The Church of the Palms

God is still speaking,
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 1, 2026 **Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost** 10:00 AM

All Saints' Day

Our Church Life		Pastor Mark
Welcome		Pastor Paul
Prelude	*I Give You My Heart*	Jennifer Hoppe
Call to Worship		Jessica Hermann
*Hymn 637 v 1-3	*For All the Saints*	Congregation
Spiritual Reading	*Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Soren Kierkegaard, Catherine of Siena, Billy Joel*	Jessica Hermann
Anthem	*Draw the Circle Wide*	Sanctuary Choir
Scripture Reading	*Romans 16:1-16*	Pastor Paul
Message	*Calling the Roll*	Pastor Paul
*Hymn 638	*In the Bulb*	Congregation
Communion		Pastors Mark & Paul
Music for Communion	*God So Loved the World*	Jennifer Hoppe
Offertory Sentences		Pastor Mark
Offertory Music	*Fairest Lord Jesus*	Jennifer Hoppe
Benediction		Pastor Paul
*Hymn 614	*I'm Gonna Live*	Congregation
Postlude	*Take My Life and Let It Be*	Jennifer Hoppe

*Please stand as you are able. The Communion bread is gluten free.

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Our W.I. S. E. Covenant

The Church of the Palms is a WISE Congregation for Mental Health Therefore:

- We commit to create a **WELCOMING** environment for people with mental wellness issues, challenges, individuals with disabilities and to their families and support persons.
- We commit to **INCLUDE** people with mental wellness issues, challenges, or individuals with disabilities in their life, in the work and leadership of this congregation.
- We commit to **SUPPORT** people with mental wellness issues, challenges, individuals with disabilities and their families.
- We commit to **ENGAGE** with other organizations that work at the intersection of mental wellness issues, challenges, individuals with disabilities persons. This includes, but is not limited to: Not-for-profits, Natl/ST organizations, faith/spiritual/religious organizations. We also commit to ENGAGE in continued education for our congregation on these topics.

The Church of the Palms commits to train individuals interested in **"The Psychological First Aid"**, taught by a Mental Health Professional. Individuals successfully completing this training will wear identifying badges when at church or on church sponsored excursions or events.

CCLI 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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Please pray for our fellow church families:

Marlys Davenport, Doris Gott
Lynda Chubbuck, Donna Stenberg
Nancy Tsuchiya, Bonnie Adrian
Andy Jordan, Shari Kanehl
Herbert Turner,
Jane (Everett Leff's sister)
Jennifer Charyk (Ken Barberi's friend)
Sara Shettlesworth (Georgia Feiste's sister)
Alexia Hale, Don Zoss, Richard Campbell
Marcia Hollingsworth
Cyndie Klein (Brandenbergers' friends)
Bob Thompson (John Durbin's brother-in-law)
Eileen (Patti Sutherland's sister)
Danette Jenkins, Mark Miskell
Emily & Kyle Rowe (Chuck & Carrie's children)
Bob Carlson, Betty Teeson,
Victoria McWilliams, Heidi Saupe
Robert (Ellen Merchant's son)
Mary Evers
Ruth Humes, Anthony Park
Charlie Albrecht (Meri Waddell's brother)
Robert Krazel (David Krazel-Cook's Brother)
Wendy Whitlock, Kathy Sanborn
Sue Wilson and her family
Paul Farris (Kay Klinkenborg's brother)

Remember, you can watch today's service again on our website, **thepalms.org** or our **YouTube channel @thechurchofthepalmsaz8373**. If you are interested in becoming a member, our next Visitor Information Session will be on the 4th Sunday of the month, **Sunday, November 22,** right after worship in the boardroom. Your presence with us—whether in person or online—is truly valued and deeply appreciated. We are grateful you chose to spend part of your day in community and worship with The Church of the Palms.

__Pray__ for churches working with migrants and asylum seekers. __Pray__ for our homeless. __Pray__ for our pastors and their families. __Pray__ for the leaders and staff of the Southwest Conference and the National Setting of the United Church of Christ. __Pray__ for the Tent of Nations.

This week, let's pray for the members & ministries of:

Congregational Church of Sun City
18401 N 99th Ave.

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.

Social Justice Prayer

This prayer is adapted from a liturgy written by UCC Pastor Sam Kinsman.

