



GOT MUFFINS? The Sunday School requests your help by bringing cookies or small muffins for a small reception following the 9:15am service on Sunday, December 22. Visit Jamie Nielsen at the Sunday School table on the patio before the 9:15am service this weekend to sign-up! Please bring these items to the church office during the week of December 16 or simply bring with you to church on December 22. Thank you!



Calling All Actors and Singers!

TVLC is seeking to gather up a troupe of thespians-at-heart to present an original play--a *mystery musical*--written by the grandfather of our Gathering Service worship leader, Alexis Burrows! Several adult actors are needed to portray characters in "The Postage Stamp Mystery," a classic who-dunit filled with blame and blunder.

Weekly rehearsals begin in January, and the play will be in March in the NFLC. If you are interested in joining the on-stage production, would like to support the production technically, or simply want to know more, please email Alexis at alexisburrowsmusic@gmail.com.

We have received over 205 financial commitments for 2020! We know you care deeply about your church and are grateful for your commitments and the opportunities they make possible. Together we are able to welcome all, support and care for each other, reach out to those in need, and help connect people into life and relationship with God. If you have not yet had an opportunity to complete your commitment, you may submit it in during the offering or in the church office. Your gifts will be put to good use. Thank you for making a difference today and for future generations.

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Blessed
TO BE A BLESSING

Empty Nesters

Empty Nesters will meet at 6pm on Saturday, December 21 to "Walk through Winterhaven". Family and friends are welcome to join us. Please contact Suzanne Brandon at scbinaz@yahoo.com for more details.



Get your hockey tickets! The Empty Nesters will be attending the Tucson Roadrunners hockey game on February 22 at 7pm. **Deadline for tickets is December 15.** Please contact Suzanne at scbinaz@yahoo.com for more information.



December 2019

Saturday, December 7

- Worship, Sanctuary, 5pm

Sunday, December 8

- Worship, Sanctuary, 8am
- Nursery Open, 8:45-11:45am
- Library Open, 9-11:30am
- Worship, Sanctuary, 9:15am
- TVLC Kids Sunday School, Sanctuary & Classrooms, 9:15am
- Children's Choir Practice, Sanctuary, 10:30am
- Middle School Youth, NFLC & Youth Room, 10:30am
- The Gathering Worship and Potluck, NFLC, 10:30am

Monday, December 9

- Library Open, 9am-12pm
- AA, Library, 8pm

Tuesday, December 10

- Library Open, 9am-12pm
- Tinnabulation Beginning Ringers, Sanctuary, 6pm
- Knitting Fellowship, Library, 6:30pm
- Reformation Ringers, Sanctuary, 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 11

- Artists' Fellowship, Library, 9am
- NO Bible Study (will resume January 15)
- Middle School Confirmation, Youth Room, 6:30pm
- Advent Meditation Service, Sanctuary, 6:30pm

Thursday, December 12

- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 7pm

Friday, December 13

- Women's Bible Study, Off-campus, 10am

Saturday, December 14

- Worship, Sanctuary, 5pm

Sunday, December 15 - PLEDGED MEATS AND GIFTS DUE AND FOOD BASKET PACKING!

- Music Sunday Worship, Sanctuary, 8am
- Nursery Open, 8:45-11:45am
- Library Open, 9-11:30am
- Music Sunday Worship, Sanctuary, 9:15am
- TVLC Kids Sunday School, Sanctuary & Classrooms, 9:15am
- Sunday School Pageant Practice, Sanctuary, 10:30am
- No Children's Choir Practice
- Middle School Youth, NFLC & Youth Room, 10:30am
- The Gathering Worship, NFLC, 10:30am
- **Pantry Unpacking, Chapel, 10:30am**
- **Food Basket Packing, Chapel, 5:30pm**

Monday, December 16

- Library Open, 9am-12pm
- Haiti Ministry Fund Raiser, Bear Canyon Pizza, 3:30-9pm
- AA, Library, 8pm

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Our Mission: To Follow Christ Jesus and Share His Love

Highlights

December 7-8, 2019

Advent Mid-week Meditation
Wednesday evenings, 6:30-7:00pm



Put down your Christmas to-do list and join us in the Sanctuary on Wednesday evenings, December 11 and 18 for a short pause from the noise of the season. Prayer, scripture, candle-light meditation and quiet song in a simple setting will create a time for us to prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus.

TVLC Library & Gift Shop

The TVLC Gift Shop is stocked with Christmas cards, ornaments, and gift items, featuring leaded glass ornaments created by Harold Aasland. **Be sure to look for the Gift Shop table on the patio this weekend!** Payment by cash or check please.

TVLC Library/Gift Shop Hours:
Sundays - 9 to 11:30am
Mondays - 9am to Noon
Tuesdays - 9am to Noon

Make December 16 a PIZZA NIGHT!



BEAR CANYON PIZZA

Join us at Bear Canyon Pizza

Monday, December 16
between 3:30pm and 9pm

15% of sales will go to support TVLC's Haiti Ministry

Electronic Giving Options

Do you want to give an offering but forgot your checkbook? Pull out your phone! You can now support God's work at TVLC safely and securely either by texting the word GIVE to 520-214-1580 or by going to tvlc.org/give on your phone's browser.





