

Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church

Rev. Fred Baum

2nd Sunday in Advent

December 5th, 2021



“The Precursor”

Advent Series “Dreams and Visions” #2

United Methodist Church Mission

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

OUR MISSION

Our Mission is to reach out to others to help them meet their needs and to welcome them into our family of faith as we gather for worship, fellowship, education, and service.

Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church

(Please email vistaumc.org@gmail.com or text 520-349-9216 in your Celebrations and Concerns. These will be read and prayed for during the Pastoral Prayer.)

COUNTDOWN

“Peace”

WELCOME & GREETING

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE “Peace” Jim and Linda Galka

“Welcome to Our World” (1 & 2) No. 3067

*OPENING HYMN “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” (1,4) No. 203

“There’s a Song in the Air” (1) No. 249

*ADVENT CONFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the Gospel that began in Bethlehem. I believe in Him whose Spirit glorified a little town and of whose coming only the wisemen saw the sign. I believe in Him whom the kings of the earth ignored and the proud could never understand. I believe in Him who proclaimed the love of God to be invincible; who looks at us and enables us to see what His love sees in us; who by His love brings forgiveness into our lives and brings our lives into the grace and glory of God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (NIV)

Malachi 3:1-4

“I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the LORD Almighty.

²But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness,..”

TIME WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Valerie Hammons

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Vista Bells

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” (arr. Jason Krug)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your many and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord,

whose character is always to have mercy. So, grant then, gracious, Lord that as we receive this Sacrament of your Son Jesus Christ, that our live may be renewed and we may grow into his likeness. May we as your forgiven and renewed children evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God. Amen!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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LORD'S PRAYER

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 forever. Amen.

SOLO

"Breath of Heaven"
(By Amy Grant & Chris Eaton)

Carolyn Dwyer

OFFERTORY

Mary Bellah & Donna Langwig
"Carol Medley" *(arr. Lani Smith)*

EPISTLE LESSON (NRSV)

2 Peter 3:8-15a

⁸ But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

¹¹ Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³ But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ¹⁵and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.”

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

“What Shall We Sing for the Child?” (*Howard Helvey*)

GOSPEL LESSON (NIV)

Mark 1:1-8

“The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, ²as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way”—

³“a voice of one calling in the wilderness,

‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.’”

⁴And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

“O Little Town of Bethlehem,” “What Child Is This?”

STEPHEN MINISTER

Dr. Larry Holden

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION HYMN

“Benediction Hymn”

No. 3182

POSTLUDE

“Sing an Alleluia” (Dana Mengel)

Mary Bellah

Prayers for Our Members & Visitors

Please use a Prayer Card so we may give praises to God and/or to lift up your concerns. See an usher for the Prayer Card.

Prayers for Our Churches

Each month churches in the South District pray with and for each other. Please pray for the pastors, congregation, and community of the following:

December 2021

Chaplains & Counselors in the South District
The Inn Project, Tucson

TMM Family Services – People served and Staff, Tucson
And

Our sister church, Fuente de Vida in Agua Prieta, Mexico.

Compassion Connection

In Need of Continued Prayers for Healing

Frank Buck, Dorothy Conner, Dr. Chuck Crown, Slim Crowson, Suzanne Ewing,
Steven Extract, Shane Gallo, Bill Gureck, Fran & Paul Hampton,
Connie Kreamalmeyer, Stephen McCotter, Paul Oelrich, Margaret Overman,
Allen Phillips, Joan Robinson, Rosetta Schemenauer, Barry & Gale Shuman,
Meagan Spencer, Marilyn Waldo, Cheryl Watts, Teresa White

Home Bound

John & Joan Davies, Betty Jean Emberton, Bob & Eileen Herd,
Sharon Poole, Barry & Gale Shuman

In Memorandum

Joy Oram

Welcome to Vista UMC

Thank you for joining us during worship today, masks are optional.

Daily Pocket Prayer Booklet

Remember to use your “Daily Pocket Prayers” booklet sent to you in our Thanksgiving Mailing. Please see an Usher if you did not receive one yet.

Upcoming Christmas Performances

Bells Choir December 5th and 19th
Vocal Seniority December 12th

Announcements

JOY ORAM MEMORIAL SERVICE

This coming Thursday December 9th at 11 AM - Please sign up on the website or by calling the church office.

BAKELESS BAKE SALE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

A lot of news we have today!

A bakeless bake sale is on the way!

