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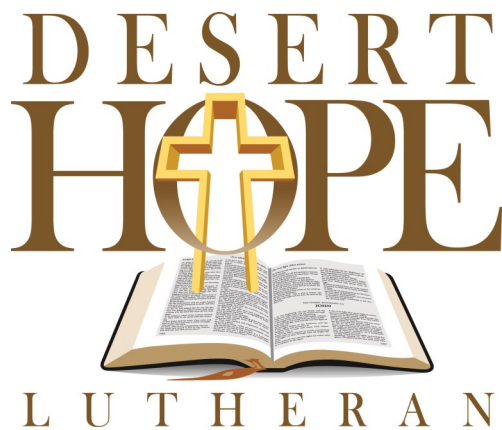
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T O G E T H E R

TODAY'S MESSAGE:  
"Prepare The Way"

December 5, 2021

## HOPE NOTES



### OUR MISSION:

To Be TRANSFORMED As We Follow JESUS Daily,  
Leading Others to Do the Same

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**Sunday, December 5, 9:30am—Advent 2**

Prelude

Welcome Video

Song *Everlasting God*

Welcome, Announcements, Prayer

Confession & Forgiveness

Song *Amazing Grace*

Kids Talk

*Sunday School, K-5<sup>th</sup> grade, after in Youth Room*

Scripture Readings (NIV) [Malachi 3:1-4](#)  
[Philippians 1:3-11](#)  
[Luke 3:1-6](#)

Sermon Bumper Hope Video

Sermon **“Prepare The Way”**  
Rev. Brian S. McGee

Song *God Of Hope*

Prayers of the People

Confession of Faith Apostles’ Creed

Holy Communion

Lord’s Prayer

Communion Song  
*When Peace, Like A River (It Is Well With My Soul)*

Blessing

Song *There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do*

Benediction

Postlude

**Assisting Minister:** Pastor Dave Drum  
**Reader:** Linda Kress **Communion Assistants:** Ray Pulsifer, Dee Allen & LeeAnn Sample



## WORSHIP AT DESERT HOPE

Worship in-person is on Sunday at 9:30am. The service will be live streamed, <https://www.youtube.com/user/DesertHopeTucson>.

Sunday School is at 9:30am. The Nursery is not staffed but is available to parents as a Cry Room.

Communion will be at the altar. Pre-packaged communion kits are available for those who do not wish to go to the altar for communion. *Masks are optional at Desert Hope.*

## INFORMATIONAL FORUM

The Leadership Council will hold an Informational Forum at Desert Hope this Sunday, December 5, 10:45am-12pm, to address any questions you may have. Questions, comments and thoughts can still be submitted online by going to [www.deserthope.org](http://www.deserthope.org) and clicking on the *Ask The Leadership Council* link under the **Contact Us** heading found at the bottom center of the home page. If you wish to remain anonymous, the name and email fields are optional.

## CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS AND GIFTS

We will be delivering food baskets and gifts to families at Gridley Middle School. Delivery will be on Thursday, December 16, as that is the last day of school before the Winter Break. Sign-up sheets will be available this Sunday, December 5. All food items and gifts need to be brought to church by next Sunday, December 12. You can help by donating a ham/turkey or other listed items, volunteering to deliver, providing gifts for children or making a monetary donation.

### Items needed are:

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|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| •cereal        | •cranberry sauce           | •canned soup, chili & stew |
| •peanut butter | •dried beans               | •pasta                     |
| •jelly         | •brownie mixes             | •pasta sauce               |
| •stuffing mix  | •tuna                      | •canned pasta              |
| •rice          | •boxed mac & cheese        | •flour                     |
| •snack bars    | •canned fruit & vegetables | •sugar                     |

Contact Linda Fountain, 299-4325 or [l.fountain@comcast.net](mailto:l.fountain@comcast.net) or Delna Falk, 749-1287 or [lfalk20@comcast.net](mailto:lfalk20@comcast.net).

## NOT TOO LATE TO RETURN 2022 PLEDGE CARDS

Thanks to the members of our church family who have returned their 2022 pledge cards. By indicating your intentions for the coming year, you play an essential role in Desert Hope's planning process. If you have not already done so, please prayerfully complete your 2022 pledge card and return it to the church office at your earliest convenience. You can mail your cards to Desert Hope, 7474 E Speedway, Tucson, AZ 85710 or bring to the office Tuesday-Friday, 9am-12pm.

## YARN FOR PROJECTS

Are you a Maker? Judy Strong has a trunk full of yarn – at least 10 grocery bags full! You could use this to knit or crochet hats for families in Agua Prieta, premie hats for infants overseas, baby blankets, prayer shawls, throw rugs or any other project. Look for her open trunk on Sunday and help yourself.

Plan to Come and  a Friend

## BIBLE READING PLAN

**Scripture** In my Bible, I read...

**Observation** This is what I noticed...

**Application** How it looks in my life...

**Prayer** My prayer regarding it...

### WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

#### Week of December 6

Mon, Dec 6	2 Peter 2-3; Psalms 136:13-26; Daniel 7-9
Tue, Dec 7	1 John 1-3; Psalms 137; Daniel 10-12
Wed, Dec 8	1 John 4-5; Psalms 138; Hosea 1-4
Thu, Dec 9	2 John 1; Psalms 139; Hosea 5-10
Fri, Dec 10	3 John 1; Proverbs 30:11-23; Hosea 11-14

Bookmarks are available in the Narthex.



