

Meditation
*Joy is nurtured by anticipation...Just as joy builds on the past,
it borrows from the future. It expects certain things to happen.*
—Eugene Peterson

*Child Ccre is available for this service in the Child Care Center.
A Cry Room is available in the Sanctuary Parlor. Please see an usher.*

*When you see an * in the order of worship, please stand as you are able.*

Prelude *Sussex Carol* arr. Robeson-Howard

*** Call to Worship** **Rev. Dr. Dave Summers**

Leader: Come, all ye faithful,
People: God's joy is turned loose in our world.
Leader: Love is lodged in our hearts,
People: and peace is God's constant gift.
Leader: Tonight, God begins anew,
bringing hope to our world.
People: Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

* Carol *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Hymnal 234
verses 1, 1a (women only), 6, 3

*** Opening Prayer (in unison) Sam Henderson**

**Loving God, touch us tonight with wonder at all
you can do and the gifts you bring in Christmas.**

**Grant us your peace and your hope, as we sing of
your glory and rejoice in the birth of your Son.**

In the precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candles **Rev. Eve Williams**

Kindle this flame of love. May it burn bright and true.
Lighting the way that is of God, the journey we pursue.
God's realm is our desire, where peace and justice reign.
Heaven and earth combined as one,
when Christ shall come again.

(please fill out and pass the fellowship pad)

Anthem *Christ Is Born* **Mark Miller**
Youth Choir

*** Moments of Christian Fellowship** **Rev. Eve Williams**

* Carol *Angels We Have Heard on High* verse 1 Hymnal 238

Anthem *Angels from the Realms of Glory* arr. Dan Forrest
Paradise Singers

Gospel Reading *Luke 2:1-7* **Sam Henderson**

Carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Hymnal 230
verse 1: choir and congregation; verse 3 choir only

Christmas Prayer **Rev. Eve Williams**

Anthem *Kings of Orient* arr. Dan Edwards
Junior Bell Choir

Gospel Reading *Luke 2:8-20* **Sam Henderson**

Anthem	<i>Candlelight Carol</i>	John Rutter
	Chancel Choir	

* Carol *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* Hymnal 240
verses 1-3 (verse 2: choir only)

Sharing our Offerings Rev. Eve Williams
*(Credit card forms are available in the pew pockets
 or you can GIVE NOW at pvumc.org)*

Offertory *Silent Night* arr. Carl Wiltse
 Bells of Paradise

Anthem *He Is Born* arr. Dan Forrest
Chancel Choir

Christmas Message Rev. Dr. Dave Summers
Sent: Continuing God's Story
"Jesus Changes Everything"

Carol and Sharing of the Candlelight
Silent Night, Holy Night

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

**Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, the Lord, at thy birth.

**Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**

Gospel Reading *John 1:1-5* Rev. Eve Williams

* Carol *Joy to the World* verses 1, 2 Hymnal 246

* Christmas Blessing Rev. Dr. Dave Summers

* Postlude *Russian Dance (Trepak)* P.I. Tchaikovsky

Clergy and Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Dave Summers, Senior Pastor
Rev. Eve Williams, Associate Pastor
Rev. Andrea Andress, Associate Pastor for Spiritual Formation of Children and Families
Rev. Brenda Smith, Director, Children's Ministry and Young Adult Ministry
Sam Henderson, 5th – 7th Grade Coordinator
Dr. Ashley Snavley, Music and Arts Ministries Director and Organist
Dr. Andria Fennig, Worship Accompanist/Director of Contemporary Worship Arts
Thomas Strawser, Assistant Music Director and Youth Choir Director
Brolin Cox, Acolyte

Musicians

Dr. Beth Youngblood, violin	Dr. Artur Tumajyan, violin
Harrison Whyte, viola	Elliot Yang, cello
Jean Arkwright, flute	Mickey Price, percussion

Christmas Day Worship

One Family Service at 9:30 am in the sanctuary

New Year's Day Worship

Family Sunday with communion at 9:30 am (sanctuary) and 11:15 am (chapel)

The child care center will be open for Christmas and New Year's Day services. Regular Sunday School classes resume on January 8, 2017, when the Magi visit.

