

The Church of the Palms

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



March 2, 2025

Transfiguration Sunday

10 a.m.

What needs to be transformed in your life? In our nation? In our world?

Our Church Life		Pastor Jim
Welcome		Pastor Paul
Prelude	<i>We Are the World</i>	Jennifer Hoppe
Call to Worship		Judy Pinter
*Hymn	<i>God of History</i>	Congregation
Spiritual Readings	<i>Desmond Tutu, Pope Francis Nadia Bolz-Weber, Howard Thurman</i>	Judy Pinter
Anthem	<i>Lead On, Eternal Sovereign</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Scripture Reading	<i>Luke 9:28-36</i>	Pastor Paul
Message	<i>Yes! It's on the Test!</i>	Pastor Paul
*Hymn 182	<i>Transform Us</i>	Congregation
Communion		Pastors Jim & Paul
Music for Communion	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	Jennifer Hoppe
Offertory Sentences		Pastor Paul
Offertory Music	<i>I Lift My Eyes Up</i>	Jennifer Hoppe
Benediction		Pastor Jim
*Hymn 614	<i>I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me</i>	Congregation
Postlude	<i>Be Unto Your Name</i>	

*Please stand as you are able.

**The bread for all Communion Services is gluten free.

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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.

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.

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OUR LIFE TOGETHER THIS WEEK:

Sunday, 2

9:00a Choir Rehearsal MR
10:00a Worship Service SA
Worship Theme: *Transfiguration Sunday.*
Read Luke 9:28-36. Pastor Paul will be preaching.
How can we turn the mundane to the marvelous?
How can God lead us to see the holy all around us?
11:00a Fellowship Hour KH
11:00a Right To Speak Training BR

Monday, 3

10:00a Lifelong Learning BR/HY
4:00p I-HELP KH

Tuesday, 4

9:00a Men's Fellowship @ George's Café OS

Wednesday, 5

9:00a Needles & Pins Craft Group BR
*5:00p Ash Wednesday Service @
Sun City Christian Church OS
(9745 W Palmeras Dr, Sun City, AZ 85373)

Thursday, 6

1:00p Worship Team Mtg BR/BY
2:30p Choir Rehearsal MR
3:00p Inspirit Bible Study BRC

Friday, 7—Office Closed

12:00p Criminal Justice Mtg BR/HY
1:00p Social Justice Team Mtg BR/HY

Saturday, 8

Sunday, 9

9:00a Choir Rehearsal MR
10:00a Worship Service SA
1:00p Bus Reserved OS
Worship Theme: *First Sunday in Lent.*
Pastor Paul will be preaching. Read Luke 4:1-13.
What is the potato salad promise?
How can we die living rather than live dying?
11:00a Ministry Fair/Fellowship Hour KH

SA=Sanctuary; B2L=Bridges to Learning; HY=Hybrid;
KH=King Hall; BR=Boardroom; OS=Offsite; A=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, Melissa Collins, Linda Allwalt, Jackie (a friend of TCOTP) Bob Parks, Vanessa Stiller, Larry DeLong, Addie Bovier’s family & friends in the California fires, Addie’s husband Greg and friend Lauren, Chris D. Goshorn, Linda Place

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.

Social Justice Prayer

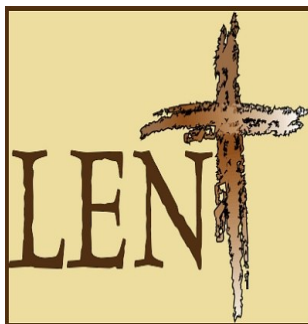
Creator God, many of your children do not have shelter to protect them from the elements. In the winter they are exposed to freezing temperatures and in the summer they experience life threatening heat. Both extremes threaten their health and well being. Jesus told us to give a coat to the needy if we have two coats. May we be inspired to clean our closets filled with unused clothing, to make/give blankets, hats and gloves to keep our homeless brothers and sisters protected from the ravages of cold. Amen.



