

Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church

A Jubilee Ministry Center



The Fourth Sunday In Advent
Sunday, December 22, 2024
Holy Eucharist Rite II
Celebrant The Rev. Kim J. Litsey

Our Missional Vision

Good Shepherd of the Hills Church brings the love and light of Christ Jesus to our neighbors. We are called to go out to serve the needs of our community.

Welcome To All Visitors

If you are a visitor today, we welcome you and thank you for worshipping with us! We hope that you are blessed by your visit.

The Right Rev. Jennifer A. Reddall, Bishop
The Rev. Kim J. Litsey, Rector
Eunkyung Suh-Lee, Director of Music
Ashley Phillips, Director of Youth and
Children's Ministry
Axel Lopez, Ministry Assistant for Youth
Kristine K., Parish Administrator
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Christmas Eve Services 5 PM and 7 PM
Christmas Day Service 10 AM

Today's Ministry Schedule

Lector: Barbara Popejoy

Altar Servers: Debbie Shields and Beth Hatcher

Ushers: Todd Knape and Philip Boreham

Greeter: Tom & Trudy Rhoades

~Prelude~
"Set on Veni Emmanuel"
By: Edward Landin

Silent entrance of the Choir and Altar Party process to the chancel.

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Altar Server will light the four advent candles as the Lector reads.

Reader: We light this candle to remind us that God is love. We thank God for hope he gives us, for the peace he bestows, for the joy he pours into our hearts, and for the love that redeems us and shows us the way.

Celebrant: God of Love, Emmanuel, may the light of God be reflected in our hearts at this time. Let us be ready for the day and the hour of Christ appearing. Grant that we may so live in him that his perfect love fills our being. We celebrate your love and are ready to show that love to the world - both today - and for evermore. **Amen.**



-Opening Hymn- #58 "Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending"

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal -
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -

va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him,
 bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry;

swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia!
 pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture,
 claim the king - dom for thine own: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
 Music: *St. Thomas*, melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786);
 harm. att. Vincent Francis Novello (1781-1861)

Eucharist, Rite II The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

~Hymn of Praise~ #102 " Holy God " (x3)

The musical score is written for two voices, Treble and Bass, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The melody is simple and homophonic, consisting of chords and single notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The score is divided into two systems, each with a Treble clef staff on top and a Bass clef staff on the bottom. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect

Celebrant: Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lessons: A Reading from the Prophet Micah

Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of
the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Song of *Mary Magnificat*

Luke 1:46-51

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is
his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for
ever. Amen.

A Reading From the Letter To The Hebrews

Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

~Gospel Hymn #631~

“Book of Books, Our People' Strength”

(vs. 1 Before & vs. 2 After)

1 Book of books, our peo - ple's strength, states-man's, teach - er's, he - ro's
2 Thank we those who toiled in thought, man - y di - verse scrolls com -
3 Praise we God, who hath in - spired those whose wis - dom still di -

tre - sure, bring - ing free - dom, spread - ing truth,
plet - ing, po - ets, pro - phets, schol - ars, saints,
rects us; praise him for the Word made flesh,

shed - ding light that none can mea - sure: wis - dom comes to
each a word from God re - peat - ing; till they came, who
for the Spi - rit which pro - tects us. Light of know - ledge,

those who know thee, all the best we have we owe thee.
told the sto - ry of the Word, and showed his glo - ry.
ev - er burn - ing, shed on us thy death - less learn - ing.

Words: Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926)

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The Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father,
the Almighty, maker of heaven
and earth, of all that is, seen and
unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally
begotten of the Father, God from
God, Light from Light, true God from
true God, begotten, not made, of
one Being with the Father. Through
him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he
came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from
the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he
suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in
accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at
the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

~Prayers Of The People~

P# 130 "While We Are Waiting"



1. While we are wait - ing, come; _____
 2. Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly, come; _____
 3. With pow'r and glo - ry, come; _____



While we are wait - ing, come. _____
 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly, come. _____
 With pow'r and glo - ry, come. _____



Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,



While we are wait - ing, come. _____

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Prayers of the People

Lector: Holy One, we pray with anticipation of the coming of the Christ child and the hope for the creation of new possibilities and visions for us and our world.

People: God, we pray in the power of your presence.

Lector: With the dream of peace in the world, we pray for the welfare and safety of all your people in every community and nation.

People: God, we pray in the power of your presence.

Lector: For Good Shepherd of the Hills, that those whose efforts sustain this church and its mission, our members and friends, the clergy, and the Bishop we pray for your guidance and blessings.

People: God, we pray in the power of your presence.

Lector: In our daily life, we thank you for nourishing our soul, energizing our mind and feeding our body so that we may do your work and serve others in your name. We thank you for giving us each unique talent to use with loving purpose.

People: God, we pray in the power of your presence.

Lector: We ask for healing for those in unbearable circumstances, the homeless, the fearful, the anxious and those that are ill and dying, especially for those individuals on our parish prayer list.

