



**Making disciples who make disciples**  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 20, 2020

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#### Worship Service Times

**Sunday 11:30 a.m. & Wednesday 5:30 p.m.**

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**Next Parish Council Meeting**

**January 27 6:30 p.m.**

#### CTR Prayer Project

**1 John 4:7-8-Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.**

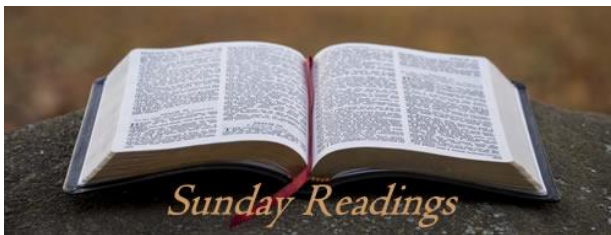
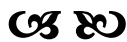
A few weeks ago, I read an Advent devotion in Mornings with Jesus. Heidi Gaul was setting up her family's nativity set, but she couldn't find the Holy Child. Her husband had carefully set it aside on the coffee table, and after breathing a sigh of relief when he pointed it out to her, she thought, "What if there hadn't been a baby Jesus? What if Mary had said no? What if God had decided not to redeem us?" My response to her query was, "No way, Jose!" How can I be so sure? Anything is possible with God and He is sovereign, so He is free to change His mind or choose Plan B over Plan A. But we have His assurance that there was never a Plan B. First and foremost, God's Word assures us that He loves us unconditionally. Our redemption isn't based on anything we choose to do or choose not to do. Our redemption is based entirely on God's love and our acceptance of that love. To choose not to redeem us would be contrary to His character. God is love. We can choose not to accept His love, but He created us to love Him, and with His help, to love others, as well. Secondly, God spoke promises through His prophets, long before Jesus was born, assuring us that He was sending His Anointed to save us. The Israelites thought He meant to save them from the Romans, but, as always, God's ways are higher than our ways, and He meant to save the Gentiles (that's us!) right along with the Jews. Thanks be to God!!! And thirdly, only God Himself could redeem us. Man cannot save us from the second death. Man cannot restore us to relationship with God the Father. Man cannot will himself to be the Bride of Christ, or purify himself enough to be able to spend eternity as Christ's Bride. Only God could do that. And He did!!! He came to earth as a humble infant for that very purpose. As you set up your nativity set this year (or behold someone else's) praise God for perfectly planning, executing, and continually reminding us of His unconditional love for us. It's all we need to do to have a

very Merry Christmas.

**Praying in One Accord**-When we believe the promises and are anxiously awaiting the coming of Christ, we are in one accord with God's Plan of Redemption.

**Accord Prayer**-Lord Christ, there is only one perfect Plan of Redemption, and You came from heaven to earth to make our salvation a reality. As we celebrate Your birth, help us keep our focus not only on Your birth at Christmas, but also on Your sacrificial death on Good Friday and Your glorious resurrection on Easter morn. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**-Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us unconditionally. Thank You for not only being love, but for enabling Your love, Jesus Christ, to live in us, not only at Christmas, but all through the year. Amen.



## Readings for December 20

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26  
Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38



## Those Who Serve

Altar Guild ~ Mary Sue Houston  
Ushers ~ Chuck & Dorothy Warner  
Lessons ~ Frank Durham  
Prayers ~ Connie Whitener  
Chalice ~ Mary Sue Houston & Jeffrey Polston



## Our Noisy Offering is Back!

The Noisy Offering Can will be in the back of the church every Sunday. Your Noisy Offerings will be totaled each month and delivered to the selected charity.



Lord, we ask you to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in sickness, or any other adversity. Open the hearts to know your love and feel your presence.

We pray for Mary Mansfield, Fr. Austin, Pam Hirst, Pat Galloway, Dorothy Green, Ann Traverso, Linda Pruden, Denise, Connie, Sue, Scotty Haskell, St. Paul's Church (Payson, AZ), Christopher Randle, Diane Manning, Bishop Keith, Abbie Bundy, Betty (Bo Peep) Penny, Donna, Dcn. Linda, Lorraine Chavez, Steve Chacon, Merle Shyne, Laura, Darlene O., Maddy, Lauren, Steven, Elena, Officer Shay K. Mikalonis, Niki, Roni, Bob, Carol, Mickey Greenlund, Zachary, Kathy Watson, Tyler, and Pray for the World.

*If you would like to submit prayer requests for this newsletter or if you have any updates, please contact the church office at 928-343-9551, or ctryuma@gmail.com*

## Prayers for the Deanery of Arizona

**The Rev. Dr. Earle Fox**, Good Shepherd, Mesa

**The Rev. Leo and Sylvia Laney**, Living Faith, Tempe



Do you have a prayer request that you would like to submit? Our Thursday morning prayer group will be praying for all submissions at our weekly meetings. Kindly submit your prayers to Deacon Linda via email – llstokes1@me.com, or call at 928-259-6620, or fill out a form found in your bulletin during our worship service. *All prayers are kept confidential.*

## Altar Guild

**Church Year Calendars** available for \$5 each. They are in the foyer. Please leave your payment in the basket.

**Poinsettia donations are happening now!** This is your last Sunday to order. An order form is at the end of this newsletter. Contact Jennifer Kircher for more information.



Mark your  
calendar



### Sunday, December 20 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

11:30a.m. Worship Service

### Tuesday, December 22

6:30 a.m. Bible Study – Psalms  
1 – 3 p.m. Bible Study at Dorothy Warner’s home

### Wednesday, December 23

2:00 p.m. Bible Study - Pauline Letters  
5:30 p.m. Prayer, Praise and Healing Service  
6:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

### Thursday, December 24

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship Service

### Sunday, December 27

11:30 a.m. Worship Service



**ANNUAL MEETING**  
of the congregation

January 17, 1:30 p.m.

More information to follow



*Poinsettia Altar  
Flowers for  
Christmas Eve*

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate in Memory of or  
Thanksgiving for:

Amount of donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Suggested donation is \$ 15

*Thank you for supporting the Altar Guild with your offering.*



### Doxology ~ Romans 16:25-27

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AMEN	BRING	CHRIST
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GLORY	GOSPEL	JESUS
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MADE	MYSTERY	OBEDIENCE
ONLY	PROCLAMATION	PROPHETIC
REVELATION	SECRET	STRENGTHEN