

*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

***A Cry Room is available in the Sanctuary Parlor. Please see an usher.***

Prelude                      *Sussex Carol*                      arr. Robeson-Howard

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!

\* Opening Prayer (in unison) Rev. Eve Williams

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.

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.

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

**Anthem**                      *Today a Savior Is Born*                      Lynn Shaw Bailey  
**Praise Singers and Music Makers**

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.

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

**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**  
**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**  
**Bonnie Greey, Children's Music Director**  
**Noelle Peterson, Ridge Peterson, Acolytes**

Dr. Beth Youngblood, violin  
Harrison Whyte, viola  
Jean Arkwright, flute

Dr. Artur Tumajyan, violin  
Elliot Yang, cello  
Mickey Price, percussion

**One Family Service at 9:30 am in the sanctuary**

Family Service with communion at 9:30 am in the sanctuary  
Family Service with communion at 11:15 am in the 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.*

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](http://pvumc.org).

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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. Childcare is available with a 48-hour reservation. Call 602.840.8360, ext 134 to reserve childcare. Concert registration is at [Eventbrite](http://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](mailto: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 5 pm December 24, 2016



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

*Sent: Continuing God's Story  
"Jesus Changes Everything"  
Luke 2:1-20*