## ADVENT THEME: A JOURNEY TOWARD HOPE

One of the greatest miracles in the Bible is the incarnation. When God became man, all of eternity changed. Our lives will never be the same because God is Emmanuel. This series will explore the journey from waiting for Jesus to be born to welcoming Him into our lives as Lord and Savior. Jesus came not so that we would live comfortable lives, but so that we might rise to the call of God over our lives to live an incarnational reality in this dark and gloomy world. Living in the light of Jesus expels the darkness and prepares us to let the light of His love shine in and through us to those around us. Jesus is our hope. Therefore, let us journey toward Him who is the hope of the world.

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR STUDY GROUPS

- **Women of the Word (WOW) Bible Study** will resume on Tuesday, January 11 with a brunch at the home of Holly Bland. We will be sharing our SOAPing journals from the new reading plan.
- **Tuesday Evening Study Group** will resume on Tuesday, January 4 with a new study (*see below*).
- **Tuesday Knights** will resume on Tuesday, January 11.
- **Thursday Women's Bible Study** will meet on December 9 and 16. They will not meet on December 23 and 30 and will resume on Thursday, January 6 with a new study.
- **Friday Women's Bible Study** will meet on Friday, December 10 at Desert Hope and on Friday, December 17 at the home of Sue Gigax. Following that they will meet next on Friday, January 7.

### TUESDAY EVENING STUDY GROUP

Tuesday Evening Study Group will restart in the new year on Tuesday, January 4 at 6pm, in the Hope Center. We will be studying the book of Matthew led by Doug Skow. All are welcome at any point in this study. For details please contact Linda Kress at 721-7181.

### GRIEFSHARE

GriefShare will begin a new 13-week session on Saturday, January 8, 1pm, in the Hope Center. If you are suffering because of grief, or you know someone who is, please pick up a brochure in the Narthex or contact Diane Scholinski at 298-3981 for more information or to register.



### Schedule:

- **Sunday, December 5**  
Advent 2: Luke 3:1-6, Prepare The Way
- **Sunday, December 12**  
Advent 3: Luke 3:7-18, Faith In Action
- **Sunday, December 19**  
Advent 4: Luke 1:39-45, Leap For Joy
- **Friday, December 24**  
Christmas Eve: Luke 2:1-20, Hope Has Come

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will meet on Sunday, December 5 at 9:30am, following the Kids Talk. We invite kids Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade to join us in the Youth Room for interactive Bible stories, games, music and crafts to learn about foundational stories in the Bible. Masks are optional.

Invite

Come and

## HOLY COMMUNION:

Holy Communion is for those who trust in Jesus and believe He brings the grace He promises in this Holy Meal. We are grateful that we have found a way to safely have communion together in-person and online.

Communion will be served at the altar. Ushers will direct you to the front of the church where you will be served a wafer and an individual cup of wine offered from a tray. Used cups may be disposed of in bowls stationed up front.

Pre-packaged communion kits are available for those who do not wish to go to the altar for communion. If you are worshipping at home, gather wine or grape juice and bread and take communion during the same time.

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

### Church of the Week

- First Southern Baptist Church of Tucson

### Health and Healing

- Janet Bredehoft for a successful surgery on December 8 and for a speedy recovery with no complications.

### Comfort and Peace

- For the family and friends of Ruth Rasmussen, mother of Doug Rasmussen, who passed away.

### Safety and Freedom

- For the remaining 15 hostages in Haiti (req. by Dell Hammond).

**Long Term & Military Prayer Lists are available at the Prayer Table or by request.  
The Prayer Team prays for all on these lists each week.**

Prayer requests can be submitted at [www.deserthope.org](http://www.deserthope.org) or by calling the church office, 722-9134.  
Please make sure you have permission for prayers printed in the bulletin.

### **INVITATION TO A DAILY PRAYER MOMENT**

We have been inviting you to take a few extra moments to pray at lunch time. Remember you are praying to one who can and will make a difference in our situations. We are not telling God what to do, but we are humbly inviting Him to work in our lives and draw us closer to Him. We are praying that He will give our Church leadership vision, direction and courage to move our church forward on the trajectory of ministry He has started.

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

Scriptures for Next Sunday (NIV):

[Zephaniah 3:14-20](#)

[Philippians 4:4-7](#)

[Luke 3:7-18](#)

## PLEASE JOIN US

Sunday, December 5	Worship, Desert Hope, 9:30am (in-person & live streamed) Sunday School, 9:30am <b>Informational Forum, 10:45am</b>
Monday, December 6	Prayer Team, Youth Room, 2:15pm
Tuesday, December 7	<b>Lunch Bunch Christmas Potluck. Far Horizons Clubhouse, 7570 E Speedway, 11:30am</b> <i>WOW Bible Study resumes January 11</i> <i>Tuesday Evening Study Group resumes January 4</i> <i>Tuesday Knights resumes January 11</i>
Wednesday, December 8	Crafters Ministry, Serving Room, 3:30pm
Thursday, December 9	Thursday Women's Bible Study via Zoom, 7pm
Friday, December 10	Friday Women's Bible Study in-person and via Zoom, 9:30am
Saturday, December 11	<i>GriefShare begins new session January 8</i>

Live Streaming can be accessed at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/DesertHopeTucson>

### Upcoming Events:

**Christmas Baskets and Gift Delivery**

Thursday, December 16

**Christmas Eve Worship**

Friday, December 24, 7pm

## MONETARY SUPPORT

Your continued monetary support is essential to the mission we share at Desert Hope. Currently we have options for making online contributions through bill pay, Zelle or the Desert Hope website, [deserthope.org](http://deserthope.org). You can also mail contributions to: Desert Hope, 7474 E Speedway, Tucson, AZ 85710.



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### WORSHIP

**Sunday, 9:30AM (in-person & live streamed)**

Find resources that help you connect with God and with others at DHLC

Connect with us @  
[deserthope.org](http://deserthope.org)