

UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY

“Where Everyone Is Someone Special.”

**All may rise, in body or spirit.*

Congregational response in bold

First Sunday after the Epiphany, January 12, 2025

PRELUDE

**“Nocturne” Robert Schumann
Beverly Fletcher, organ**

GREETING, CENTERING, and CANDLE LIGHTING

**INTROIT “Surely the Presence of The Lord is in this Place”
Praise Team Lanny Wolfe**

***UNISON PRAYER**

Holy Creator, we gather this day to worship you and to continue celebrating your light in the world. Bringing all of our experiences with us, we pause now to praise you. Your brightness shines on us at this time and at all times. We are grateful and we lift our voices to you with joy. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN “I Am the Light of the World!” (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 RESPONSE “Silent Night” arr. Cindy Berry
Floyd Ellison, piano**

GOSPEL READING

John 1:1-14 (NRSV)

SPECIAL MUSIC

**“He’s Been Faithful” Carol Cymbala
Alan Paulson, Soloist**

SERMON

**“There Was Light”
Rev. Brady Abel**

ANTHEM

**“Canta Bella Musica” Pepper Choplin
Praise Team**

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS and BENEDICTION

***CLOSING RESPONSE “Go Tell It on the Mountain” (words on the screen)
Congregation**

POSTLUDE

**“Chaconne” Auguste Durand
Beverly Fletcher, organ**



What's Happening This Week....

January 12 8:00 am 8:40 am 11:00 am	SUNDAY Praise Team Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal Coffee Fellowship
January 13 1:00 pm 2:00 pm 2:00 pm	MONDAY Walking Group Tai Chi in the Beehive Activities and Fellowship
January 14 1:00 pm	TUESDAY SilverSneakers Strength & Balance in the Beehive
January 15 10:00 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm 7:00 pm	WEDNESDAY Converse and Connect in the Beehive Power of the Pause – Stop and Pray Walking Group AA Meeting in the meeting room
January 16 11:00 am 1:00 pm	THURSDAY Bible Study, Pastor's office SilverSneakers Strength & Balance in the Beehive
January 17 9:30 am	FRIDAY A Matter of Balance Class in the Beehive Office Closed
January 18	SATURDAY Office Closed
January 19 8:00 am 8:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 11:00 am	SUNDAY – Employee Appreciation Praise Team Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal Worship New Member Class Coffee Fellowship Council Annual Reports Are Due

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
 Greg Bradley, Moderator
 Bill Zimmer, Past Moderator
 Alan Paulson, Minister of Music
 Beverly Fletcher, Organist
 Praise Team: Kira Kadel-Funk, Brenda Goodenberger, Cheryl Tucker
 Robin Lemkuil, Office Manager/Assistant to the Pastor
 Craig Zimmerman, Office Assistant
 Lisa Dunbar, Parish Nurse
 Karen Crawford, Finance Secretary
 Greg Yagi and Robin Lemkuil, Audio/Video Tech
 Dickie Duniver, Sexton
 Tracy McRoy, Assistant Sexton
 All Members & Friends of United Church, Ministers of the Good News.

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



MONTHLY PARTICIPATION

Head Usher: Randy Skanes

Greeter: Arlen Freeman, Rozanne Freeman

Head Teller: Mary Sue Andreason

Tellers: Diane Gahm, Gerry Paul, Donna Bone

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 97

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Kathy Geiger; Kristi Geiger; Tracy McRoy; Greg Yagi's mom Nancy; Dean Stryker; Craig Zimmerman's sister Colleen; Edward Haney; Brenda Gunther's daughter Bonnie and her family; Bud and Mary Sue Andreason's son Jerry, their niece Sue Armstrong, their Nephew Daryl Converse and his wife Patty; Dennis Pickens' school buddy Terry Good; Randy Skane's friend Bill Block; Mary Segers-Koscielny's brother Robert Schneider; Lisa Dunbar's brother-in-law Ron Coppess; Nancy Wohlhuter; Philip Atem. Prayers of Peace for the people of Israel, Gaza, and Ukraine and those impacted by the devastating fires in California.

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. We invite you to stay for fellowship following our service. 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 and hope to see you again.

BIBLE STUDY: In-person study will continue on Thursday, January 16 at 11:00 am in Pastor's office. An E-mail will be sent out early in the week. All are welcome!

THANK YOU! To all who assisted with taking down and putting away Christmas decorations last Monday. **ONLY 347 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS 2025!**

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 17 through March 7 from 9:30 to 11:30 in the Beehive. *Please register in advance on the sign-up sheet near the Welcome Table.*

COUNCIL MEMBERS, Council Reports for the Annual Report are due to Robin no later than Sunday, January 19, 2025. Your Annual Report should include what your committee or group does, what it accomplished (activities) in 2024, what your plans are for 2025, your committee members and anything else you would like to include.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Newsletter articles for the February newsletter are due Monday, January 20 to Robin at office@uccsc.com.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS: There will be a new member class on Sunday, January 19 following the worship service. If you are interested in joining United Church, or just want some information about the church, please join us. All are welcome! New members will be received during worship on Sunday, January 26.

TOWN HALL GATHERING: On Sunday, January 26 after worship during Fellowship time, there will be an opportunity to answer any questions you may have about the upcoming Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 9, immediately following worship.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2025: The neighborly challenge between Church of the Palms and United Church of Sun City is on! Will United Church keep the Silver Ladle? Will we be Soup-erior over the competition? Donations now and through February 9 will help tackle hunger for a child, senior or family. Bring soup cans, bowls, packages, non-perishable food items and checks/cash and they will be given to Valley View Food Bank. For more information call the office at 623-933-0058.

TAILGATE PARTY!!! Let's rally for a win against hunger (and Church of the Palms) on Sunday, February 2 after worship during fellowship time. As we celebrate the promotion of our Souper Bowl of Caring Campaign, enjoy a FREE bowl of chili or chicken-noodle soup supplied by the Activities & Fellowship Board! All are welcome! We need a few volunteers to make soup and help on that day! Please see the sign up sheet near the Welcome Table. Questions can be directed to Vicki Bradley before or after worship in the Beehive kitchen.

BELL REQUEST: Pat Koopmans is asking for bells! Pat and a group of her friends do drumming on Native American drums and have a powwow at a local Memory Care Center. The men have bells on their ankles when they dance, and Pat would like to have some extra bells for the residents to ring while they are drumming. See the sign-up table at the back of the Sanctuary for more bell information.

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

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.