

## Scripture and Prayer of the Week

"God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth . . . To a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph (and said) You will conceive and give birth to a son . . . He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High." Luke 1:26b-27, 31a-32a

*God of surprises, make us ready to follow like Mary,  
when you present us with unexpected opportunities  
that are the greatest honor for us, and the greatest challenge. Amen.*

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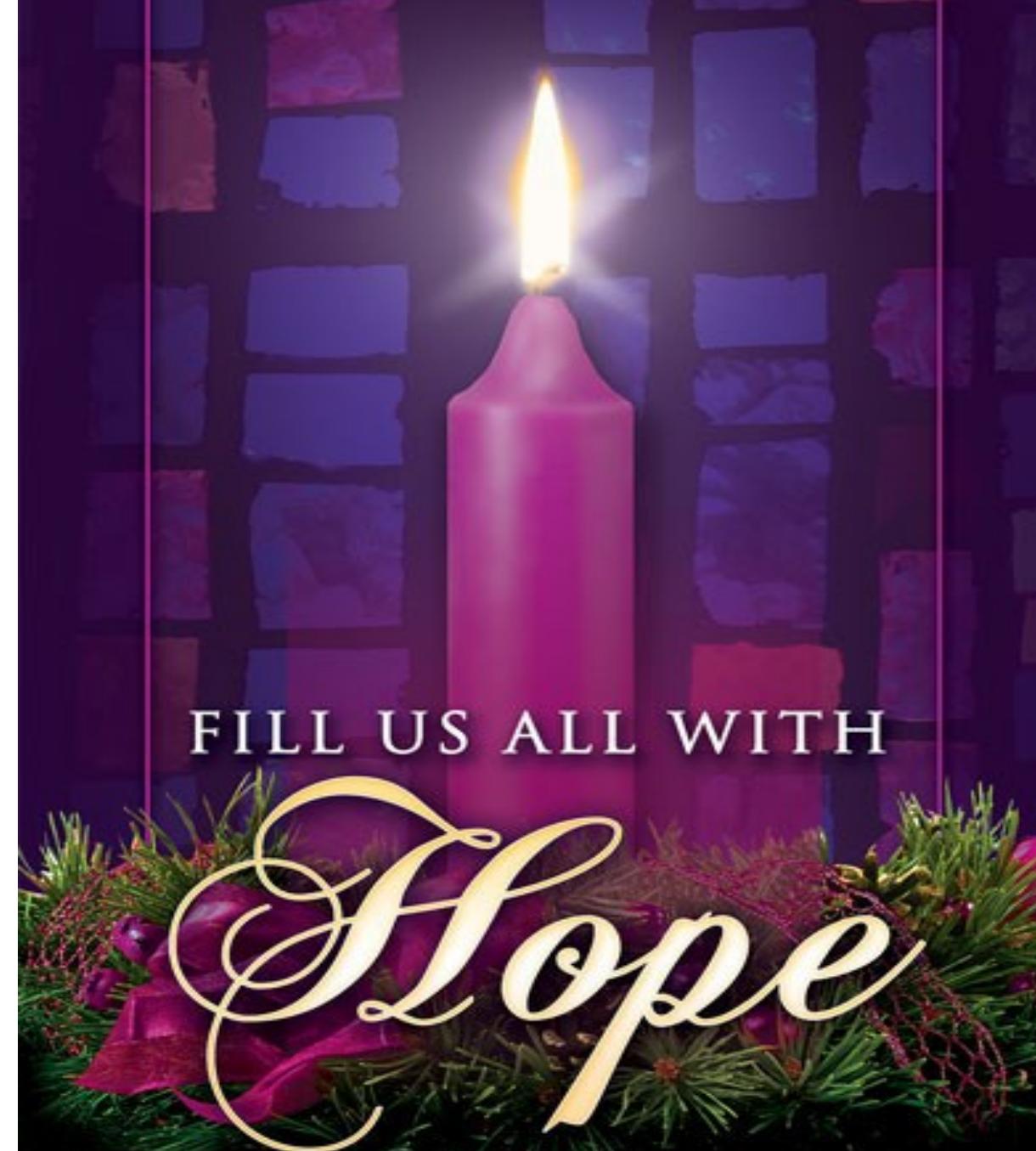
Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation  
of our communities and world.

Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church affirms the teachings of Jesus Christ by welcoming all of God's children regardless of race, age, gender, family status, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, ethnic background, socioeconomic status, or any other factor that might separate us from each other. All are invited to join our shared journey of faith and participate fully in the life of our church.

Sunday, December 1, 2019  
9:00 A.M.

*Spirited Traditional Service*

United Methodist Church  
13658 W. Meeker Blvd.  
Sun City West, AZ 85375  
623.584.2280



As we worship . . . Please silence your cell phone.

**We Are Chosen**

**We Are Blessed**

**We Are Loved**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

\* Indicates stand as you are comfortable

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Lee Hirt

PRELUDE      *"Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming"*

arr. James Mansfield

\*OPENING HYMN      *"My Soul Gives Glory to My God"*

UMH #198

\*OPENING PRAYER—In Unison

Liturgist

**Eternal God, you sent Jesus to this world to illuminate its darkness. We gather from many places to sing your praises and to offer ourselves in adoration, while waiting for this light to be bright amongst us. Prepare our hearts to receive your precious light, and to let it shine high and far away for the sake of your glory and for the redemption of all creation. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

John & Penni Bouwers

Today we light the first candle—the candle of Hope—reminding us that Jesus was sent not only to be our Savior, but also to be our wonderful Counselor; the one who hears our prayers with compassion and who offers guidance when we seek it. As we begin the season of Advent, we remember that our rest can be found in God and through the gift of God's son our hope is forever restored.

SONG OF RESPONSE

*"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"*

UMH #204

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Sing Joy to the World"*

arr. Mark Hayes

Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38

Liturgist

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Liturgist:      The Word of God for the people of God.

All:      **Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER FOR OPENNESS TO THE WORD**

**Pastor:**      Now let the words of my mouth  
**People:**      **And the meditations of our hearts**  
**All:**      **Be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord,**  
**my rock and my redeemer. Amen.**

MESSAGE      *"The Journey: Mary of Nazareth"*      Rev. Alma Aguirre-Olivares

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE      *"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"*      UMH #218

**GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY      *"Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming"*      Bill Moore

\*HYMN OF PRAISE      *"Angels We Have Heard on High" (refrain only)*      UMH #218

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION      Liturgist

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER - In Unison**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

**GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION—In Unison**

\*CLOSING HYMN      *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*      UMH #196

**\*BLESSING**

POSTLUDE      *"Immortal, Invisible"*      arr. Franklin Ritter

If you would like personal prayer after the service, you are welcome to come to the Prayer Room. Our prayer ministers will meet you there. You can either tell them specifically what you would like prayer for, or simply give them your name, and they will pray for you.

Liturgist

Dave Hodgins

(Weekly Prayer and Scripture reading is on back of the bulletin)