This week, let’s pray for the members & ministries of:
West Valley Christian Fellowship
(12649 N 105th Ave)



YOU are Invited!
The LGBTQ+ Ministry Team is hosting an **IMAGINE: DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION** potluck at Mark Makowski’s home at: 10319 W. Burns Drive, Sun City on March 10th, starting at 4:30p. It is limited to 12 people due to space. Stay tuned to your Sunday Bulletins for future potlucks and activities so all who wish can participate over time. Who knows what we might dream up next! Plan for friendly conversation, laughter, and good food. All in good supply. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. *Thanks, Mark*



Lenten Study Sacred Self-Care

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is March 5th for our Lenten Study this year, we are going to use the book *Sacred Self-Care: Daily Practices for Nurturing Our Whole Selves*, by Dr. Chanequa Walker-Barnes. It contains daily meditations and exercises for caring for ourselves, and was recommended by the UCC as an all-church read. Dave Klingensmith will lead four sessions (March 19 & 26 and April 2 & 9 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the Behle Resource Center) where participants can share how they’re doing at their own self-care. A few copies will be available in the church office. The book is available on Amazon for \$9.99 for the print version and \$16 for the Kindle version. Even if you can’t come to the class you are encouraged to get the book and care for yourself. A sign-up sheet for the class is in the Narthex.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Opportunity (Responsibility): Speak out & speak up for our homeless, migrant & LGBTQ+ siblings.

What: Contact our state legislators about legislation affect these folks.

How: Easily done on your computer through the RTS right to Speak process.

Although you really do not have to speak.

When: Attend an information and training session in the Board Room after church **TODAY** Sunday, March 2nd.

Who: A trainer from Civic Engagement Beyond Voting will be with us to show us how.

And more: Light lunch provided.

THE LENTEN SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday—Wednesday, March 5—5:00p @ Sun City Christian Church OS
9745 W Palmeras Dr, Sun City, AZ 85373

Lenten Musical Presentation—Sunday, April 6—10:00a SA

"Messages and Music for Everything In Between" Presented by: The Music Department

Maunder Thursday—Thursday, April 17—5:00p SA

Good Friday—Friday, April 18—2:00p in The Chapel at The Palms CHP

Easter Sunday (Two Services)—April 20, 8:00a on the patio & 10:00a SA



An Upgrade to Our SANCTUARY LISTENING DEVICES and KING HALL LISTENING DEVICES



If you are in need of a LISTENING Device for worship, all of the units on the round table in the Narthex are working. They are on chargers so that there will be plenty of power for your use! Pick up a LISTEN Pack from off of the charger and an EarPiece from in the wooden caddy. Plug the EarPiece into the Pack and power the back on.

To adjust the volume, either the Right or Left Button increases/decreases the volume

in the EarPiece. If you prefer the LISTEN LOOP, those are in the back of the EarPiece caddy. When worship is over, please return items to the round table...LISTEN Pack on charger and EarPieces to the wooden caddy after wiping it down with the alcohol wipes also included in the wooden caddy. IF you have a listening device of your own that works via WiFi, you will need to do the following:

Download the WaveCAST App on your phone: Within the WaveCAST App, you will need to search for **The Palms Sanctuary** and select it. You can proceed as normal with the use of your device. If the WaveCAST App doesn't detect the LISTEN system once you have completed the first steps, you may need to **DISABLE MOBILE DATE** within the **SETTINGS** of your Phone and then resume use.

In King Hall—If you are in need of a LISTENING Device for meetings or events, all of the units on the Sound Rack to the LEFT as you enter King Hall. They are on chargers so that there will be plenty of power for your use! Pick up a LISTEN Pack from off of the charger and an EarPiece from in the Plastic caddy. Plug the EarPiece into the Pack and power the Pack on. To adjust the volume, either the Right or Left Button increases/decreases the volume in the EarPiece. If you prefer the LISTEN LOOP, those are in the back of the EarPiece plastic. IF you have a listening device of your own that works via WiFi, follow the WaveCAST instructions above. BUT, search and select **The Palms Hall**. When the event is over, please return items to the Sound Rack...LISTEN Pack on charger and EarPieces to the plastic caddy after wiping it down with the alcohol wipes found in a container marked **ALCOHOL WIPES**.

The Church of the Palms' Ministry Fair Coming Soon to a Church Near You

March 9th at 11:00a in King Hall

A great opportunity to learn about our various ministries and see what we are all about.