Spirit of nourishment, we so often create pockets of scarcity. We have this innate tendency to disregard the opportunities around us to give away, when we hoard. Loving God, remind us of the radical compassion that's ours to share.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER THIS WEEK:

Sunday, November 1
9:00a Choir Rehearsal MR
10:00a Worship Service SA
11:00a Fellowship Hour KH

Monday, November 2
9:00a Labyrinth Walk/Day of the Dead / All Saints Day

Tuesday, November 3
9:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast @George's Café OS
10:00a Othering and Belonging Team BR
2:00p InSpirit Sacred Reading/Scripture Gathering BR
Psalm 70
5:00p AA Big Book Study (closed meeting) BR

Wednesday, November 4
9:00a Needles and Pins Craft Group BR

Thursday, November 5
10:00a Worship Meeting BR
1:00p Choir Rehearsal MR

Friday, November 6—OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, November 7
10:00a LLL "Deep Listening" BRC
1:00p Recital for Jennifer Hoppe Studio

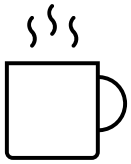
Sunday, November 8
9:00 Choir Rehearsal MR
10:00a Worship Service SA
11:00a Fellowship Hour KH

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; LB Labyrinth
BRC=Behle Resource Center; MG Memorial Garden

The flowers today are given by **Mary Hoy** in memory of her sister Doris and to remember all the other beautiful souls who have passed this year.

Thanksgiving

Once again, The Church of the Palms will host a free Thanksgiving meal for the community. This will happen Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26, 2026, from 11:00AM to 1:00PM. The meal is possible because of the volunteers who provide food and give of their time. You can find the food and volunteer sign-up boards with instructions in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for your help and service.



Last Sunday at coffee hour, we had a new caffeinated coffee from Mexico. It's a fair trade cooperative. The website is justcoffee.coop. 5 pounds of coffee was donated.

- **Fair Trade & Direct Relations:** Works directly with small-scale farmer cooperatives to ensure above-market pay and sustainable livelihoods.
- **Organic & Shade-Grown:** Offers certified organic, shade-grown coffee that support biodiversity and healthy soil.
- **Coffee Tracker:** Features an interactive supply chain tool on their website that lets customers trace their coffee from the roaster back to the specific farmer cooperative.
- **Product Lineup:** Includes light, medium, and dark roasts, single-origin selections, signature blends (such as *Soul Shaker* and *Skate Perk*), and decaf options.

Veterans

Today is the last day for our Veterans to sign up for recognition on Sunday, November 8. There are forms in the narthex or follow the QR code for an electronic submission form.

Join us for a free music recital featuring the talented students of **Jennifer Hoppe's Studio** on **Saturday, November 7 at 1:00pm**. Come enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music and support these dedicated young performers. All are welcome.

Transgender Day of Remembrance — Saturday, November 21 at 2:00pm

You are invited to gather with us on **Saturday, November 21 at 2:00pm** for **Transgender Day of Remembrance**. This annual observance is a time to honor and remember our transgender brothers and sisters whose lives were lost to violence in the past year.

As a community, we come together in grief, in love, and in commitment to justice. Your presence is a meaningful act of solidarity and care. All are welcome to join in this time of remembrance.

Come help decorate the church for Advent and Christmas

Saturday, November 28

Come join in the fun on Saturday, November 28, starting at 9:00 AM. There will be trees to trim, garland to hang, nativities to place, and wreaths to hang. If you are unable to stand for long periods of time, we can find you jobs that you can do sitting down. We will crank up the Christmas tunes and have a great time. Hope to see you there!

Pack-a-Sack

On the first Sunday of every month, The Church of the Palms packs 50 lunches for the **Surprise Resource Center**. These lunches are then given to individuals and families who need a little extra help throughout the month. We will pack sacks **TODAY**, after worship. Join us in King Hall to help pack.

It's November and for men all around the world that means "No-Shave November" and "Movember" are officially underway. While the tradition of ditching the razor, channeling your inner Tom Selik, and growing a mustache for the next 30 days is a great one, what is the real meaning behind it? **November is Men's Health Awareness Month** – a month dedicated to promoting awareness for men's health conditions such as testicular cancer, prostate cancer, and mental health issues.

A place for Notes...

I thank my God every time I remember you: