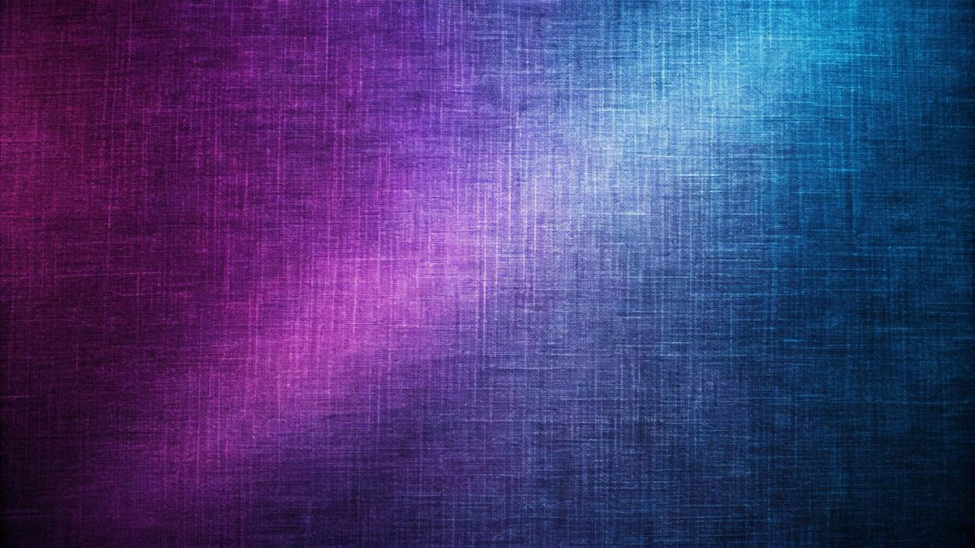
**Welcome to Worship**

**Sunday, December 1, 2024**

**The 1st Sunday of Advent**

**10:00 AM**

**Preparing for Christ**

**Passion**

**Presence**

**Promise**

**Rev. Mary Dotson, Lead Pastor**

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**December 1, 2024 *1st Sunday of Advent* 10:00 am**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome/Announcements** Pastor Mary

**Prelude**  *Alleluia* Mary Bellah

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**Lighting of the Advent Candles** Pam and Mike Kravitz

**Hymn** *Kindle This Flame of Hope (tune: Breathe on Me Breath of God)* On Screen

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**\*Call to Worship** Liturgist **Liturgist:** Children of God, prepare your hearts! The days are coming

and are already here when God will come near and show

us how to recognize God’s reign among us.

**People: The days are surely coming and are already here!**

**Liturgist:** Children of God, be alert and listen! God has come near to

build the kin-dom on the earth here and now. Will you join in?

**People: The days are surely coming and are already here! We come**

**to prepare our hearts to pay attention, to listen, and to follow**

**God’s call to build the kin-dom of earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* UMH #196

**Psalm of the Day** Psalm 25:1-6 Liturgist

**Response Hymn** *Cry of My Heart TFWS* #2165

**Time at the Steps**  Pastor Mary

**Anthem** *Come, Child of Light* Chancel Choir

Narrator, Linda Galka

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**Old Testament Lesson** Jeremiah 33:14-16 Liturgist

Liturgist: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God!

**The Message**  *Preparing for Christ* Pastor Mary

**Invitation to Prayer**  *Kindle This Flame of Hope* On Screen

**Intercessory Prayer**   Liturgist

**The Lord’s Prayer** (Sung by All)On Screen

**Offering**

**Invitation to the Offering** Pastor Mary

**Offertory Music** *For the Beauty of the Earth*  Mary Bellah

Arr. Carol Tornquist ©2002 Word Music Inc.

**\*Offertory Response** *All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night, v.5* UMH #682

**\*Prayer of Dedication**  Pastor Mary

**The Great Thanksgiving** Pastor Mary

**Communion Music** *Let Us Break Bread Together, v. 1-3* UMH #618

**\*Closing Hymn** *O Come O Come Emmanuel, v. 1-2* UMH #211

**\*Benediction** Pastor Mary

**Postlude** *Excerpts from “Messiah”* Mary Bellah

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\*Please stand in body or spirit.

**Liturgist** Sharon Scanlan

**Stephen Minister** Dottie McIntyre

**Flowers given by** Linda Triboulet in memory of her mother.

The Flowers were arranged by Diane Coleman.

All church services are live-streamed and recorded.

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**Our Mission at Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church**

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, and to reach out to others,

help them, welcome them into our family of faith as we gather for worship, fellowship, education,

and service.

**How to contribute to the offering if online:**

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**Thank you for your donation!**

**Compassion Connection**

**In Need of Continued Prayers for Healing**

Marlin Bolar, Eileen Carender, Edith (Edey) Gallaher, Kay Gragg, Jane Hendrickson,

Bob & Eileen Herd,Ken & Sharon Hunt, Betty Little, Allen & Barbara Phillips,

and Art Schweitzer.

