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DECEMBER 20, 2020

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Following Jesus, Serving Others"

SUNDAY MORNING TRADITIONAL WORSHIP – 8:00AM

Organist: Dr. Ian Classe; **Pianists:** Andie Chung; **Liturgist:** Jan Roller

Prelude	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	H.S.Coffin, J.M.Neale, T.Helmore, arr. M.McDonald & S.S.Nelson
	<i>Surely the Presence of the Lord</i> #328	L.Wolfe
Hymn of Celebration	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i> #238	E.S.Barnes, J.Chadwick
Lighting of the Advent Wreath		The Witucky and Soper Families
Special Time for Children		Pastor Katharine Keller
1st Scripture	<i>1 Samuel 2:1-8</i>	Dr. David Worley
Prayers		Rev. Dr. Fay Quanstrom
Anthem	<i>With Joyful Expectancy</i>	D.Lantz III, J.Parker
	Chancel Choir, recorded 12/22/19	
Video	<i>"Magnificat"</i>	Salt Project
Scripture		Luke 1:31-53
Message	"Light Your Candle: The Voice of Mary"	
	Pastor Katharine Keller	
Offertory	<i>Mary Did You Know</i>	B.Greene, M.Lowry
	Kelly Williams	
The Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (Lasst Uns Erfreuen)</i>	T.Ken, G.H.Vierira, R.V.Williams
Hymn of Dedication	<i>What Child Is This</i> #219	W.C.Dix
Postlude	<i>Magnificat noni toni, SSWV 148</i>	S.Scheidt
	Andie Chung, piano; Sandra Leen, cello	

SUNDAY MORNING PRAISE WORSHIP – 10:50AM

Music Provided by: Uncommon Grace; **Liturgist:** David Worley

Song of Praise	<i>God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen</i>	Unknown, English Carol
	<i>Hope Was Born This Night</i>	B.McDonald, D.Frey
Lighting of the Advent Wreath		The Witucky and Soper Families
Special Time for Children		Pastor Katharine Keller
1st Scripture	<i>1 Samuel 2:1-8</i>	
Prayers		Rev. Dr. Fay Quanstrom
Song of Celebration	<i>Born in Bethlehem</i>	B.Avery, D.Carr, M.Powell, M.Lee, T.Anderson
Video	<i>"Magnificat"</i>	Salt Project
Scripture		Luke 1:31-53
Message	"Light Your Candle: The Voice of Mary"	
	Pastor Katharine Keller	
Giving of Our Gifts Song	<i>Mary Did You Know</i>	B.Greene, M.Lowry
Closing Song	<i>Born is The King (It's Christmas)</i>	M.Crocker, S.Ligertwood

ALTAR FLOWERS



(To order flowers, please contact the Church Office before 12pm two (2) Fridays before the Sunday they are for, and they can then be picked-up after 12pm on the Friday before the service)

PRAYER REQUESTS

To serve those in need,
please email Prayer Requests during the week to:
GCUMCprayers@gmail.com
ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org
or call the Church Office (480)982-3776



Music: Wranglers for the Lord; **Liturgist:** Debra Worley

Country Gospel	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>	J.W.Work III
	<i>Born in Bethlehem</i>	B.Avery, D.Carr, M.Powell, M.Lee, T.Anderson
Lighting of the Advent Wreath		Ginger & Warren Martindale
1st Scripture		John 4:13-14, 737, 6:35
Prayers of the Community		
Song of Praise	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	L.H.Redner, P.Brooks
Sermon Scripture		2 Samuel: 23:13-17
Message	<i>“Why Bethlehem? – Part IV”</i>	
	Dr. David Worley	
Giving of Our Gifts	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>	J.Mohr, F.Grubner, trans., J.F.Young
Closing Song	<i>Happy Trails</i>	D.Evans

*** Hymns are from United Methodist Hymnal; Songs used by permission CCLI#1887927 ***

United Methodist Women: Join us for “*Unfolding a Pieced Life, A Display of Quilts*” presented by Rev. Fay Quanstrom on **Sat., 12/19** from **10am–1pm** in the **Missions Center**. An RSVP is required to allow proper spacing of attendees for this reflection of a personal journey using changing circumstances and opportunities for creative expression of faith. For more info or to schedule/RSVP your time, contact Carol Johnson CarolJohnsonAZ@yahoo.com / (602)750-2008.

