

# Sedona United Methodist Church

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## December 24, 2019 Christmas Eve at 6:00 PM





***“Witness the Wonder”***

***In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life, and that life was the light of all humankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.***

***John 1:1-4***

# Christmas Eve

 *Hearing Assistance Units are available from the ushers for your convenience.*   
*Please silence your cell phones during service.*

## Gathering

### Prelude

Cottonwood Community Band Brass Quintet  
*Musicians: John Kinnamon, Trumpet; Tom Eder, Trumpet;  
Neil Manzenberger, French Horn; Neil Rosenow, Trombone; Gerald Kuhn, Tuba.*

### **“O Holy Night “**

Mary Luttrell & Laurie Rathbun

### **\*Call to Worship**

Wayne Light

O wondrous God of the stars, we come tonight with breathless wonder, to witness the babe who will change our lives.

**We hear the names Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace, and we are in awe.**

You have touched the earth this night with your unconditional love.

**Touch our hearts and minds and souls—that we may never tire of this story, or take it for granted. Make this night one of wonder!**

### **\*Processional Carol**

#### **“O Come, All Ye Faithful”** (vs. 1-3, & 6)

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*The procession of light invokes the presence of the Holy Spirit into our midst.*

### **Bidding Prayer — The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come.**

**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.**

### **Christmas Greeting**

Children’s Time

Rev. Fred Mast

*Children are welcome to join Pastor Fred up front*

*Our nursery is available for children Infant—3 yrs old. Children’s activity bags are also available in the Narthex.*

### **Song of Response**

#### **“Carol of the Drum”**

Mike Magatagan

SUMC Bell Rock Ringers  
Larry Rathbun on Snare Drum

### **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Susan, Sean and Aeden Carder

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ, the light of the world. May the birth of the Savior bring us hope, love, joy and peace. **Come, Lord Jesus, Come.**

### **\*Carol**

#### **“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

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*\*\*Please stand as you are comfortable*

## ***Word & Response***

**First Lesson  
The Word in Song**

**Isaiah 9:2, 6-7  
"Still, Still, Still"**  
Arr. By Joyce Eilers Bacak

Dick Snider  
The Chancel Choir  
Cat Delaney on Violin

**Second Lesson  
Carol**

**Micah 5:2-5a  
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

Jenny Mast  
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**Third Lesson  
Carol**

**Luke 1:26-35, 38  
"Angels We Have Heard on High"**

Wayne Light  
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**Fourth Lesson  
Carol**

**Luke 2:1-7  
"Away in a Manger"**

Gale Grove  
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**Fifth Lesson  
Carol**

**Luke 2:8-20  
"What Child is This"**

Doug McDaniel  
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**Sixth Lesson  
Carol**

**Matthew 2:1-11  
"We Three Kings"**

Camilla Ross  
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## ***Thanksgiving***

### **Presenting Our Gifts and Ourselves to God**

*Tonight's special Christmas Offering will be used for local area missions in 2020*

#### **Invitation to the Offering for the Kingdom of God**

Come now and kneel before the Christ Child. Bring all that you are - mind, body and soul. Offer your gifts in wonder and surprise, joy and delight, awe and reverence as we behold the precious gift of Jesus.

Wayne Light

**Offertory**

**"Dona Nobis Pacem"**  
Kevin McChesney

Bell Quartet

**Christmas Message**

**"Witness the Wonder"**  
John 1:1-14

Rev. Fred Mast

### **Lighting of the Candles & Sharing of Christ's Light**

**Carol**

**"Silent Night, Holy Night"**  
Candle lighting instructions:

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*Tip unlit candle towards the lighted candle, hold lit candlelight upright (do not tilt lit candle)*

### ***Sent to Serve***

**Christmas Blessing**

Rev. Fred Mast

**\*Carol**

**"Joy to the World"**  
(Recessional)

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**Postlude**

Mary Luttrell and Laurie Rathbun

# WELCOME

*Enter as a Guest— Depart as Friends*

We are glad you are here tonight! Welcome to Sedona United Methodist Church—a place where all people are welcome. This is an exciting place to serve Christ and you are invited to join in this faith journey of welcoming, worshipping, caring, discovering, and serving as we strive to make Disciples of Jesus Christ, for the transformation of the world!

***You are Invited to  
Sunday Worship!***

**9:30 a.m. WORSHIP**

**9:45 a.m. CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**10:30 a.m. FELLOWSHIP**

**Childcare available for infants & toddlers in the nursery.**

**Pastor Fred and the SUMC Staff wish you  
all a Very Merry Christmas and  
a Blessed New Year!**



## **Mission Statement**

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by **Welcoming** all people,  
**Worshipping** God joyfully, **Caring** for each person, **Discovering** Christ's  
transforming love, and **Serving** God's world.*

## **Vision Statement**

*To share the happiness that is Christianity for all people.*



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