

# Sedona United Methodist Church

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## December 24, 2021



***“Keeping the Light of Christ Burning Bright”***

***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

*Please silence your cell phones during service.*

## Gathering

### Prelude

Cottonwood Community Band Brass Quintet  
*Musicians: John Kinnamon, Trumpet; Ron Wright, Trumpet;  
Jeff Bowell, Tenor Horn; Neil Rosenow, Trombone; Gerald Kuhn, Tuba.*

**6 p.m. only**

### **"Bring a Torch"**

Arr. By Kevin McChesney—Used with Permission, Sonology Music

SUMC Bell Rock Ringers

### \*Call to Worship

Rev. Fred Mast

Shine your light, O God, into the darkness of our world.

**Shine your glory, Holy One, into the shadows of our lives.**

May the singing of the angelic chorus stir our hearts this night, as it did the shepherds as they watched over their flocks.

**Prepare our hearts anew, O God, to behold the gift of your Son in awe and wonder.**

### \*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*

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Revs. John & Valerie Fairchild

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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## Word & Response

### First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Rev. Valerie Fairchild

### The Word in Song

**"Jesus—He Shall be Great"**

The Chancel Choir

Linda Lee Johnson, Tom Fettke, Arr. By Dick Bolks

*Please stand as you are comfortable*

<b>Second Lesson Carol</b>	<b>Micah 5:2-5a</b> <b><i>"O Little Town of Bethlehem"</i></b>	Rev. John Fairchild #230
<b>Third Lesson Carol</b>	<b>Luke 1:26-35, 38</b> <b><i>"Angels We Have Heard on High"</i></b>	Rev. Valerie Fairchild #238
<b>Fourth Lesson Carol</b>	<b>Luke 2:1-7</b> <b><i>"Away in a Manger"</i></b>	Rev. John Fairchild #217
<b>Fifth Lesson Carol</b>	<b>Luke 2:8-20</b> <b><i>"What Child is This"</i></b>	Rev. Valerie Fairchild #219
<b>Sixth Lesson Carol</b>	<b>Matthew 2:1-11</b> <b><i>"We Three Kings"</i></b>	Rev. John Fairchild #254

### ***Thanksgiving***

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

*Tonight's special Christmas Offering will be used for local area missions in 2022*

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

Rev. Fred Mast

God of light, author of salvation, you have given us a gift beyond price—the gift of your own child; the gift of everlasting life. We join the angels and shepherds this night to celebrate our great joy as we come to offer you our gifts—gifts of our deepest love and thankfulness.

#### **Offertory**

***"O Holy Night "***

Mary Luttrell

#### **Christmas Message**

***"Keeping the Light of Christ Burning Bright"***  
**John 1:1-14**

Rev. Fred Mast

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

#### **Carol**

***"Silent Night, Holy Night"***

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*Candle lighting instructions:*

*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"***

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#### **Postlude**

Mary Luttrell

# 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**

**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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