

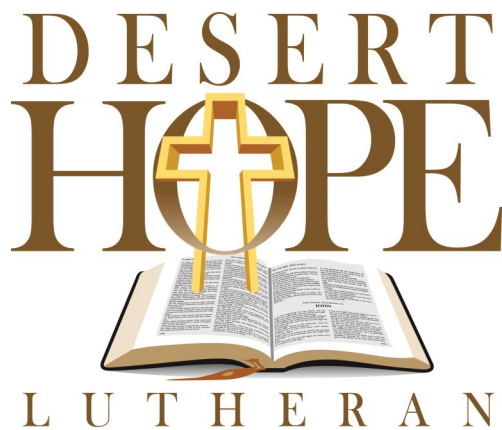
WELCOME

WORSHIP GROW SERVE
TOGETHER

TODAY'S MESSAGE:
"My Father's House"

December 26, 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 26, 9:30am—First Sunday of Christmas

Prelude *The First Nowell* Debbie Osborn, piano
Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

Welcome Video

Song *Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful*

Welcome, Announcements, Prayer

Confession & Forgiveness

Song *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Kids Talk

Sunday School, K-5th grade, will not meet today.

Scripture Readings (NIV) [1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26](#)
[Colossians 3:12-17](#)
[Luke 2:41-52](#)

Sermon **“My Father's House”**
Rev. Brian S. McGee

Song *Good Good Father*

Prayers of the People

Confession of Faith Apostles' Creed

Special Music Debbie Osborn, piano

Blessing

Song *Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)*

Benediction

Postlude

Assisting Minister: Pastor Dave Drum
Reader: 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>. **Masks are required.**

Sunday School will not meet on Sunday, December 26 and will resume on Sunday, January 2. The Nursery is not staffed but is available to parents as a Cry Room.

MASK UPDATE AT DESERT HOPE

Your Leadership Council continues to monitor developments related to COVID-19. As most of you know, the world is now grappling with the Omicron variant. On December 21, the Pima County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution (2021-87) that applies to all county residents. It states, "Every person must wear a face covering that completely and snugly covers the person's nose and mouth when the person is in an indoor public place and cannot easily maintain a continuous distance of at least six feet from any other persons."

An indoor public space is defined as "any indoor place that is open to the public or a segment of the public and includes, but is not limited to, businesses, venues or other establishments where people assemble or members of the general public may enter: schools, offices, public buildings, and public transportation, including taxicabs and ride sharing." Churches meet the definitions of an indoor public place.

Effective immediately, masks are required for attending any function taking place indoors on our campus, both the main building and the Hope Center. This includes working in the office, attending meetings or studies on campus and all worship services, including Christmas Eve. Per the Board of Supervisors resolution, the mask requirement will remain in effect at least through February 28, 2022, pending COVID-19 case counts and hospitalization rates in our community and any further action by the Board.

Members uncomfortable with wearing masks can still attend services via live stream through the Desert Hope website.

The mask requirement will also affect Communion. We will be moving back to giving out individual communion sets to each person. However, the individual communion sets are currently on backorder. Until such time as they arrive, Communion will be suspended.

NEW STAFF MEMBER

Anju Singh has joined the staff at Desert Hope as Church Secretary. She can be reached at secretary@deserthope.org or 722-9134.

Please welcome her when you come to the office.

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 27

Mon, Dec 27 Revelation 17-18; Proverbs 31:10-31; Haggai 1-2

Tue, Dec 28 Revelation 19; Psalms 147:12-20; Zechariah 1-8

Wed, Dec 29 Revelation 20-21; Psalms 148; Zechariah 9-14

Thu, Dec 30 Revelation 22; Psalms 149-150; Malachi 1-4

New Reading Plan begins Sunday, January 2, 2022

Bookmarks are available in the Narthex.



BIBLE READING PLAN FOR 2022

Beginning on Sunday, January 2, 2022, the Daily Bible Reading Plan will be from the [Revised Common Lectionary](#). These readings complement the Sunday readings: Thursday through Saturday readings help prepare the reader for the Sunday ahead; Monday through Wednesday readings help the reader reflect on and digest what they heard in worship.

Since the beginning of Desert Hope, as a congregation, we have been involved with a daily Bible reading plan and [SOAPing](#).

- **Scripture**—Open your Bible to the reading found under today's date on your Bible bookmark. Look for a verse that particularly speaks to you, and write it in your journal.
- **Observation**—What do you see happening in the text? What is the main message or situation? Write this in your journal.
- **Application**—Ask yourself how it applies to your life right now. Write how this scripture can apply to you.
- **Prayer**—Ask God to help you use this scripture. Now, write your prayer in your journal.

