Desert Skies United Methodist Church
November 29, 2026 ~ 1st Sunday of Advent
9:00 am ~ Houghton Campus
UMH-Blue Hymnal, TFWS-Black Hymnal, W&S-Green Hymnal

Music for Gathering *Appalachian Christmas Carol* Dr. Raymond T. Ryder
John Ness Beck

Welcome and Opening Prayer

****Advent Wreath Lighting — Hope***

Reader 1: We begin our Advent journey with hope. But sometimes hope can be difficult to find. Life brings disappointments, relationships become strained, and our hearts can grow weary.
Reader 2: Ebenezer Scrooge had learned to expect very little from the world around him. Yet Christmas came looking for him anyway. Advent reminds us that God's grace continues reaching toward us, even when we're not looking for it.
Reader 1: Today we light the first Advent candle, the candle of Hope.
(Light the first candle.)
Reader 2: Its light reminds us that God is still at work, bringing new life into places we thought could never change.
People: God of hope, open our hearts to your grace. Help us believe that our past does not have to determine our future. Amen.

Congregational Sing O Come, O Come, Emmanuel UMH 211 vs. 1

****Opening Hymn*** *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* UMH 196

1st Scripture Reading *Ezekial 36:25-27*

Moment for All Ages

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.

Prayer Song *When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise* TFWS 2216, vs. 1

Hallelujahs & Heartaches

Special Music *Processional for Advent* Voices of Desert Skies
by Tom Mitchell and Jon Paige

2nd Scripture Reading *Luke 19:1-10*

A Word of God that is still speaking.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Bah! Humbug! - When Christmas Finds Us*
Pastor Heath Wilson

Invitation to Giving

Reflection and Response Dr. Raymond T. Ryder, organ
Contemplation (on Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence)
setting by Richard Purvis

****Doxology*** *In the Bleak Midwinter* # 221, vs. 4

****Prayer of Dedication***

Happenings and Hellos

****Closing Hymn*** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* UMH 206

****Benediction***

****Community Benediction in Song*** *Shalom* UMH 666
(At Desert Skies, we have a cherished tradition of ending each worship service by singing "Shalom." During this song, many members of our church family stand and join hands as a symbol of the love, peace, and connection we share in Christ. We warmly invite you to participate in this beautiful tradition if you feel comfortable doing so.)

****Organ Postlude*** *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*
arranged by Joel Raney Dr. Raymond T. Ryder

THOSE PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Liturgist.....Mary Ellen Dawson
Acolyte.....

Advent Candle Lighters.....The Olson Family
Greeter.....Mimi Salber

Stephen Minister.....Mike Nofziger
phone: 520-354-9285 email: nofziger@arizona.edu

STAFF INFORMATION

Senior Pastor	Rev. Heath Wilson
Director of Music	Ryan Phillips
Organist/Pianist/Bell Choir Director	Dr. Raymond T. Ryder
Vail Music/Worship Leader	Ryan Phillips
Youth Ministries Director	Luis Ortiz
Children's Ministry Coordinator	Percie LeCheminant
Media Booth Tech	Houghton: Julie Moffet, Nancy Winkelmann Vail: Carole Holt, Ann Ratcliff
Nursery Attendant	Houghton/Vail: Mystique'a Miller-Naatz
Church Secretary	Tammy Concienne
Custodian	Teresa Patterson

WORSHIP LOCATIONS FOR BOTH CAMPUSES

Houghton Campus
Office hours: Mon.-Thur. from 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Address: 3255 N. Houghton Rd. 85749 **Phone:** (520) 749-0521 **Fax:** (520) 749-8806
Email: office@desertskiesumc.org **Pastor Heath:** pastorheath@desertskiesumc.org
Website: www.desertskiesumc.org **Cell Phone:** (410) 758-7707 - call/text

Vail Campus
Arizona Senior Academy (ASA)-13715 E. Langtry Lane, Tucson, AZ. 85747

If you live in Vail, so does Pastor Heath. If you'd like to get together to meet, call or text him.
Cell Phone: (410) 758-7707

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mary Jo Floyd	John Hurst	Hugo	Linda Lewandowski & family
Mark Ludlow	Alison Holmes	Edie Addis	Ron & Carolyn Eisenhuth
Judy Fox	Rich & Mary Daly	Muziq Exton	Cathy & Andy Croft
Betty Ludlow	Dora Celaya	Audrey, Winnie, & Sue	Peace around the world/Our nation
Judith Stivers	Jon Plimpton	Dan Miller	Gail Remaly & family
Diane Taylor	Rob & Carolyn	Bobby Smith	Gabriel Craney & family
JL & Becky Burnett	Ken & Nancy Winklemann		

Homebound / Assisted Living: Ed Crawford, Alice Krupa
Please email Pat Walker at msnodlepray@gmail.com if you have an immediate, critical prayer request.

Desert Skies United Methodist Church Connection Card

□ Change in contact information Name: _____

Email (please print):

Address: _____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Best Contact Phone: (_____)_____ Date:_____
□ Cell □ Home

If 1st or 2nd time guest, how did you hear about Desert Skies?_____

□ 1st time guest □ 2nd time guest □ Regular Attender □ Member □ Winter Visitor □ Other
□ 9:00 am Houghton □ 11:00 am Vail

Altar Flowers: Be filled with the Spirit, says the Lord.

