

# W E L C O M E

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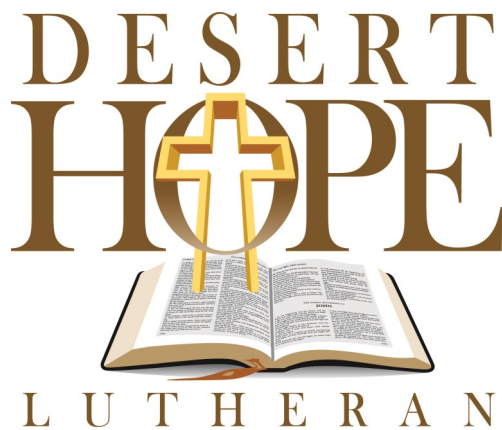
T O G E T H E R

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

*"Wonder Beyond Wonders"*

December 20, 2020

## HOPE NOTES



### OUR MISSION:

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

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Christmas Eve Worship
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**Sunday, December 20, 8:30 & 10:30am**  
**Fourth Sunday in Advent-Love**

Prelude Kees Jongsma, piano

Welcome Pastor Steve Bergeson 8:30  
Heather Stein 10:30

10:30 Opening

Song

*God's Great Love*

Children's Message

Advent Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Song *Angels We Have Heard On High*

Confession

Song *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Scripture 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 (ESV)  
Romans 16:25-27 (ESV)

Gospel Luke 1:26-38 (ESV)

Sermon **"Wonder Beyond Wonders"**  
Pastor Steve Bergeson

Song *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Prayers of the People

Confession of Faith Apostles' Creed

Holy Communion

Song *What Child Is This*

Benediction

Announcements Lynnea Fertal

Song *Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)*

Dismissal

Postlude

**Readers:**

8:30 Donna Burman  
10:30 Bill Gaube




## WORSHIP AT DESERT HOPE

Worship in-person is on Sunday at 8:30am & 10:30am. *The 10:30am service will be live streamed.*

To ensure that there are sanitary seats for everyone at each worship service, 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.

*The Nursery at Desert Hope will not be available 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.



**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**  
**Thursday, December 24, 5 & 7pm**  
Pastor Lewis Liss will be leading worship.  
*There will be no nursery care available for Christmas Eve services.*  
All are welcome at either service to celebrate the birth of Jesus.  
Families with young children are encouraged to participate in the 5pm service.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING CARAVAN

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 the Narthex or call Lynnea at 344-1757. Join us to bless members who are not able to attend worship.

## CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS AND GIFTS

Thanks to everyone who helped in so many ways with the Christmas food baskets and gifts. For anyone who brought in food, donated a ham, contributed money for the fresh food, bought and wrapped gifts for the kids or will help pack and deliver... you are all beautiful gifts from God!

If you signed up to deliver, please be at the church Monday, December 21, 9am, and we will make Christmas brighter for 21 families! Thrivent is helping with this ministry through an Action Plan received from Pat Hyland. Thank you Thrivent and Pat.

## 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 cookies, monetary contributions for dinner costs and 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 21

Mon, Dec 21	Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Samuel 1:1-18; Hebrews 9:1-14
Tue, Dec 22	Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Samuel 1:19-28; Hebrews 8:1-13
Wed, Dec 23	Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Mark 11:1-11
Thu, Dec 24	Psalms 96; Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; James 1:17-18
Fri, Dec 25	Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4; John 1:1-14
Sat, Dec 26	Psalms 148; Jeremiah 26:1-9, 12-15; Acts 6:8-15, 7:51-60
Sun, Dec 27	Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 111; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

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).

## NEW BIBLE STUDIES IN JANUARY

- **Tuesday Knights** will begin a study in the book of Hebrews titled *The Fulfillment of Faith* on Tuesday, January 5, 7pm, in the Hope Center. Doug Demlow, Mike Noonan and Terry Bredehoft will co-lead this 12-week study. We will meet in-person. Study guide copies are available in the Narthex on the cabinet below the Information Monitor. All men of the congregation (and friends) are invited to participate. Contact: Terry Bredehoft, 751-4115 or [tbredehoft@cox.net](mailto:tbredehoft@cox.net).
- **Thursday Women's Bible Study** will begin *Matchless* by Angie Smith on Thursday, January 7, 7pm, via Zoom. This study will enrich your understanding of Jesus in His historical and cultural contexts, allow the truth about Jesus to confront your doubt and equip you to share the gospel of Jesus with others. We will watch the videos on our own and then meet over Zoom to discuss. Participants will need to sign up for the study online at [LifeWay.com](https://onlinestudy.lifeway.com/v/MatchlessOBS?ecid=PDM226701&bid=48684427) and purchase the Bible study book at: <https://onlinestudy.lifeway.com/v/MatchlessOBS?ecid=PDM226701&bid=48684427>. Contact: Amy Martin, 591-9771.
- **Friday Morning Women's Bible Study** will begin studying the Gospel of John on Friday, January 8, 9:30am, in Hope Center and via Zoom. We will cover a chapter each week as we dig deeper in our understanding of the Gospel of John. The facilitator is Wanda Johnson. Please call her with any questions at 546-7934.