**Home Bound**

Dr. Chuck Crown, John & Jan Crown, Florence Duckett, Bill Gureck, Fran Hampton,

Margaret Overman, Ken & Diane Podlasek, Sharon Poole, Walt & Mary Louise Roberson,

and Howard & Mary Lou Young.

**Prayers for our Churches**

Each month churches in the South District pray with and for each other. This

month we pray for the pastors, congregation, and community of the following:

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

TMM Family Services-Peoples served and staff, Tucson

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

**Vista UMC Announcements for December 1 thru December 8**

**Children & Youth Sunday School** 10:15 to 11:00 am in the Education Building.

**Adult Sunday School** 11:30 am in the St. Matthew Room.

**Crochet and Knitting Club** meets in the St. Mark Room **Today** at 11:15 am. All skill levels welcome.

**The Trustees** meet Tuesday December 3 at 5:00 pm in the St Matthew Room.

**Adult Christian Education** meets Wednesdays at 9:45 am in the Elizabeth Room.

**Bell practice** is Wednesday at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary.

**Choir practice** is Wednesday at 1:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

**The Landscaping Volunteer Crew** meets Thursdays at 8:00 am.

**Women’s Lectionary -ZOOM** is at 10:00 am Thursdays.

**Bible study/discussion** meets at 2:30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursday.

**Vista Methodist Men** meet the 1st Saturday of each month at 8:00 am at Sunnyside up Café for breakfast; returning to the church for a 9:00 am meeting.

**December 15th Potluck Volunteers Needed!**

Please notify Robin Conner or Kathy Isaac if you are able to help with the following tasks to make our Potluck awesome!  **Saturday, Dec 14th, 9:30 am:** Set Up in Elizabeth Room, bring utensils and other supplies from Sanctuary Kitchen.

**Sunday, Dec 15th:**  Bring food from kitchen drop off to Elizabeth Room after morning sermon

·       Arrange food dishes on appropriate tables.

·       Direct flow of crowd at entrance to rooms.

·       Assist folks during Luncheon (i.e., carry food & drinks, move walkers.)

·       Help clean up after potluck, transport items to kitchen

Monday clean up in kitchen if needed

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**Coming Events**

**November 24-December 8,** United Women in Faith, **Christmas Stockings** distribution.

**December 15, Gaudete (Joy) Sunday.** Wear your ugly Christmas sweater

**December 15,** United Women in Faith, **Bake Sale.**

**December 15, Christmas Potluck.** A-G: Desserts. H-N: Sides, Salads, or Appetizers. O-Z: Main Dishes.

**December 24, Christmas Eve** Service of Lessons and Carols at 4:00 pm

**December 29, Christmas Carol sing along service.**

**January 11, New and transferring members class starts** at 9:00 am.

**2025 Flower Chart Sign-ups begin today in the Narthex.**Please consider sponsoring one or more flower arrangements in 2025 to enhance the Sunday worship experience at Vista.  The donation is still $50 per arrangement, and the money is not required when you sign up.  The flowers are yours to take home after the church service, or you can ask that they be shared with members of the congregation who are homebound.  We only ask that you return the flower vase/basket when you are finished enjoying your flowers so that it can be reused.

**Vista would like to place Poinsettias in our sanctuary for The Advent Season.** If you would like to donate a Poinsettia in honor of or in memory of someone special in your life, please complete the order form in the bulletin today and return it to the Church by Monday December 9th. The cost of each Poinsettia is $10. Thank you for helping to make our sanctuary more festive!

**December 29, church service will be a Christmas Carol sing a long service.** In the bulletin today is a form you can fill out to request songs to sing.

**Service and Volunteer opportunities.**

* AV Booth members needed
* Shepherds needed (contact Robin Conner)

**Agua Prieta greeting cards** are available for 50¢ each in the Patio Room and in the Library.

**Complimentary Prayer Beads** are available in the Narthex and in the Library.

**Upper Room booklets** are available in the Narthex and the church office for $2.00 each or online at upperroom.org. It is free to sign up for a daily devotional email.

The church has purchased a **wheelchair** to be used during worship if needed. The wheelchair will be kept in the Narthex.

**The Santa Catalina Mental Health Ministry’s next Mental Health Focus will be December 8th at 1 pm** in the Parish Hall at 14380 N. Oracle Rd.  Fr. Huy, C.Ss.R, pastor at Santa Catalina Catholic Church, and Dasa Schmidt, Treatment Placement Specialist at Acadia Healthcare, will be presenting.

Join us to learn how to understand the difference between the holiday blues and depression, when to get help and how to help a loved one experiencing depression.  Learn that it’s OK to not be OK during the holidays and ideas to find new traditions.

We will also discuss the Church’s compassionate response, inspired by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) ongoing campaign to end the stigma surrounding mental health. We will explore how the Church is working to support individuals and families affected by mental illness, including those impacted by suicide, offering healing, forgiveness, and hope through God’s endless mercy. Learn how our faith community can be a place of understanding, support, and accompaniment for those who are struggling, and discover the Church’s commitment to helping those in need.

All are welcome!