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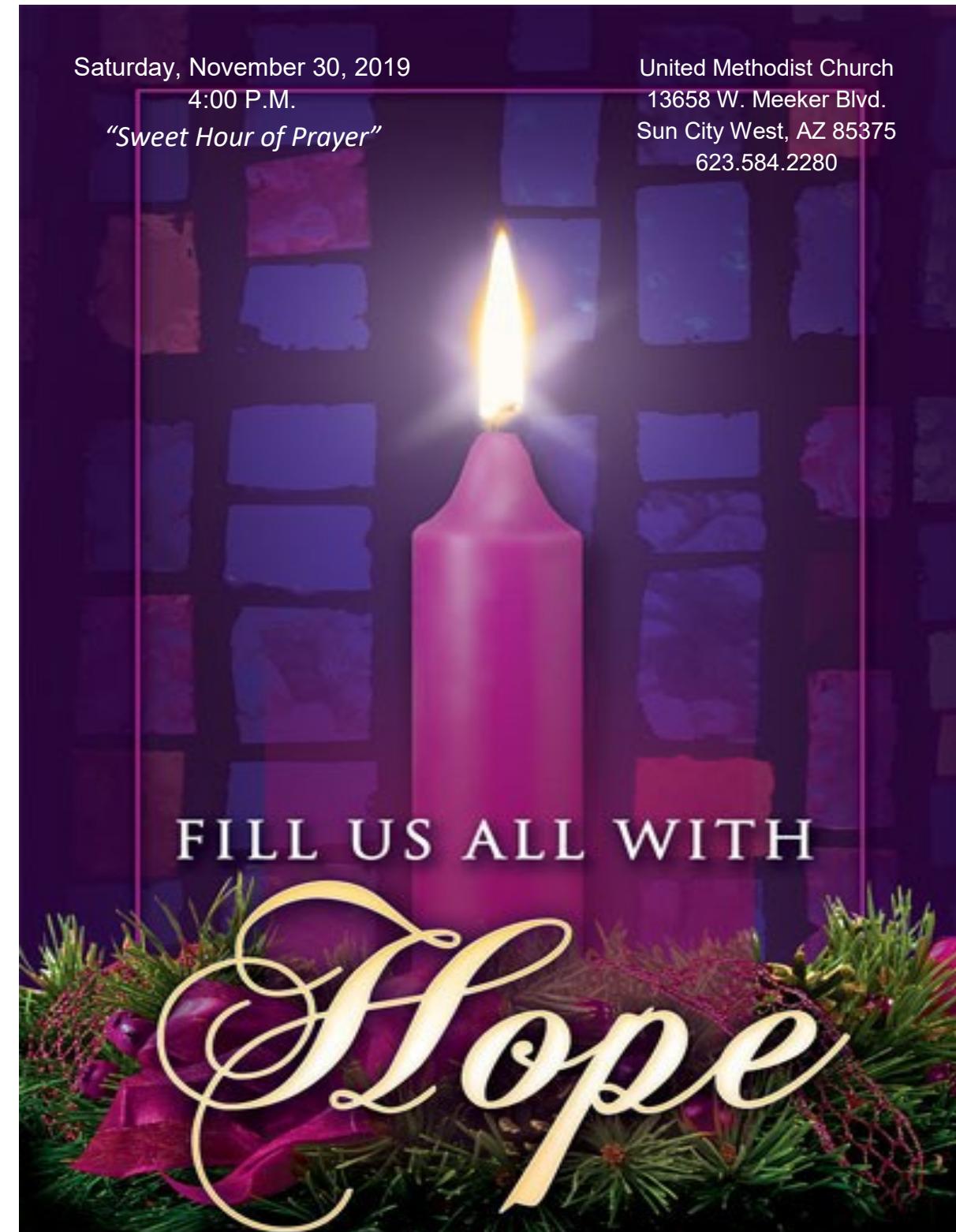
Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

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.

Saturday, November 30, 2019  
4:00 P.M.  
"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

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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. Alma Aguirre-Olivares
PRELUDE	"Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming"	arr. Fred Bock
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.		
HYMN SING - Your Choice! We will sing the first verse of each.		
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE		Phil & Joan Carlson
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
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostle's Creed	In Unison
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.		Liturgist
SPECIAL MUSIC	"What Child is This"	Bill Moore
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 #238
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Liturgist
THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION		
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING		
THE LORD'S PRAYER - In Unison		
GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP		
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION—In Unison		
Eternal God, we give thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself so completely, for us and for your children everywhere. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your steadfast spirit, to give ourselves for others. We pray in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.		
*CLOSING HYMN	"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"	UMH #196
BLESSING		
POSTLUDE	"Immortal, Invisible"	arr. Franklin Ritter

Liturgist

Karen Blessing

### 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.*