

# W E L C O M E

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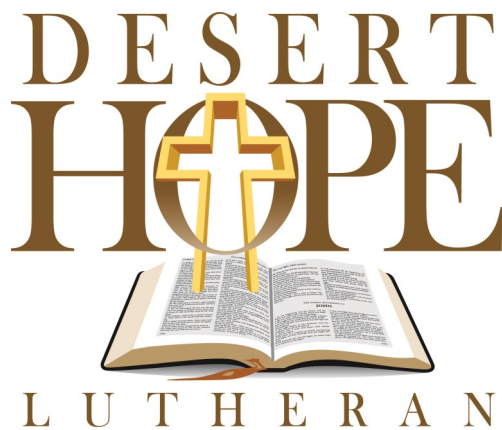
T O G E T H E R

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

*"John the Baptist—Doctor of the Soul"*

December 13, 2020

## HOPE NOTES



### OUR MISSION:

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

### Inside This Issue:

Christmas Food Baskets & Gifts
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Christmas Caroling



**Sunday, December 13, 8:30 & 10:30am**  
**Third Sunday in Advent-Joy**

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Steve Bergeson  
Heather Stein

8:30  
10:30

10:30 Opening

Song

*Joy To The World*

Children's Message

Advent Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Song

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Confession

Song

*Praise To The Lord, The Almighty*

Scripture

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 (ESV)  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (ESV)

Gospel

John 1:6-8, 19-28 (ESV)

Song

*Rejoice, Rejoice Believers*

Sermon

**"John the Baptist—Doctor of the Soul"**  
Pastor Steve Bergeson

Prayers of the People

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Holy Communion

Song

*Of The Father's Love Begotten*

Benediction

Announcements

Lynnea Fertal

Song

*Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)*

Dismissal

Postlude

**Readers:**

8:30 Glenn Weber  
10:30 Terry Bredehoft



## WORSHIP AT DESERT HOPE

**CHANGE in LIVE STREAMING beginning Sunday, December 13.** Worship is on Sundays at 8:30am & 10:30am. Both services will be in-person and the **10:30am service will be live streamed rather than the 8:30am service.** Please contact the office with any questions, 722-9134. *Nursery will not be available at either service.*

To ensure that there are sanitary seats for everyone, every other row of chairs in the sanctuary is ribboned off. Please sit in the open rows only. At the conclusion of the 8:30 service, the ribbons will be moved to the alternate rows to provide "clean" seats for the 10:30 worshippers. At the conclusion of the 10:30 service the entire sanctuary will be thoroughly sanitized.

## NURSERY AT DESERT HOPE

**The Nursery at Desert Hope will not be available at either worship service due to COVID-19 concerns.**

You may use the toddler-sized toilet or baby changing area in the nursery at any time, but you are unable to use the nursery as a cry room due to COVID concerns. Thank you for understanding. Questions or concerns can be directed to Heather at [Heather@DesertHope.org](mailto:Heather@DesertHope.org) or 979-1563.

## CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS AND GIFTS

Desert Hope will be providing food baskets and gifts for 21 families from Gridley Middle School. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to provide Christmas gifts to the children of the families receiving the food baskets. All 55 names of children have been taken.

### Reminders about gifts:

- ◆ Please limit your gift purchases to \$50 per child.
- ◆ Be sure to label the gifts with the child's name and family number.
- ◆ One box per child (If more items are purchased, wrap separately and put in a larger wrapped box).
- ◆ Bring gifts to the church no later than Sunday, December 20.

Delivery is Monday, December 21. We still need people to provide hams and to deliver. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated to help pay for the fresh food purchased on delivery day. Please continue to bring in nonperishable items for the food baskets until Sunday, December 20.

### Items needed are:

cereal  
peanut butter  
jelly  
stuffing mix  
rice  
snack bars

cranberry sauce  
dried beans  
brownie mixes  
tuna  
boxed mac & cheese  
canned fruit & vegetables

canned soup, chili & stew  
pasta  
pasta sauce  
canned pasta  
flour  
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).

## CHRISTMAS FOR COPS

Each year Desert Hope provides Christmas dinner for city and county law enforcement officers and their families. We prepare 'to-go' meals at Desert Hope that we will deliver to the substations for law enforcement personnel. You can help by providing dessert, monetary contributions for dinner costs and help packing or delivering on Christmas Day, Friday, December 25, 9-11am. If you can assist with these meals, contact Patti Thibaut, 906-8116.