Many of us have found this to be a joyous task, and it has made a noticeable difference in our lives individually and as a community of faith.

New 2022 Bookmarks are available in the Narthex.

TUESDAY KNIGHTS NEW STUDY

Starting Tuesday, January 11, at 7pm, in the Hope Center, the Tuesday Knights Men's Bible Study Group will begin a 13-week study titled *1 Peter: God's Chosen People*. All men in the congregation and their friends are welcome to attend.

Many ancient secular documents are lost to us. Some of the finest were destroyed when famous libraries, such as those at Alexandria in ancient Egypt, burned. Yet God, in His providence, preserved for His church those books that we speak of as "the prophetic and apostolic Word."

1 Peter offers such an apostolic message. Hence, we do not read it like a work from Plato, who was not an apostle. We study this epistle as material that addresses us directly through the working of the Holy Spirit, bringing us to faith in Jesus Christ or enriching the faith in which we already live by Baptism.

Printed study guides are available in the church lobby beneath the Information Monitor. It is also available in digital *pdf* format. Please contact Terry Bredehoft at tbredehoft@cox.net for more information.

TUESDAY EVENING STUDY GROUP

Tuesday Evening Study Group will restart in the new year on Tuesday, January 4 at 6pm, at the Skow home. 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.

Plan to Come and  a Friend

DHLC FINANCIAL DASHBOARD

| 2021 Actuals | November | January-November |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Actual Income | \$28,363.33 | \$364,430.40 |
| Actuals Expenses | \$26,964.89 | \$353,608.38 |
| Actual Income vs Expense | \$1,408.44 | \$10,822.02 |
| 2021 Budget | | |
| Budgeted Income | \$41,751.00 | \$382,418.00 |
| Budgeted Expense | \$35,860.00 | \$383,406.00 |
| Budgeted Income vs. Expense | \$5,891.00 | (\$988.00) |
| Average Weekly Giving | | |
| 2021 | \$7,033 | \$7,542 |
| 2020 | \$6,513 | \$7,539 |

NOTE: These numbers reflect contributions to DH's regular operating budget. Designated/restricted contributions are not included.

2021 END OF YEAR GIVING

Sunday, December 26, 2021, is the final day to have your donations count towards 2021 giving. Donations made after this date will process in 2022. Contact the church office, 722-9134, if you have questions.

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. You can also mail contributions to: Desert Hope, 7474 E Speedway, Tucson, AZ 85710.

HOLY COMMUNION:

Holy Communion is for those who trust in Jesus and believe He brings the grace He promises in this Holy Meal.

Unfortunately at this time, due to COVID-19 restrictions, communion will not be served during worship until the time when pre-packaged communion kits are available.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health and Healing

- David Reinhart who is fighting cancer. Prayers for eradication of every cancer cell and a miracle (req. by Christine St. John).
- Kirt Fischer with stage 4 cancer. Prayers for eradication of every cancer cell and a miracle (req. by Patti Thibaut, coworker).
- Michelle, Stuart, Rachel and Alison, family of Stan Thibaut's daughter, all with COVID-19 (req. by Patti Thibaut).
- Paige Martin who is positive for COVID-19 (req. by Bev Hall, grandmother).

Comfort and Peace

- For Kyle Platt, teenager, who is dying of cancer (req. by Grace Ten Elshof, neighbor).
- For family of friends of Mandy Hermosa who passed away (req. by Patti Thibaut).

Praise and Thanksgiving

- The hostages in Haiti have been released.

**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 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):

[Jeremiah 31:7-14](#)

[Ephesians 1:3-14](#)

[John 1:1-18](#)

PLEASE JOIN US

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| Sunday, December 26 | Worship, Desert Hope, 9:30am (in-person & live streamed) <i>Sunday School will not meet today</i> Deadline for 2021 Giving |
| Monday, December 27 | Prayer Team, Youth Room, 2:15pm |
| Tuesday, December 28 | <i>WOW Bible Study resumes January 4</i> <i>Tuesday Evening Study Group resumes January 4</i> <i>Tuesday Knights resumes January 11</i> |
| Wednesday, December 29 | No scheduled events |
| Thursday, December 30 | <i>Thursday Women's Bible Study resumes January 6</i> |
| Friday, December 31 | <i>Friday Women's Bible Study resumes January 7</i> |
| Saturday, January 1 | Happy New Year |

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



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