Plan to Come and  a Friend

## DHLC FINANCIAL DASHBOARD

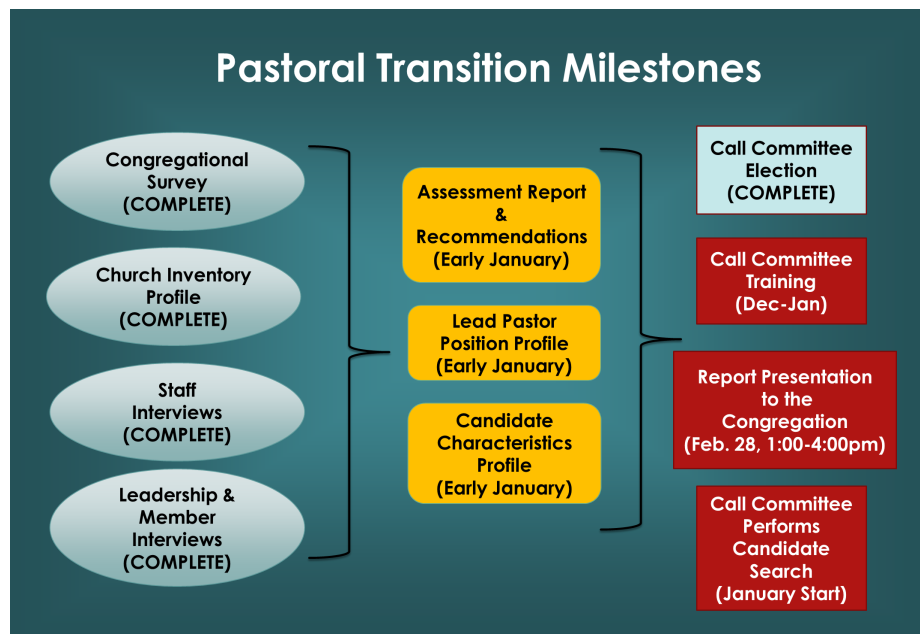
2020 Actuals	November	January-November
Actual Income	\$32,802.75	\$364,118.30
Actual Expense	\$32,848.87	\$355,934.14
Actual Income vs. Expenses	(\$46.12)	\$8,184.15
2020 Budget		
Budgeted Income	\$46,400.00	\$415,650.00
Budgeted Expenses	\$38,305.00	\$402,069.00
Budgeted Income vs. Expenses	\$8,095.00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

### INTERIM PASTOR APPOINTED

The Pastoral Transition Team recommended to the Leadership Council that we extend a six-month contract to Pastor Steve Bergeson to serve as the Interim Pastor for Desert Hope. The council approved this appointment and Pastor Steve has accepted. Beginning January 1, he will begin serving in this capacity through June, 2021.

A worship service to install Pastor Steve in this new role will be held at Desert Hope on Sunday, January 3, 10:30am.

***This will be the ONLY worship service held on that day.*** Pastor Dave Drum will be the presiding pastor at this special service. The service will be livestreamed.



### 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

- Manatíal de Amor

### Health and Healing

- Kathy Lohmeier who is hospitalized with COVID-19 and breathing issues. Prayers for a speedy recovery.
- Scott Wilcox who has COVID-19 and is in ICU in an induced coma (req. by Brenda McDowell, friend).
- Barb Kuehn who while asymptomatic has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus.
- Peggy Martin for recovery from hip replacement surgery
- Toni Schlecht for recovery from surgery for a broken femur following a fall.

**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:**


Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Galatians 4:4-7;  
Luke 2:22-40

## PLEASE JOIN US

Sunday, December 20	Worship, Desert Hope, 8:30am (in-person only) Worship, Desert Hope, 10:30am (in-person & live streamed) <i>Nursery will not be available at either service</i> <i>Sunday School will resume in January</i> <b>Christmas Caroling Caravan, 1:30pm</b>
Monday, December 21	<i>Prayer Team will resume January 4 at a new time, 10am</i> <b>Christmas Food Basket Delivery, 9am</b>
Tuesday, December 22	<i>The following groups will resume on January 5</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◇ WOW Bible Study</li><li>◇ Tuesday Evening Study Group</li><li>◇ Tuesday Knights</li></ul>
Wednesday, December 23	<i>Confirmation Class &amp; Big World will resume January 6</i>
Thursday, December 24	<b>Christmas Eve Worship, 5pm and 7pm.</b> (Nursery will not be available at either service.) <i>Thursday Women's Bible Study will resume January 7</i>
Friday, December 25	<b>Merry Christmas</b> <i>Friday Women's Bible Study will resume January 8</i>
Saturday, December 26	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 Event:

**Installation of Pastor Steve Bergeson as Interim Pastor** Sunday, January 3, 10:30am  
*This will be the only worship service held on that day.*



**STEVE BERGESON, INTERIM PASTOR**  
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