Invite

## 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 14

Mon, Dec 14	Psalm 125; 1 Kings 18:1-18; Ephesians 6:10-17
Tue, Dec 15	Psalm 125; 2 Kings 2:9-22; Acts 3:17-4:4
Wed, Dec 16	Psalm 125; Malachi 3:16-4:6; Mark 9:9-13
Thu, Dec 17	Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; 2 Samuel 6:1-11; Hebrews 1:1-4
Fri, Dec 18	Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26; 2 Samuel 6:12-19; Hebrews 1:5-14
Sat, Dec 19	Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26; Judges 13:2-24; John 7:40-52
Sun, Dec 20	Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Psalm 89:1-5; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

**These Bible readings are from English Standard Version (ESV)**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Sunday School and Nursery will resume in 2021. Due to the rise in COVID-19 numbers and because children are often carriers and asymptomatic, we are choosing to lessen their exposure to each other to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 between families. In the mean time, please encourage your child to participate in worship (this is a learned activity modeled by you). You can check out an Orange Bag for preschoolers from Angela in the nursery and Children's Bulletins are available outside the nursery for kids typically attending Sunday School. Questions or concerns can be directed to Heather at 979-1563 or [Heather@DesertHope.org](mailto:Heather@DesertHope.org).

## BIBLE STUDY ZOOM MEETINGS

The following groups are currently meeting online in a Zoom meeting. If you are interested in joining one of these groups as they continue their studies, contact the person listed below for that group.

- Women of the Word (WOW) Bible Study, Tuesdays at 9am.  
Contact: Brenda McDowell, 444-0535 or [bmcdowe@comcast.net](mailto:bmcdowe@comcast.net).
- Tuesday Evening Study Group, Tuesdays at 6pm.  
Contact Linda Kress, 721-7181 or [lakress@cox.net](mailto:lakress@cox.net).
- Thursday Women's Bible Study, Thursdays at 7pm.  
Contact: Amy Martin, 299-2475.
- Friday Morning Women's Bible Study, Fridays at 9:30am.  
Contact: Lori Fabbri, 245-0325. **(via Zoom and in-person.)**

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING CARAVAN

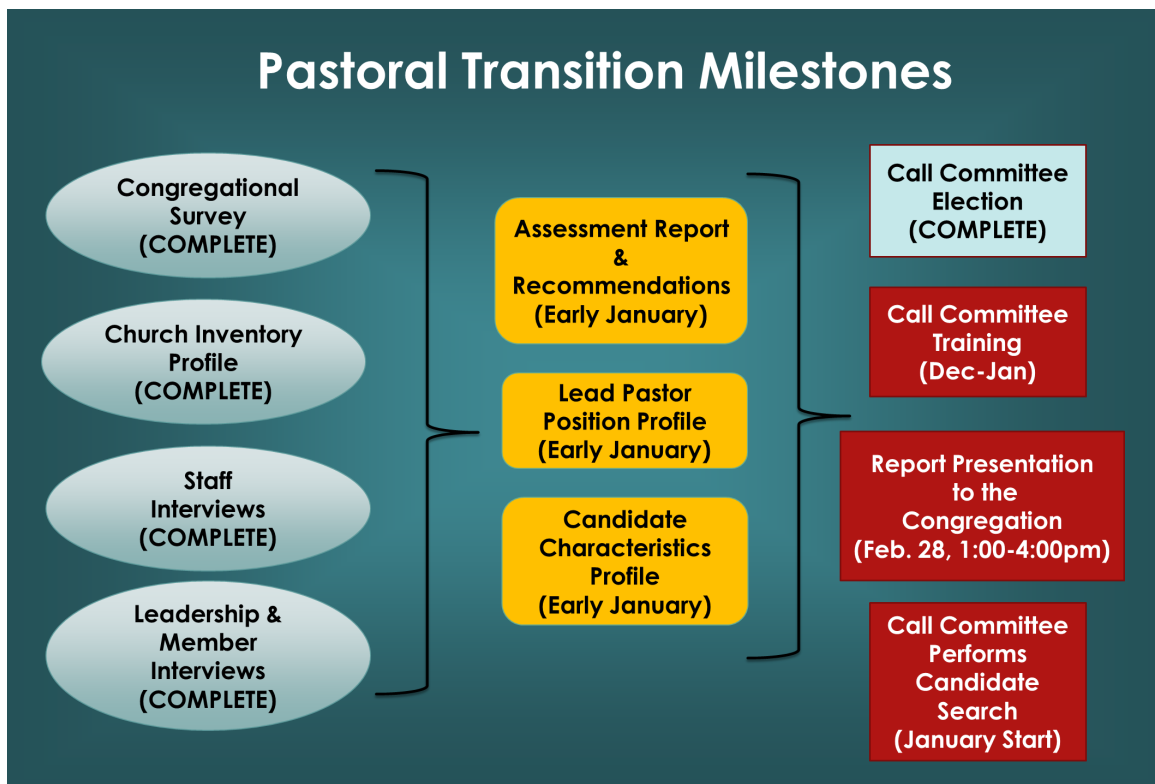
Next Sunday, December 20 at 1:30pm, we will gather at the church to form a *Christmas Carol Caravan*. We will caravan in our own cars to selected member's homes to stand outside, sing a few carols and give them a small gift basket. We plan to conclude by 4pm.

Sign up on the sheet on the counter in then Narthex or call Lynnea at 344-1757. Please join us to bless members who have are not able to attend worship.

Plan to Come and  a Friend

## DHLC FINANCIAL DASHBOARD

2020 Actuals	November	January-November
Actual Income	\$32,802.75	\$364,118.30
Actual Expense	\$32,848.87	\$355,934.14
Actual Income vs. Expenses	(\$46.12)	\$8,184.15
2020 Budget		
Budgeted Income	\$46,400.00	\$415,650.00
Budgeted Expenses	\$38,305.00	\$402,069.00
Budgeted Income vs. Expenses	\$8,095.00	\$13,381.00
Average Weekly Giving		
2020	\$6,531.00	\$7,531.00
2019	\$8,532.00	\$8,023.00



### 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 or through the Desert Hope website, [deserthope.org](http://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. We are grateful that we have found a way to safely have communion together in-person and online.

For in-person worship we are using prepackaged communion kits that contain a wafer and grape juice sealed in a cup. You will pick up the kit from the large table in the Narthex immediately after you sanitize your hands when you arrive. Following the Words of Institution and the Lord's Prayer, you will lift your mask away from your mouth; and we will all take communion together while everyone stays in their seats. Afterwards, please replace your mask over your nose and mouth. The ushers will come by to pick up the used cups and sanitize your hands. 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

- New Life Bible Fellowship

### Health and Healing

- Darrell Higman who will begin radiation treatments. Pray for wisdom of the medical teams.
- Julie Difrank for a negative result of a thyroid biopsy.

### Comfort and Peace

- For Larry Mills as he battles cancer and is in hospice care (req. by Francine Rienstra, friend).

### Strength and Wisdom

- For Becca for her upcoming court hearing that the judge will be fair and have the wisdom for custody issues (req by Barb & Keith Kuehn, aunt & uncle).

**Long Term & Military Prayer Lists are available 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.

### **The Transition Prayer**

Thank you for the blessings you have showered upon Desert Hope;  
You accomplish through us far more than we can imagine.  
During this time of pastoral transition,  
help us put our complete trust in You.  
Inspire the pastor you choose to serve with us;  
may Your call be received with an open joyful heart.  
Equip each of us for Desert Hope's next chapter;  
open our hearts and minds to humbly accept Your will.  
Continue transforming us as we follow Jesus daily,  
inviting families of this and future generations to join us.  
We pray this in Jesus' name.  
Amen.

### **Scriptures for Next Sunday:**

Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Romans 16:25-27;  
Luke 1:26-38

## PLEASE JOIN US

Sunday, December 13	Worship, Desert Hope, 8:30am (in-person only) Worship, Desert Hope, 10:30am (in-person & live streamed) <i>Sunday School will resume in January</i> <i>Nursery will not be open</i>
Monday, December 14	<i>Prayer Team will resume December 21.</i>
Tuesday, December 15	WOW Bible Study, via Zoom, 9am Tuesday Evening Study Group, Hope Center, 6pm <i>Tuesday Knights will resume January 5</i>
Wednesday, December 16	<i>Confirmation Class will resume January 6</i> <i>Big World will resume January 6</i>
Thursday, December 17	Thursday Women's Bible Study via Zoom, 7pm
Friday, December 18	Friday Women's Bible Study in-person and via Zoom, 9:30am
Saturday, December 19	GriefShare, Hope Center, 1pm
Live Streaming can be accessed at: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/DesertHopeTucson">https://www.youtube.com/user/DesertHopeTucson</a>	

### Upcoming Events:

- **Christmas Caroling Caravan** Sunday, December 20
- **Christmas Food Basket Delivery** Monday, December 21
- **Christmas Eve Worship,** Thursday, December 24, 5pm & 7pm  
Pastor Lewis Liss will be leading worship

Increase your Christmas Joy by reading the December issue of Desert Scrolls.



**STEVE BERGESON, GUEST PASTOR**

LORI FABBRI, CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

DR. GREG SILVERMAN, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC • HEATHER STEIN, DIRECTOR OF FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

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### **WORSHIP**

**Sunday, 8:30AM (in-person only)**

**Sunday, 10:30AM (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)**