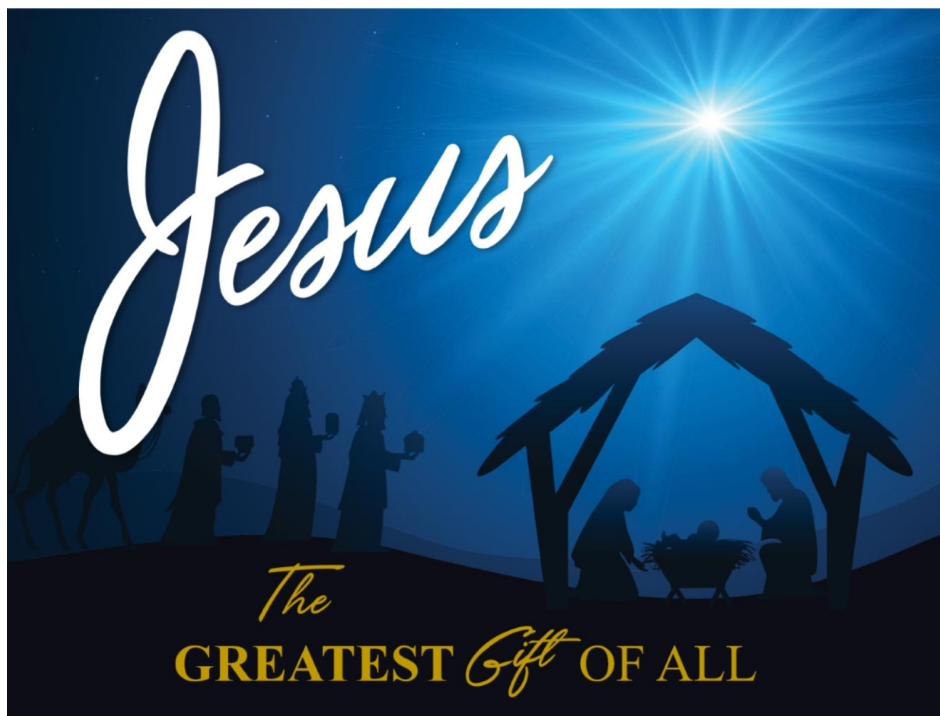


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December 24, 2022 Christmas Eve at 4:00 & 6:00 PM



“An Indescribable Gift”

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

Mary Luttrell & Echo Reinhard

Cottonwood Community Band Brass Quintet

*Musicians: John Kinnamon, Trumpet; Ron Wright, Trumpet;
Katie Paetz, French Horn; Gerald Kuhn, Trombone; Dan Edwards, Tuba.*

*Call to Worship

Wayne B. Light

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)

#234

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

Welcome & Greeting

Rev. Fred Mast

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.***

Song of Preparation

"Once in Royal David's City"

SUMC Bell Rock Ringers

Judy Phillips

Children's Time

Children are welcome to join Pastor Fred up front

Rev. Fred Mast

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

"What Child is This"

#219

**Please stand as you are comfortable*

Second Lesson Carol	Micah 5:2-5a <i>"O Little Town of Bethlehem"</i>	Rev. John Fairchild #230
Third Lesson Carol	Luke 1:26-35, 38 <i>"Angels We Have Heard on High"</i>	Wayne B. Light #238
Fourth Lesson Carol	Luke 2:1-7 <i>"Away in a Manger"</i>	Rev. John Fairchild #217
Fifth Lesson Carol	Luke 2:8-20 <i>"Our Eyes Have Seen the Lord"</i> Linda Lee Johnson & Tom Fettke	Rev. Valerie Fairchild Chancel Choir
Sixth Lesson Carol	Matthew 2:1-11 <i>"We Three Kings"</i>	Wayne B. Light #254

Thanksgiving

Presenting Our Gifts and Ourselves to God

Tonight's special Christmas Offering will be used for local area missions in 2023

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—Organ
Echo Reinhard—Piano

Christmas Message

"An Indescribable Gift"
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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