People: God, we pray in the power of your presence.

Lector: We pray for those who have died, those we hold in our hearts, and those who have gone before us to the joy eternal life.

People: God, we pray in the power of your presence.

We gratefully acknowledge the Native Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we gather, the Hohokam, as well as the diverse and vibrant Native communities who make their home here today.

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty;

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Celebrant: Our hearts are open to this new advent, new beginning, and new opportunity to embrace the Christ child that came into the world. May the promise of hope, love, joy and peace live in our hearts now and always. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Offertory

Offering (*The Offering is received and the altar is prepared.*)

Celebrant: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

~Offertory Anthem~

"We Bring His Light"

By: Jon Purifoy

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be-low; praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost." The score ends with a double bar line.

The Holy Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer C

The Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

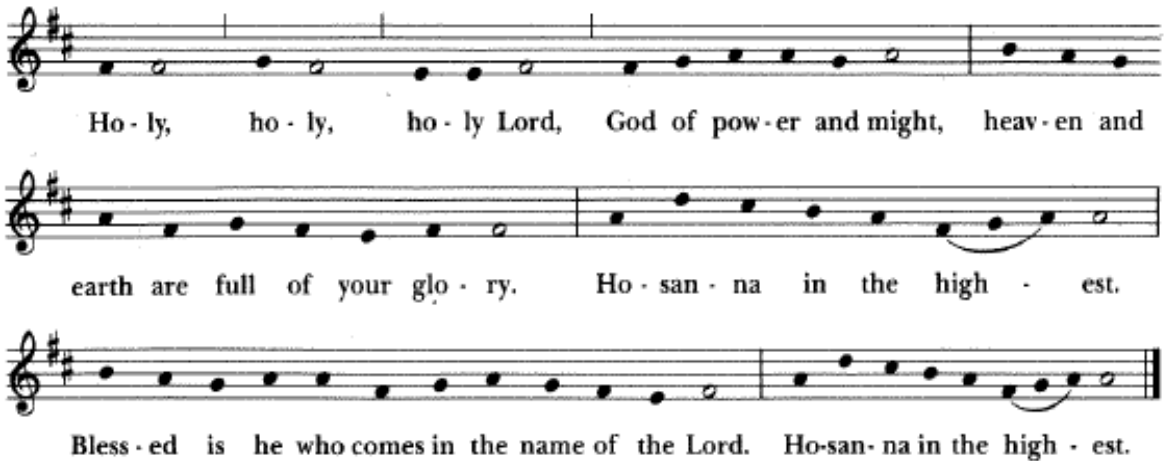
Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
People: *By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus #124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues:

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

[Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

Communion of the People

All Baptized people are welcome to receive Holy Communion; if you prefer a blessing please cross your arms in front of your chest.



~Communion Hymn #5b~

"Humbly I Adore Thee"

By: Charles W. Douglas

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Advent Blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came
among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his
blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we
await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and
constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at
his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

~Recessional Hymn #238~
 “Blessed Feasts Of Blessed Martyrs”

1 Bless - ed feasts of bless - ed mar - tyrs, ho - ly wo - men,
 2 Faith pre - vail - ing, hope un - fail - ing, lov - ing Christ with
 3 There - fore, ye that reign in glo - ry, fel - low - heirs with

ho - ly men, with af - fec - tion's re - col - lec - tions
 sin - gle heart, thus they, glo - rious and vic - to - rious,
 Christ on high, join to ours your sup - pli - ca - tion

greet we your re - turn a - gain. Wor - thy deeds they
 brave - ly bore the mar - tyr's part, by con - tempt of
 when be - fore him we draw nigh, pray - ing that, this

wrought, and won - ders, wor - thy of the Name they bore; we, with
 ev - ery an - guish, by un - yield - ing bat - tle done; vic - tors
 life com - plet - ed, all its fleet - ing mo - ments past, by his

meet - est praise and sweet - est, hon - or them for ev - er - more.
 at the last, they tri - umph, with the host of an - gels one.
 grace we may be wor - thy of e - ter - nal bliss at last.

Martyrs.

Words: Latin, 12th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: *Holy Manna*, melody from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

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Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love in the name of Christ

People : Thanks be to God.

~Postlude~

"Trumpet Tune On Come, Divine Messiah"

By: David Lasky

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of the birth of
Jesus.

May the spirit of Christmas bring love and joy to all!

