UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY

"Where Everyone Is Someone Special."

*All may rise, in body or spirit.

Congregational response in bold Last Sunday after Pentecost, November 23, 2025

PRELUDE "Cavatina" Joachim Raff

Beverly Fletcher, organ

GREETING, CENTERING, and CANDLE LIGHTING

INTROIT "I Will Enter His Gates (He Has Made Me Glad)"

Praise Team arr. Ken Barker

***UNISON PRAYER**

Gracious God, our baskets are full, our cup overflows, and our blessings are bountiful. That all happens because of you. We lift our gratefulness to you, Holy One, as we gather for this service of worship and praise. And we pray to share with others as you have first shared with us, generously and abundantly, Amen.

*OPENING "For the Fruit of All Creation"

HYMN (words on the screen)

SILENT REFLECTION, PRAYER, 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, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER "We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing"

RESPONSE Floyd Ellison, piano arr. Joey Raney

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1:15-23 (NRSV)

SPECIAL MUSIC "Simple Gifts" arr. Mark Hayes

Alan Paulson, Soloist

SERMON "The Feast of Belonging"

Rev. Brady Abel

ANTHEM "Pathway of Hope" Joseph Martin

Praise Team

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENT and BENEDICTION

*CLOSING "To God Be the Glory" (words on the screen)

<u>RESPONSE</u> Congregation

POSTLUDE "Ode to Thanksgiving" L. Beethoven

Beverly Fletcher, organ



What's Happening This Week...

N 00	CUNDAY Harrand Table	
November 23	SUNDAY - Harvest Table	
8:00 am	Praise Team Rehearsal	
8:40 am	Choir Rehearsal	
10:00 am	Worship	
11:00 am	Coffee Fellowship	
November 24	MONDAY	
9:00 am	Church Christmas Decorating	
1:00 pm	Walking Group	
2:00 pm	Tai Chi in the Beehive	
November 25	TUESDAY	
1:00 pm	Silver Sneakers - Strength and Balance in the Beehive	
November 26	WEDNESDAY	
10:00 am	Converse & Connect in the Beehive	
12:00 pm	Power of the Pause – Stop and Pray	
1:00 pm	Walking Group	
November 27	THURSDAY – Happy Thanksgiving	
	Office Closed	
	No Bible Class, No Silver Sneakers	
November 28	FRIDAY	
	Office Closed	
November 29	SATURDAY	
	Office Closed	
November 30	SUNDAY – First Sunday of Advent ~ HOPE	
8:00 am	Praise Team Rehearsal	
8:40 am	Choir Rehearsal	
10:00 am	Worship	
11:00 am	Coffee Fellowship	

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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Holly Lentini, Assistant Sexton

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

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Head Usher: Randy Skanes
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Head Teller: Mary Sue Andreason

Tellers: Diane Gahm, Gerry Paul, Donna Bone, Leslie Chrissan

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 93

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Mary Segers-Koscielny and family as Mary's brother Robert Schneider passed away November 16; Ed Lockwood and family of Nan Lockwood as Nan passed away November 14; Sue Roden, Rosanne Pruitt; Kim Hopkin; Scott Nickles; Kevin Danzey; Lisa Welch; Craig Dawson; Ellyn Mae Ullman; Bonnie Newton; 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 Annis; Jean Braun; Kris Purtle; Chuck Bone; Nancy Wohlhuter; Art and Leslie Chrissan; 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 with us today!

THANKSGIVING DAY: Thursday, November 27, the church office will be closed and any regularly scheduled activities will not be held. There will be <u>no</u> Bible study this Thursday, November 27. Bible study will resume again on Thursday, December 4 at 11:00 am in Pastor's office.

HARVEST TABLE – Today we bless your gifts of food that will benefit Valley View Food Bank. Thank you for contributions that will help those in need!

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: <u>Tomorrow morning</u>, <u>November 24 at 9 a.m.</u>, please join in as we begin to welcome in the Christmas season by decorating the church. Enjoy the company of your church family while helping to make our church a festive place for the Christmas Holiday!

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: This year's theme is "Dreaming God's Dream." Prayerfully consider your pledge. Then, return your pledge card on or before Loyalty Sunday, December 14. Help us Dream God's Dream!

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

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GREETERS/USHERS WANTED - No experience necessary! Would you like to become better acquainted with your church family while also serving the church? If so, this is an opportunity made just for you. If this excites your spirit, you may sign up at the back of the church or contact the church office.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS: United Church will be having a Craft Fair December 7 and 14. If you have crafts that you have made and would like to donate towards this sale, all proceeds will be going to the Audio/Visual Upgrade Project. Watch for more details in the December Newsletter. But for now, start making more crafts to donate!

A MATTER OF BALANCE CLASS: A.T. Still University will be discussing practical strategies for managing fall risks including balance, flexibility, and strength exercise to enable increased activity. Class will be held on Fridays, January 16 through March 6, 2026 from 9:30 to 11:30 in the Beehive. Please register in advance on the sign-up sheet near the Welcome Table.

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.

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". The Angel Christmas Tree near the church entrance, will be ready on Sunday, November 30. If you would like to donate a gift, please take a tag and begin shopping. Return the unwrapped items <u>no later than Sunday, December 21.</u> If you'd rather not take a tag, you can just 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 260-705-0537 or the Church office.

BOGUS EMAIL is going around asking for our church directory. It's a scam! Don't Be Fooled by Scams – Please know that neither United Church of Sun City, nor anyone representing UCSC, will ever request cash, gift cards, or a money wire. Any such request by phone, email, or text is fraudulent and should be ignored. Please delete any such spam requests even if they look legitimate! If you have a question or concern about something that looks like it might have come from United Church of Sun City, always contact the office to verify it before replying.