Candy Cane Postcards: We now have available containing the Candy Cane Poem and GCUMC Christmas worship info PLUS a candy cane attached for you to hand out to neighbors, friends or relatives. You may have as many as you want to share with both kids and adults. For more info or to order postcards, contact Pastor Katharine directly at ladiebug1214@gmail.com. Postcards will be left on the bench outside the church office door for you to pick-up.

Celebrate Christmas

WITH GOLD CANYON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

VIRTUAL	CHRISTMAS CONCERT	DEC. 19 ★ 3pm
VIRTUAL	CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP	DEC. 24 ★ 4pm
OUTDOOR	LUMINARY & NATIVITY DRIVE	DEC. 24 ★ 5pm-8pm



Watch virtual events *online* at:

- <http://goldcanyonumc.org/watch-worship-services-live/>
- www.facebook.com/GoldCanyonUMC



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Virtual 19th Annual Christmas Concert: Even if you missed it yesterday, you can still watch our Christmas Concert at your convenience on our website or Facebook page! Enjoy the holiday music with a hot cup of coffee or cocoa from the comfort of your own home! Music featured small groups of choir members, bell ringers, country and praise musicians, and instrumentalists. There's something for everyone – from traditional carols to new Christmas arrangements. Any monies given during free-will offering will help fund our future concerts. You may donate either through the church website or by mail.

Celebrate Christmas Eve at GCUMC! On Christmas Eve at **4:00pm** we will hold our virtual Christmas Eve Worship service. Afterwards from **5:00pm-8:00pm**, we will be lighting 1,000 luminaries around our church grounds and will have a small living nativity with animals. Come and see the candles and animals and the Holy family... and oh... don't forget the camel!

Christmas Eve Offering: Because COVID-19 is still causing havoc in the lives and finances of people, our COVID-19 Fund is our Christmas Eve offering recipient. Because contributions cannot be dropped into the offering plate on Christmas Eve, please clearly write “COVID-19 Relief Fund” in your check memo.

VOLUNTEERING & GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Food Bank Help Needed: We are looking for 3 men who are able to lift boxes of food weighing up to 40 pounds. Our Food Bank receives a delivery of food on the **first Wednesday of each month**, and help is needed to unload pallets and store boxes on shelves or in the freezer. Delivery is at **7:30am** and we are usually finished with two hours. If you can help, please call the Food Bank at (480)982.6789.

Sidewalk Volunteers Needed: Our 17th year of our children's outreach ministry resumed on 11/14 on the Desert Chapel UMC campus to serve Apache Junction area children. On Saturday mornings the children come together by learning through God's Word, Bible stories, crafts, games and other activities. We need additional adult "Shepherds" to guide the children. If you would like more info, please contact Sherry Hussein at (480)529-9621 or Bev Stout (480)926-6479. All volunteers must undergo a background check.

Sunday Bus Drivers: When we eventually reopen for in-person worship – *and it may be a while* – please consider volunteering to drive the Sunday bus to help those who no longer drive attend church. Interested persons should call Tim Hammers at (330)534-3779.

SCRIP Bus/Van Fund: Support GCUMC's Bus/Van Fund by shopping at Basha's and Fry's – and online at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/86-0621002>. AmazonSmile customers can also use Amazon's shopping app on their mobile phones! It's as easy as 1-2-3! To generate donations, just 1) Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device; 2) Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings', and 3) Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process. For more info, or to purchase a Scrip card, contact Jan Daniels (480)540-7454.

Stocks/Mutual Funds/ETF Gifts... may be electronically transferred from brokerage to the GCUMC Corporate Account. IRS Tax Code enables donors age 70.5+ holding a conventional IRA (*eligible for MRDs*) to make tax-free withdrawals when directly assigned to qualified charities. For more info, consult your Brokerage or Financial Advisor or Church Office.

