

## 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

## Prelude

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*  
*What Child is This*  
Paula Provo, harp

Praetorius  
Trad. English

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

1. O come all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him,  
born the King of angels;  
*Refrain* O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing: *Refrain*

3. Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation;  
O sing, all ye citizens  
of heaven above! Glory to God,  
all glory in the highest; *Refrain*

1a. Adeste, fideles, laeti triumphantes;  
venite, venite in Bethlehem.  
Natum videte Regem angelorum.  
Venite adoremus, venite adoremus,  
venite adoremus, Dominum.

## Words of Welcome and Advent Candlelighting

Rev. Dr. Dave Summers

\* Opening Prayer (in unison) Rev. Dr. Dave Summers

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.

First Lesson *Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19* Dr. Jan Elsea  
(please fill out and pass the fellowship pad)

*Adam Lay Ybounden* Boris Ord

Second Lesson *Genesis 22:15-18* Christian Curry

Carol *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* verses 1-2 Hymnal 216

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming  
from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming,  
as those of old have sung.  
It came a floweret bright,  
amid the cold of winter,  
when half spent was the night.

2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
the Rose I have in mind;  
with Mary we behold it,  
the Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God's love aright,  
she bore to us a Savior,  
when half spent was the night.

*The Coventry Carol* arr. Terri

Third Lesson *Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*

*The Holly and the Ivy*

Rev. Madi Elsea

arr. Walford Davies

Fourth Lesson *Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9*

*What Sweeter Music*

Rod Lee

Michael Fink

Carol *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* vs. 1, 4 Hymnal 218

1. It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth,  
to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
from heaven's all gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.

4. For lo! the days are hastening on,  
by prophet seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendors fling,  
and the whole world  
send back the song  
which now the angels sing.

Fifth Lesson *Luke 1:26-35, 38*

*All My Heart This Night Rejoices*

Dr. Jan Elsea

Ebeling

Sixth Lesson *Luke 2:1, 3-7*

Carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem* verses 1-2 Hymnal 230

Christian Curry

1. O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie;  
above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary,  
and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars together,  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to all on earth!

*God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*

arr. R. Vaughan Williams

Seventh Lesson *Luke 2:8-16*

*Away in a Manger*

Rev. Madi Elsea

arr. David Willcocks

\* Carol *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* vs. 1, 3 Hymnal 240

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with th'angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Eighth Lesson *Matthew 2:1-11*

*I Wonder as I Wander*

Rod Lee

arr. Osborne

Ninth Lesson *John 1:1-14*

*Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day*

Dr. Jan Elsea

arr. Helvey

Hymnal 246

\* Carol *Joy to the World* verses 1-2

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven,  
and nature sing.

2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods,  
rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Christmas Message

Rev. Dr. Dave Summers

*Sent: Continuing God's Story*  
*"Jesus Changes Everything"*

Sharing Our Offerings

(Credit card forms are available in the pew pockets  
or you can GIVE NOW at [pvumc.org](http://pvumc.org))

Rev. Brenda Smith

Offertory

*We Three Kings*  
Paula Provo, harp

John Hopkins

Carol and Sharing of the Candlelight

Rev. Brenda Smith

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

Hymnal 239

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!

\* Christmas Blessing

Rev. Dr. Dave Summers

\* Postlude *Russian Dance (Trepak)*

P.I. Tchaikovsky

*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.*

## 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  
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

## Ensemble

Soprano: Melissa Solomon, Asleif Willmer  
Alto: Jean Arkwright, Miriam Schildkret  
Tenor: Michael English, Thomas Strawser  
Bass: Brad Arkwright, Jim DeBusk

## 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](http://pvumc.org/news/).

## 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
- 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).

## 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 panel of this bulletin or explore our website at [pvumc.org](http://pvumc.org).

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

## 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/>.



### 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).



### 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.

### 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  
Lessons and Carols  
9 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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Luke 2:1-20**