In these busy days now, who would bake pies and cookies or even a cake!

You'd be surprised if you counted the cost of materials, heat and the time you have lost!

Cooking for sales is extra work yet really nobody wishes to shirk!

So, we've thought of a plan that's really grand and feel quite sure you will understand!

In an envelope, please put the price of a pie or cake or something nice Without fuss or bother, you've done your part and we're sure you'll give with a willing heart!

This is the end of our little tale and we hope for success in our "Bakeless Bake Sale."

Vista's United Methodist Women is giving you the opportunity to help raise money for missions for women, children, and youth around the world. Mail a donation payable to UMW Vista to the Treasurer, Amy Butkovich, at 14244 N. Trade Winds Way Oro Valley AZ 85755 Any questions, contact Amy Butkovich at **520-612-7006** or email gbutkovich@comcast.net. We appreciate your donation to United Methodist Women.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

Would you like to fill a Christmas stocking with personal items for the charity, Eagles Wings of Grace? Pick up a stocking on Sunday, December 5th at church. Please return the filled stocking

to the church by Sunday, December 12th. Call Amy Butkovich at 520-612-7006 or email GButkovich@comcast.net with questions. The UMW appreciates your participation in this project.

Special Charge Conference for Vista de la Montana UMC

Tuesday December 7th at 3 PM. This charge conference is for the purpose of reviewing and voting on whether or not to approve the Boy Scouts of America Bankruptcy Reorganization Plan

Vista UMC Calendar for this week

Day		Events
This Sunday 12-05	10:00 AM	Worship – Sanctuary – Pastor Fred
	10:15 AM	Child/Youth Sunday School – Education Building
	11:15 AM	Adult Sunday School – St Matthew Room – L Whittington
Monday 12-06	4:00 PM	SPRC – St Matthew – Ken Zebal
	9:00 AM	Vocal Seniority – Worship Center
Tuesday 12-07	2:00 PM	Finance Committee – Elizabeth – Sharon Scanlan
	3:00 PM	Church (Charge) Council – Elizabeth – Marty Lenzini
	6:30 PM	Trustees – St Matthew – Leo Smith
	10:00 AM	Advent Bible Study – St Matthew Room – Gail & Donna
Wednesday 12-08	1:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal – Elizabeth Room – Marshall Sanders
	6:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary – Shannon Casey
	9:00 AM	Women’s Lectionary – St Matthew/Zoom – Sharon Scanlan
Thursday 12-09	11:00 AM	Memorial Service, Joy Oram
	1:30 PM	Up From The Ashes Bible Study – St John Room – Jim Bless
	1:30 PM	Stephen Ministry – Dottie McIntyre
	9:30 AM	Creative Hands – St John Room – Jan Bohe
Friday 12-10		
Saturday 12-11		
Next Sunday 12-12	10:00 AM	Worship – Sanctuary – Pastor Fred
	10:15 AM	Child/Youth Sunday School – Education Building
	11:15 AM	Adult Sunday School – St Matthew Room – L Whittington

No Missions Meeting in December

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9AM – 5PM (*closed 12-1 for lunch*)

Office Closed Dec. 27–30 For database maintenance & Dec. 31st for the Holiday.

**Thank you for joining us in the sanctuary or Livestream worship.
Go and live the lives of love God has given you!**

Welcome to Our Visitors!!

**All visitors are invited and encouraged to explore
membership in Vista's Congregation.**

If you are interested in membership, please contact the church office
at 520-825-1985 and Pastor Fred or Valerie will call you.

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Sunday Worship 10:00 am
Visit our website: www.vistaumc.org**

Assisting Our Worship Today

Liturgist	Linda Galka
Acolyte	Roman Aguirre
Audio & Video	Teresa Sanders: slide show producer and house sound Paul Oelrich: live stream camera Clark Simonds: live stream audio
Organist	Mary Bellah
Ushers	Leslie Hawkins, Bill & Dixie Ayers, and Ken Hunt
Communion Servers	Dottie Lou Colby, Robin Conner, Mary Berg, Peggy Hoeft, Dottie McIntyre, Jan & Ben Millard, Sharon Scanlan, Giff Tompkins
Communion Stewards	Connie Simonds, Linda Galka & Gerry Alberts
Volunteers	Peggy Jo Harwick and Giff Tompkins
Flowers	Given by Steve & Sharon Scanlan in Loving Memory of their Parents. Arrangement created by Lue Satterfield