TODAY: 9:00 am-In-Person Worship: **Houghton-Sanctuary**
Live Stream Worship Service on YouTube
Sunday School: **Houghton Campus**
11:00 am-In-Person Worship: **Arizona Senior Academy**
On-Line Worship: **via Zoom**
Sunday School: **Arizona Senior Academy-Great Room Center**

Vail Campus Sunday School-Advent Season is upon us and all Children are welcomed to join us for a special time together preparing for the birth of our Savior, Jesus. Our time together will be filled with a theme, crafts, music, and some goodies, too!

Combined Youth Group-There will be no youth group today. Enjoy your Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Borderlands P.O.W.W.O.W.-Mark your calendars! The 1st Produce Distribution event will be on Saturday, December 5th from 8 am-11 am. **If you would like to volunteer to help, contact Carrie Radomsky at: scrads68@yahoo.com**

UWF Alternative Gift Giving-Q: What kind of Christmas gift would be ideal for the gourmet cook who has every known kitchen gadget? **A:** A gift to the Community Food Bank in your favorite cook's name! **Give Alternative Gifts!**

God's Beauty Oil Painting Class-Monday, November 30th from 1:30 pm-3:30 pm at our Houghton Campus, Rms. 5 & 6. Sign up below or call the church office at 520-749-0521. Supplies included, questions contact facilitator, Lorna Niven-520-360-1084.

Attention Bakers-Now is the to start thinking about the UWF Cookie Walk on Sunday, December 13th. We need lots of cookies to make this happen! If you have time between now and then to start baking and freezing those special cookies you make each year! All proceeds will be to Sister Jose Women's Center. They provide shelter and other services for unaccompanied homeless women. Thank you in advance-UWF.

Mark Your Calendars-Sunday, December 13th is our Christmas Cantata during our Houghton worship service. Hope to see you there.

I AM INTERESTED IN:

Oil Painting Classes-Houghton Campus: □ Monday, November 30th

GET ME INFO ABOUT: □ Joining the Church □ Parents Group (Moms-Meet-Up)
□ Youth Ministry □ Choirs/Music Ministry
□ Small Groups/Studies □ Children's Ministry
□ Service Opportunities □ Working at the Flea Market

I REQUEST PRAYER FOR: _____

□ I would like someone to contact me. □ Please add this prayer request to the Prayer Chain.

This Week at Desert Skies

Church Office Hours are Monday ~ Thursday: 9:00 am ~ 3:00 pm

Monday, November 30
9:30 am Move Like a Mother — Houghton Campus-Fellowship Hall
10:00 am-2:00 pm Pastor Heath's Drop-In Office hours — Houghton Campus
1:30 pm Oil Painting Class — Houghton Campus-Rms. 5 & 6
4:30 pm UWF Board Meeting — via Zoom

Tuesday, December 1
9:30 am Vail Bible Study — Arizona Senior Academy
10:30 am Houghton Bible Study — Houghton Campus-Rm. 2

Wednesday, December 2
7:30 am UMM Breakfast Meeting — Jerry Bob's Restaurant at 7699 E. Speedway
9:30 am Moms Meet-up — Houghton Campus-Nursery & Rm. 3
10:00 am-2:00 pm Pastor Heath's Drop-In Office hours — Houghton Campus
5:00 pm The Wired Word — via Zoom
6:00 pm Desert Skies Ringers-Adult Bells — Houghton Campus-Sanctuary
7:00 pm Voices of Desert Skies-Adult Choir — Houghton Campus-Sanctuary

Thursday, December 3
9:30 am Flow Like a Mother-Yoga — Houghton Campus-Fellowship Hall
10:00 am Coffee Chat — via Zoom
2:45 pm Piano Tuning — Houghton Campus-Sanctuary

Saturday, December 5
8:00 am Borderlands' P.O.W.W.O.W. — Houghton Campus-parking lot
2:30 pm Houghton Praise Band Practice — Houghton Campus-Sanctuary

GENERAL INFORMATION

One License # A-700000 CCLI # 2537398

Please indicate your presence by completing our Connection Card found in this Worship Guide. If you are a first-time visitor, we welcome you!

Hearing Assistive Devices: are available on the back table or ask an usher for help.

Video Disclaimer: This service is being live streamed. Your image may appear in certain parts of the video. If you prefer to be mostly off camera for our live stream, please sit in the pews farthest to the left. You can watch our 9:00am service live at: https://www.youtube.com/@desertskiesumc7262/streams
You can also watch the 9am service later by going to:
https://www.desertskiesumc.org/sermons

Nursery-please sign in when bringing your child prior to church service and please sign your child out when taking them home. **Classroom #1 & Classroom # 3**-please sign your child/ children out when picking them up from Sunday school.

Praise Band-plays every 2nd & 4th Sunday at our Houghton Campus.

Desert Skies UMC follows Safe Sanctuary Church guidelines to ensure a safe environment for our children, youth and seniors. **To see our policy, check out our website.**

Church's Zelle tag is: DSUMC3255