with us today? Welcome to United Church of Sun City! We are so glad to see you! We hope you are blessed today as we worship The Lord together. If you have any questions about our Church, feel free to ask the pastor, usher, or contact the church office. We are so glad you are here today!

BIBLE STUDY: In-person study will continue on Thursday, December 4 at 11:00 am in Pastor's office. An E-mail will be sent out early in the week. All are welcome!

HARVEST TABLE – Thank you for your contributions of food for the Harvest Table!

THANK YOU to the Christmas Elves who helped decorate the sanctuary!

LOVE OFFERING: Today we are collecting the Love offering. These offerings provide emergency relief funds for members of UCSC. Please consider making a Love offering to assist your fellow congregants. Special envelopes in the pews.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Join the Men's Breakfast on Tuesday, December 2 at 8:00 am at George's Lakeview Café, 10502 W. Thunderbird Blvd. Sun City.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH will be at 1:00 pm on Thursday, December 4 at George's Lakeview Café. Please RSVP with Hedy or the Church office (623-933-0058).

December Greeters: Hedy Hall and Mary Segers-Koscielny. Thank you!

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS: United Church will be having a Craft Fair December 7 and 14. All proceeds will be going to the Audio/Visual Upgrade Project. Check out the December Newsletter for more information about the AV upgrades.

ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS POTLUCK: Enjoy fellowship and a Potluck Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December 11 at 5:00 pm. You'll find a reservation stub and request for your specific dedicated potluck item inside your bulletin. Please complete the reservation stub and place it in the basket on the sign-up table.

THIRD ANNUAL COOKIE WALK: On Sunday, December 21 at 11:00 am following the Christmas Cantata, cookies will be on sale for you to purchase at \$5.00 per dozen. We do need cookies to sell so please sign up at the sign-up table to bring 2 – 3 dozen of your favorite *home baked* Christmas Cookies. Those who donate at least 2 dozen cookies will receive \$1.00 off per dozen of cookies that you purchase! The deadline for signing up to bake cookies is December 14.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA: Join us on December 21 at 10:00 am as our Music Ministry Team, guest singers and a subsection of instrumentalist from the Phoenix Symphony, present *Christmas Dreams* by Joseph Martin and Heather Sorenson.

ANGEL TREE GIFTS: Again this year, the Angel Tree Gifts will be going to foster children through an organization called "A Mighty Change Of Heart". Take angel tags from the holiday tree near the entrance, and return the unwrapped gifts to church *no later than Sunday, December 21.* If you'd rather not take a tag, bring items such as diapers, wipes, shampoo, toys, toothbrushes/paste, and shoes that will be distributed accordingly. If you have any questions, please contact Kristi Geiger at 206-705-0537 or the Church office.

SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE – Dial 988 if you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available. Call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org. 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.

SILVER SNEAKERS STRENGTH AND BALANCE has added an additional class every Tuesday and Thursday at 2:30 pm beginning December 2.

WANT TO BE IN THE KNOW? December newsletters are available with details about upcoming events. Newsletter articles for the January newsletter are due Monday, December 15 to Robin at office@uccsc.com.