



**UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY**

*“Where Everyone Is Someone Special.”*

\*All may rise, in body or spirit.

Congregational response in bold

Second Sunday after Christmas, January 4, 2026

**PRELUDE**

“O Lord Most Holy (*Panis Angelicus*)”  
Beverly Fletcher, organ

César Franck /  
J. Michael Case

**GREETING, CENTERING, and CANDLE LIGHTING**

**INTROIT**

“Oh, What a Wonderful Child”  
Choir

Greg Gilpin

**\*UNISON PRAYER**

Holy One, give us new life when we are worn and tired; new love, when we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness, when we have hurt and wounded others; and the joy and freedom we experience when we open our spirits to the Holy Spirit. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**\*OPENING**

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” (words on the screen)

**HYMN**

**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.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Grown-Up Christmas List”

David Foster /  
Linda Thompson Jenner

Craig Zimmerman, Guest Soloist

**GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 2:1-11 (NIV)

**SERMON**

“Beyond the Manger”  
Reverend Floyd Ellison

**\*CLOSING**

“As with Gladness”

(words on the screen)

**HYMN**

**CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS and BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING**

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”  
Congregation

(words on the screen)

**RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

“Psalm XIX”  
Beverly Fletcher, organ

Benedetto Marcello



*When the song of the angels is stilled  
When the star in the sky is gone  
When the kings and princes are home  
When the shepherds are back with their flock  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost, to heal the broken, to release the prisoner  
To rebuild the nation, to bring peace to all  
To make music in the heart.*

(Howard Thurman)



*What's Happening This Week...*

<b>January 4</b> 8:00 am 8:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	<b>SUNDAY</b> Praise Team Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal Worship Coffee Fellowship
<b>January 5</b> 9:00 am 1:00 pm 2:00 pm	<b>MONDAY</b> Church Undecorating Walking Group Tai Chi in the Beehive
<b>January 6</b> 8:00 am 1:00 pm 2:30 pm	<b>TUESDAY - Epiphany</b> Men's Breakfast at George's Lakeview Café Silver Sneakers - Strength and Balance in the Beehive Silver Sneakers - Strength and Balance in the Beehive
<b>January 7</b> 10:00 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Converse & Connect in the Beehive Power of the Pause – Stop and Pray Walking Group
<b>January 8</b> 9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm 1:00 pm 2:30 pm	<b>THURSDAY</b> Board Meetings Council Meeting Bible Study, Pastor's office Ladies Lunch at George's Lakeview Café Silver Silver Sneakers - Strength and Balance in the Beehive Silver Sneakers - Strength and Balance in the Beehive
<b>January 9</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b> Office Closed
<b>January 10</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b> Office Closed
<b>January 11</b> 8:00 am 8:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	<b>SUNDAY</b> Praise Team Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal Worship with The Sacrament of Holy Communion† 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  
 Dickie Duniver, Sexton  
 Holly Lentini, 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

**Greeters:** Hedy Hall & Diane Gahm

**Head Teller:** Diane Gahm

**Tellers:** Gerry Paul, Donna Bone, Leslie Chrissan

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 92**

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

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** The family and friends of Joyce Symmonds as Joyce passed away on December 28; Robin Lemkuil and family for the loss of her brother Todd Krahn; Andrew David Hilger; Laurie Allen; Art and Leslie Chrissan; Bonnie Newton; Caden Bickmore; Ralph, Kathy, and Gary Warren; Craig Dawson; Scott Nickles; Ellyn Mae Ullman; Bob Spishak; Bob Connor; Sarah and Gale Gerber; Arlen and Rozanne Freeman; Carson, Jason, and Allison; Steve; Theresa; Debbie Tischendorf; Dean and Sue Stryker; Bud and Mary Sue Andreason; Sue Roden; Rosanne Pruitt; Jerry and Donna Walter; Mike and Dana Annis; Monte Thornton; Jean Braun; Chuck; Carson; Adam; Nancy Wohlhuter; Jason Bradley; Nancy Yagi; Philip Atem; Pray for Peace in Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza.

**WELCOME!** Are you visiting with us today? Welcome to the 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 8 at 11:00 am in Pastor's office. An E-mail will be sent out early in the week. All are welcome!

**JANUARY SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** will be held on Sunday, January 11.

**CHRISTMAS UNDECORATING DAY:** Tomorrow, Monday, January 5 at 9:00 am. Share in some fellowship while offering your helping hands to take down and put away the Christmas decorations. What a joyous Christmas season this has been!

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

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH** will be at 1:00 on Thursday, January 8 at George's Lakeview Café. Please RSVP with Hedy or the Church office (623-933-0058).

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** Newsletter articles for the February newsletter are due Monday, January 19 to Robin at [office@uccsc.com](mailto:office@uccsc.com).

**COME MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!** Now is the perfect time to join our Music Ministry and let your voice be heard as we begin our 2026 choir season and, soon to begin, Easter Cantata rehearsing. Please see Alan Paulson, a member of the Praise Team, or join the choir for rehearsal on Sunday mornings at 8:40 am!

**PAINT TUTORIAL:** Monday, January 12 from 10:00 – 11:30, Julie Larsson will guide us step-by-step in creating our master-pieces! All supplies of acrylic paints, brushes and canvas will be supplied. No experience necessary. Sign up near the Welcome Table or call the office. Class is limited to 16 participants.

**SPEAKER SERIES:** Join us on Tuesday, January 13 at 10:30 am in the Beehive when Sun Health will discuss the topic of "Living Well With Diabetes". Start your New Year off with some good health tips! Please register near the Welcome Table.

**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.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2026:** Campaign kicks off Today, January 4, 2026 through February 8, 2026. 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? All donations of soup cans, bowls, packages, non-perishable food items and checks/cash will be given to Valley View Food Bank. For more information call the office at 623-933-0058. Every selfless gift helps tackle hunger for a child, senior or family.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE:** Giving statements for the tax year 2025 will be mailed out in January. Please remember that we cannot send you a statement if we don't have your current mailing address. If you have moved or changed your address during the year, please verify your address with Robin in the church office at [office@uccsc.com](mailto:office@uccsc.com) or 623-933-0058. Thank you!

**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](https://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.