Text/e-Giving/EFT: Electronic giving is a great way to make contributions, including recurring contributions and special gifts.

- **AccessACS:** <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=112263>. Easy to set-up/modify 1-time/recurring donations; Email Church Office for info.
- **Website:** www.GoldCanyonUMC.org and click "Make Donation" button
- **TEXT your gift to "goldcanyonumc" to 73256** and follow screen instructions.

BULLETIN BOARD

Children's Sunday School (Preschoolers–6th grade): Children's Sunday school classes at **9:30am & 10:50am** classes are now meeting in-person in the Koinonia Room of the Education Bldg. and are approved for small groups of 10 maximum, including 8 children & 2 adults.. Please contact Sherry to confirm the Sunday & class time your child/children would like to attend. Adults must a Covenant of Participation, and everyone must wear a mask and practice social distancing. For more info contact Sherry at (480)529-9621 or sheriffsherry2000@gmail.com.

Weekly Virtual Communion: Pastor Fay and Pastor Katharine alternate officiating an approximate 10-minute weekly communion celebration. Look for the separate link under the other worship services, so you may take communion whenever you wish.

Food Bank Hours: Our Food Bank is open **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays** from **9:00am–Noon** with a drive-thru service. Donations can be dropped off at the back door during those times. Please direct any Food Bank questions to (480)982-6789.

Love Your Church? Free bumper/window GCUMC logo stickers (clear w/ white graphics) are available from the Church Office. Call or email us and we'll be happy to mail one to you!

Upper Room Daily Devotional: Upper Rooms are available for \$3 each and can be picked up from the bench outside the Church Office door. Please drop an envelope with your \$3 in the Night Drop slot in the Bell Tower door.

Worship Service DVD Ministry: If you – *or someone you know* – are unable to watch our Sunday worship services online, you can get a DVD containing both weekly services delivered/mailed to you – or picked-up from the bench by the Church Office door. To subscribe, call/email the Church Office (480)982-4776 / ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org. This is a free service, but donations are appreciated.

Holy Land Trip w/ Pastor Fred & Beth Rescheduled for Jan. 4-17, 2022... due to the coronavirus. If you've already paid your deposit, it can be left on file and be applied toward the new trip date. To withdraw from the trip, contact Educational Opportunities for a full refund of your deposit. Those who have paid the initial deposit, your second deposit won't be due until July 2021. All trip details remain the same. New brochures available soon. For more info or brochure, email Pastor Fred (RevStein78@gmail.com) or call the Church Office.

CONNECTION OPPORTUNITIES

We also have online groups and classes available and participants can easily click on any of the below links using their laptop, tablet, desktop (with camera/microphone) or phone to join. Also, *if you have a group you would like to have meet online, please contact the [Church Office](#).*

- **Bible Banter Bible Discussion: Mondays at 9:00am.** To join: <https://zoom.us/j/98095792362?pwd=VGZJaGVpVHZ5dFVjam5ERkR5SU0xdz09>

- **United Methodist Women: Mondays at 10:00am** to check-in, pray together and offer positive words of hope. All women are welcome. **To join:** <https://zoom.us/j/99192245351?pwd=SVpUczU1QUtZMU9ndkluaStlYSs1dz09>. For more info, contact Carol Johnson CarolJohnsonAZ@yahoo.com / (602)750-2008.
- **Cancer Support Group: Wednesdays at 11:00am. To join:** <https://zoom.us/j/99066259243?pwd=M1Z4T1mZDNLaGttckZ3MWdoZXc2Zz09>. For more info, contact Dee deeasehe7580@gmail.com.
- **Midweek Mountaineer (1st–6th):** Wednesdays through May from **6:00pm–7:00pm**. A spiritually uplifting and fun, and includes a Bible lesson, music, trivia games, and more! Contact Sherry Hussein for more details SheriffSherry2000@gmail.com / (480)529-9621.
- **Prayer & Healing: Wednesdays at 11:30am.** Prayer w/ Dr. David Worley and other caring intercessors. **To join:** <https://zoom.us/j/110403714?pwd=aTk4SUJXL3pGdXc2TkZXdvBvbHQrUT09>.
- **Virtual Chat with Pastor Fred: Thursdays at 11:00am.** For anyone who would like to spend time talking with their Pastor. This is not a Bible study or guided discussion, but an informal online time to connect. **To join:** <https://zoom.us/j/713204749>.
- **Youth Ministries (7th–12th):** To join any of the below gatherings, please email [Linda Clise, Director of Youth Ministries](mailto:LindaClise@youthministries.org).
 - ✓ **Bible Study (hybrid): Tuesdays at 6:30pm**
 - ✓ **Online Games (virtual): Fridays at 6:30pm**
 - ✓ **Youth Group (in-person): Sundays at 4pm or 6:30pm** (limited to 10 per session; RSVP LindaKTClise@gmail.com for a spot)