Flowers donated by John & Arlene De Broske





Please pray for those celebrating their Anniversary:

**John & Arlene De Broske, Steve & Beth Hatcher
and Birthday:**

**Margaret Powell, Audra Botwin, Mike Powell,
Marilyn Miller, Barbara Popejoy**

Remembering Those Have Died

Connie DiBenedetto

Please Pray For the Following People

**Mariah Myers, Mike, Kathy Frederick, Chris Francis,
Johnny, Mandie, Brynn and Iann Miller, Paddi Mozilo,
Jan, Edna, Mat, and Rick Rhoades, Sylvia Tabor, Dee Crane, Susan,
The Family and Friends of Todd Hodesh, Eric and Michelle Salawich, Charles,
Aaron Parson, Bill Turner, John, Hank Zolkiewicz, Tim Rosenhoover,
Andrea Hensley, Roger Powell, The Friends and Family of Sharon,
The Friends and Family of Hope Ann Kelly, Ed Simpson,
The Friends and Family of Art Graf, Christopher Thoms, Penny,
Bernice Insalaco, Claudia Joehl, Cindy Creamers, Joe Garcia,
Amelia & Family, Bob S., Vivian, Suzanne,
The Friends and Family of Patrick Doherty, Cathy DeGroat,
Joan Shillingburg, Lindsey Hensley, Susan Harte,
Paula Vessels, David Vessels, and Rachel Vessels, Jordan Jones**

Please Pray for those in the Armed Forces

**Stephanie Case Andersen, Adam and Kim Bennett, Jeff Walker,
Jeff Lindbom, Jordan Knight, Katherine Guthrie, Pierce Guthrie,
Nathan Cole, John A. Malley-Garza, Benjamin McCombs, Gabriel Leite,
Blake Henderson Jr., David Allen Slockett, Bryson Henderson,
Brady Bevard, Peter Buckley (Johnson)**

CHRISTMAS *Blessings*

May all the joys and goodness
of God be yours this
Christmas and in the coming
new year.

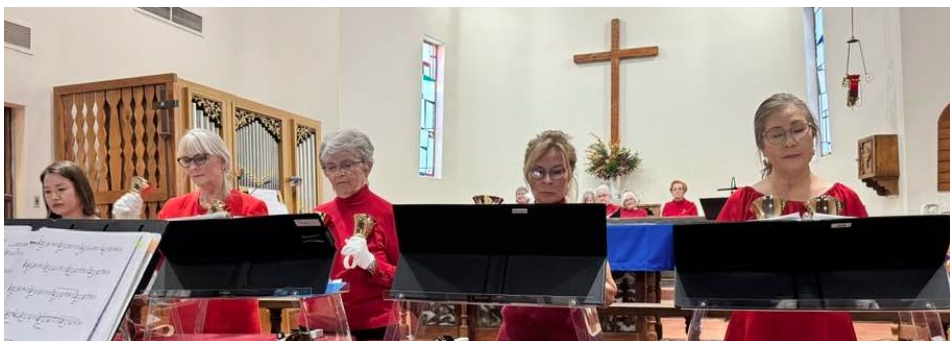
The Church Office will be closed
December 26th to December 28th and
December 30th to January 1st.



We were Blessed to have the
Episcopal Diocese of Arizona
Archdeacon Amy Bryan give the Homily
at Gaudete Sunday Mass. If you missed
it, you can still view it on our Face-
book or YouTube pages!

Christmas Choir Concert and Sing-A Long

We had a beautiful and FUN Christmas Concert and Sing-Along this past Saturday. Music by our esteemed choir, bell choir and a guest appearance by one of our talented parishioners. The congregation and members of the community joined in for the second half. The event was followed by a reception in Maitland Hall.



We had a wonderful turn-out for the Reception after the Choir Concert last Saturday!



CHARITY PURSE DRIVE!

PURSE-IMPRESSIONS IS ON A MISSION TO PROVIDE FRESH START PURSES TO WOMEN AND MEN CELEBRATING THEIR GRADUATION FROM REHAB.

We are asking for new or gently used Purses, Jewelry & Hygiene Items.

Donations can be dropped off at donation bins or contact Elayne Kitchen



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COFFEE HOUR!

Volunteers are needed to host coffee hour !

If you are interested in being a host please sign up on the sheet inside Maitland Hall.



What's A Coffee Hour Host?

The host provides delicious food for all to share on the Sunday of their Choice! The host is also in charge putting their food and treats on the banquet table, helping to serve the beverages, and cleaning up after coffee hour ends. (Just the basics i.e. removing the food and trays from the banquet table, storing leftover items, loading the dishwasher, emptying the coffee pot, and wiping down the counters)

Altar Flower Dedications !

Our Altar Flower Dedication Program is taking altar flower dedications for 2025! the new sign up sheet is posted in Maitland Hall! Our beautiful Altar flowers are arranged by our Flower Guild but sponsored by our members in celebration for birthdays, anniversaries, and in memory of loved ones. Our Flower Guild works hard to keep the costs low but we are encouraging a donation of \$50 when sponsoring flowers. Donors are encouraged to let the office know the occasion so we can include the information in the Sunday Bulletin.



Autism Society of Greater Phoenix **Caregiver Support Group**

Join us as we connect with other caregivers on the Autism Journey,
Register at www.PHXautism.org

When: Meetings 3rd Monday of every month

Time: 6:30-7:45 P.M.

Where: Maitland Hall Building

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