

# THE CHURCH OF THE PALMS

*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



January 26, 2025

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

10 a.m.

*What would you put in a time capsule that represented The Church of the Palms?*

Our Church Life		Pastor Jim
Welcome		Pastor Paul
Prelude	<i>Revelation Song</i>	Jennifer Hoppe
Call to Worship		Donna Meadows
*Hymn 249 v 1-2	<i>Spirit</i>	Congregation
Spiritual Readings	<i>Audrey Hepburn, MLK, Jr., Sigmund Freud, Fred Craddock</i>	Donna Meadows
Anthem	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Scripture Reading	<i>Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Luke 4:16-21</i>	Pastor Paul
Message	<i>Community Memories</i>	Pastor Paul
*Hymn	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	Congregation
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Jim
Offertory Sentences		Pastor Paul
Offertory Music	<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>	Jennifer Hoppe
Benediction		Pastor Jim
*Hymn 592 v 3	<i>Every Time I Feel the Spirit</i>	Congregation

\*Please stand as you are able.

\*\*Communion is available after Worship. Please come forward as you are able; if you are not, please remain seated and we will come to you. The bread for all Communion Services is gluten free.

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# THE CHURCH OF THE PALMS: AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

## Our Open and Affirming Statement

The Church of the Palms, United Church of Christ, welcomes all people into the full life and ministry of our church, regardless of age, race, or gender; personal, mental or physical ability; gender identity or expression; sexual orientation; ethnic, cultural or religious background; marital, social, or economic status; or life history. We believe that God loves all people and offers us gifts by our diversity. We affirm families and relationships built on love, respect, responsibility, and trust.

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## Solidarity for Our Indigenous Siblings

The Church of the Palms, United Church of Christ, acknowledges the communities of Indigenous People who first lived in the land of this valley we call home. The particular land on which this building stands was honored and managed with stewardship by Hohokam, the O-odham Jewed and the Pima-Maricopa as well as the diverse vibrant Native communities who make their home here today.

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER THIS WEEK:

### Sunday, 26

9:00a Choir Rehearsal MR

10:00a Worship Service SA

*Worship Theme: Pastor Paul will be preaching.  
What are community memories and why do they matter?  
Read Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 and Luke 4:16-21.*

11:00a Fellowship Hour KH

### Monday, 27

11:00a Shower Trailer OS

1:00p Advocacy Mtg BR/HY

4:00p I-HELP KH

### Tuesday, 28

### Wednesday, 29

9:00a Needles & Pins Craft Group BR

### Thursday, 30

1:00p Worship Team Mtg BR/HY

2:30p Choir Practice MR

3:00p Inspirit Bible Study BRC

### Friday, 31—Office Closed

1:00p Prison Ministry Pen Pal Mtg BR/HY

### Saturday, February, 1

### Sunday, February, 2

9:00a Choir Rehearsal MR

10:00a Worship Service SA

*Worship Theme: Pastor Paul will be preaching.  
Read Jeremiah 1:4-10. How do you know if it's  
God's voice you are hearing or something else?*

11:00a Fellowship Hour KH



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Our deepest sympathies  
for Beth Georges  
and her family.

*In loving memory of  
Jean Georges*



SA=Sanctuary; B2L=Bridges to Learning; HY=Hybrid; KH=King Hall; BR=Boardroom; OS=Offsite; NA=Narthex; CHP=Chapel; PP=Pastor Paul's Office; MR=Music Room; BRC=Behle Resource Center

**Please pray for our fellow church families**

Clay Lyon, Dalton Parr, Brent Pinter, Tracy and Phyllis (Judy Pinter’s family members)  
Marlys Davenport, Rhonda Krinsky, Allan Gott, Bruce & Lynda Chubbuck, Jim Schulz  
Deb Bontadelli, Herbert & Anneslia Turner, Linette Stenberg, Donna Stenberg,  
Addie Bovier’s family & friends in the California fires, Addie’s husband Greg  
and friend Lauren, Melissa Collins, Linda Allwalt

**Social Justice Prayer**

Jesus, We hear your call and see your actions caring for the less fortunate and victims of injustice. Deepen our concern for our sisters and brothers who endure the burdens of poverty, exploitation, and persecution. Teach us to recognize and call out the lack of justice. Enflame our passion for justice into a commitment to address unjust situations and structures. Banish fear and complacency in our hearts and minds. May we envisage, pray about, and then TAKE ACTION to create a different sort of world in which injustice is replaced with a renewed sense of solidarity and care for all. Amen.



**Pray** for churches working with migrants and asylum seekers. **Pray** for our I-HELP guests. **Pray** for our pastors and their families. **Pray** for the leaders and staff of the Southwest Conference and National Setting of the United Church of Christ. **Pray** for the Tent of Nations.



This week, let’s pray for the members & ministries of:  
**The Church of the Palms (UCC)**  
**(14808 N Boswell Blvd)**

**IHELP**—We Help - We are do-ciples - We act Brrrrr it’s freezing cold outside. When The Church of the Palms volunteers learned that our guests did not have a church to provide shelter for last Wednesday night, we helped. Same time, same place, different night than our regular Monday. Give these volunteers a high-five. Cindy Reese, John Claiborne, Max Klinkenborg, Richard Mueller, Mary Hoy, Andre Petty, Barbara Little, Nancy Mueller. Our volunteers are critical to the success of housing the homeless working with Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest. Ask them “How did you help?”

**Lifelong Learning’s Unconscious Bias Class**  
**February 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00a,**  
**in Behle Resource Center**  
Lynette Turner will present an introduction to unconscious bias and will provide awareness training to help attendees recognize their own unconscious biases. Please join us for this educational opportunity to further enhance your life journey.

The Church of the Palms’ is collecting donations of soup (ramen, cans, etc.) each Sunday through February 9<sup>th</sup> for the Valley View Community Food Bank. Our sister congregation, United Church of Sun City, has challenged us to a friendly rivalry to see who can donate the most. **Let’s DO THIS!**



**Criminal Justice Reform/Prison Ministry**

Interested in becoming a Pen Pal to a woman in Perryville Prison? Join us for a special meeting to find out what it is like. Come with questions! **Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00p** in the Boardroom R.S.V.P. to Nancy at [nnonini19@gmail.com](mailto:nnonini19@gmail.com).