PRAYER NEEDS – DECEMBER 20TH

MINISTRIES

Christmas Eve Luminaria Event

Paradise Valley UMC

CONCERNS ADDED THIS WEEK

John Beaty (IL; healing)

Paul Breuklander (Covid)

Orville & Muriel Jurgenson (relocation)

Carol Mankenberg (biopsy)

Lowell Matthews (healing)

Robert Nelimark (healing)

Carol & Chuck Rubow (Covid)

Catherine Sullivan

Kristi Weisbecker (SD; Covid)

Kathy Whitacre (surgery)

CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF

Donna Gale

Dorothy Halsted

Marge Heine (Katharine's mom)

Marilyn Jungman

OTHER NEEDS

Gary Ackerson (rehab)

Krystle Anderson (CA; cancer)

James Archambeau (hospitalized)

Jim Bullard (Covid)

Crandall's exchange student (Covid)

Easton family (Covid)

Deb Gorla (rehab)

Dan Hillenborg (IN: transplant)

Janice Hobbs (MN: cancer)

Wyatt Houser (tests, diabetes)

Diane Hunsaker (MO; Covid)

Reegan Jones (Covid)

Marilyn Jungman (broken hip)

Karena Lynch (WA; cancer)

Susan Lyons (Covid)

Jane Manack (wisdom)

Lowell Matthews (healing)

Eli Moretz (IA; healing)

Robert Nelimark (healing/mental health)

Doug Norton (Covid)

Linda Norton (health)

Ron Pinkowski (surgery)

Scott Platt Family (Covid)

Bobette Portman (OH; Covid)

Russell Reed (procedures)

Scarlett Schaefer (heart surgery)

Judy Schuermann (fall)

Cindy Shirley (healing)

Barb and Roy Schultz (IN; healing)

Craig Starks (healing)

Evan Upgaard (CA; healing)

Kermit & Sharon Vollmar (health)

Pat Wise (back pain)

Kim Yonda (recovery)

HOSPICE

Debi Correll

Grace Markert

Beverly Rhodes (MT)

Jim Wainright (CO)

CANCER*

Dallas Adkins
Paulette Ault
Gladys Baxter
Baby Braylee
Lon Bechtel
Carl Brohler
Nancy Bradshaw
Dian Capen
Cathy Carey
Terry Confer
Joyce Fadley
Darrell Good

Bernie Goodrich
Bill Gregg
Hank Grob
Ellen Hermson
Fran Huling
Dennis Itzen
Andrew Keck
Peggy Kinder
Linda Koss
Jim Lester
Dan Lundin
Ann Martino

Curt Mather
Joyce McGowan
Dan Meyer
Jaylen Morris
Patty Myers
Nora
Matt Novotny
Fred Orton
Betty Reed
Jim Reese
Kathy Roble
Lynn Rogers

Lisa Russell
Susie Shirk
Barbara Smith
James Smith
Norbert Smith
Judy Sours
Alan Thayil
Debra Tlusty
Sharon Thomas
Rose Tyler
Amanda Vanatter
Paula Wirth

**Please note that contact information is required for anyone who is placed on the Cancer List.
Thank you for understanding that this is necessary for providing pastoral care.*