Visit of the Magi - January 8, 2017

The Magi (Three Kings) visit all of the children's classes at 9:30 am, bearing gifts and news about the newborn king. See pvumc.org.

An Invitation

Want to grow spiritually, find a new group, come to a community concert or help others? Paradise Valley United Methodist Church wants to help you get a fresh start this new year. Read more on the back page or explore our website at pvumc.org.

PVUMC New Year's Resolutions



The Perfect Prayer

Sr Pastor Dave Summers kicks off the new year with a new worship series based on the Lord's Prayer. Called *The Perfect Prayer*, the five-week series seeks to help us learn to pray and build a deeper prayer life based on the prayer Jesus taught us to pray in Matthew 6:5-13. Read more at: <http://pvumc.org/news/>.

Sunday Morning Worship

We resume our regular worship schedule on **January 8, 2017**:

- 8 and 11:15 am in the chapel
- 9:30 am in the sanctuary
- Sermons and scriptures are online at pvumc.org.

We'll also unveil **Pathways 2017**, inviting you to step out of your pew and onto a path.

Step Out of Your Pew and Onto a Path



Pathways Winter/Spring 2017

On **January 8, 2017**, we kick off a new semester of Pathways programs designed to help you grow spiritually on the heart, mind, soul and strength pathways. Step out of your pew and onto a path with others. Come to worship that day to pick up your Pathways booklet.



2016 Christmas Missions Offering

We invite you to give generously of your time, talents and treasure this Christmas season and all year long. Today, we invite you to give to our designated missions:

The Wesley Community Center, UMOM/Next Step Housing and the PVUMC Emergency Relief Fund. On **January 8**, look under the "Strength" Pathway for ways to give of your time as well as treasure. Read more at pvumc.org.



MOPS Meetings

The PVUMC MOPS group meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 9-11 am in H7. Visit their website to contact the leaders, or come to the first meeting in January. Find out more at: <http://www.mops.org/groups/pvumc>.

*Merry Christmas to you and yours
from all of us at Paradise Valley
United Methodist Church (PVUMC)*

PVUMC New Year's Resolutions



PVUMC Community Concert: Phoenix Conservatory of Music

PCM's College Prep Program performs on **Friday, January 20** at 7 pm in the sanctuary. Child-care is available with a 48-hour reservation. Call 602.840.8360, ext 134 to reserve childcare. Concert registration is at Eventbrite.



Caring Kids — Sunday Mornings

Caring Kids is a program for children in first grade and up who want to serve. Most Sundays, the group meets in H1 at 10:45 am, the same time as **Modern Family**, a parent group. For more information and a 2017 schedule, contact Rev. Brenda Smith, children's ministries, brenda@pvumc.org.

Piano Dedication Concert: Pianist Andrew Tyson

Get your tickets for this special concert featuring the critically acclaimed Andrew Tyson on **February 3, 2017**, at 7 pm in the sanctuary. The concert will include works by Scarlatti, Ravel, Albéniz and Liszt. Proceeds go toward the PVUMC Piano Fund. Tickets cost \$20-\$25 and are available at: <http://pvumc.org/concerts/>.



Interested in Joining PVUMC?

Every other month, our church offers a New Member Orientation for those who want to know more about our church, and would like to explore membership. Our next New Member Orientation is **Sunday, January 22**, with an invitation to join on Youth Sunday, **January 29, 2017**. RSVP to the church office at 602.840.8360. Childcare is available upon request.



Christmas Eve Celebration 7 pm December 24, 2016



*Alive with the Spirit,
we bring God's love into action
by igniting faith, transforming lives,
and creating community.*

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