Sunday School for Children 3-years-old through 5th-grade!

The season of Advent has begun! This week, our lesson is "Jesus is Born" from Luke 2:1-20. One of the best-known stories in the Bible for sure!

The Annual Sunday School Pageant will be Sunday, December 22 at the 9:15am service. All children will be involved! They may have a speaking part or dress as an animal, shepherd, angel or one of the 3 kings...some will be carrying stars of all sizes! Everyone will be singing!

We will have a practice next Sunday, December 15 at 10:30am. We will hand out the costumes and practice our speaking and singing parts! We plan to be done by 11:30. Hope you and your children will be there!

After the pageant, we will be having a small reception with **cookies and muffins** on the patio. Please look for Jamie Nielsen on the patio this weekend and next weekend to **sign up to bring some goodies to share** with everyone!

We are still supporting Wheeler Elementary School with **jars of peanut butter**. **If you have questions or would like to volunteer with our Sunday School Christmas Pageant, please contact Donna at 520-603-2399 or Mari at 520-870-1772. We'd love to have you!**

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Add to the beauty of our sanctuary at Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special. Simply fill out the pink insert and place it in the offering with your cash or check (payable to TVLC) by Sunday, December 22. **The cost is \$15 for each poinsettia plant** (\$9.00 is tax deductible.)

5th Annual Hole-in-One for Haiti

Registration is now open for the 5th Annual Hole-In-One for Haiti Golf Outing that will take place on **Saturday, January 25 at Arizona National Golf Club**. The event will support TVLC's Haiti Ministry. Cost is \$100 per person which includes 18-holes of golf, cart, range balls, and a drink ticket with a barbeque buffet lunch and raffle to follow. It will be a 4-person scramble, and you can sign up as a team or individuals. Hole sponsorships and raffle donations are welcomed. Contact Pastor Josh for more information.



One Week to Go!

Christmas Food Baskets are coming!



FIVE MORE DRIVERS are needed to deliver food baskets and children's gifts! Please visit us at our courtyard table this weekend or call Janet Smith at 520-780-7086 if you can volunteer.

Christmas Meats are DUE BY DECEMBER 15! Please bring to your worship service or to the church office during the coming week.

Final Pantry Needs:

Peanut Butter and Dried Beans/Rice

Sunday, December 15

Pantry Unpacking, Chapel, 10:30am
Food Basket Packing, Chapel, 5:30pm
All are invited! Bring a friend!

Wednesday, December 18

Food Baskets Delivery
Helpers meet in Chapel at 7:00am
Drivers meet in Linder Hall at 8:00am

COME AND BE A BLESSING TO THOSE IN NEED!

Children's Christmas Gift Program

Just a reminder that gifts for the Children's Christmas Gift Ministry need to be returned by next week.

December 15, no later than noon. Gifts can be returned to the wagon on the patio before services this weekend and next weekend or in the church office during the week. Please remember to put each child's gift(s) in one wrapped bag or box with the label provided on the outside. Thank you for supporting this program!

If you have any questions, please contact Kristyn Eckert at 520-722-1189 or azeckerts@hotmail.com or Catherine Davidson at 520-271-3634 or zuniga530@msn.com.

TVLC Giving for 2019



There are less than **4 weeks left** in this calendar year. Do you still need to fulfill your financial commitment for 2019? Please make sure any contributions you wish to count as a tax deduction for 2019 are **received at TVLC on or before December 31**. The church office will be open that day until 3:00pm. Last-minute giving may be submitted by midnight on December 31 at <http://tvlc.org/give>.

Merry Widows Luncheon

The Merry Widows group will have its first luncheon of 2020 on **Tuesday, January 7 at 12:30pm at Red Lobster, 5870 East Broadway Boulevard**. All widows are invited. Please RSVP by Monday, January 6 to Fran McMullen at 520-749-4530.



This weekend,
we celebrate the Holy Baptism
of Cody Blackwell
at the 9:15 Sunday service!



The Sanctuary Altar Flowers
this weekend are given to the glory of God
by Larry and Karen Chellevoid
in memory of son, Bradley

The **2020 Book of Sanctuary Altar Flower Dedications** is now in the Narthex. Sign up to dedicate altar flowers in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone special, or in celebration of an anniversary or birthday. Each arrangement is a \$20 donation.

Prayer List

The following names are added this week.
A complete list of TVLC prayers is available in the Sanctuary Narthex.



*Toni Joyce, John, Wendy, Frank Perry,
Marva Tallerday, David Engwall, Jean Markley*

Prayer requests may be submitted to prayer@tvlc.org

~ Scripture readings for December 14-15 ~
*Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10;
Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:1-7*

Worship Attendance

November 30-December 1

5pm.....72
8am.....43
9:15am.....180
Sunday School.....45
10:30am.....61

Total 401

To give electronically,
text GIVE to (520)
214-1580 or go to
www.tvlc.org/give

♪ **The wheels on the bus go round and round** ♪

...taking the Prime Timers to Phoenix and the Musical Instrument Museum! On **Saturday, January 18**, we'll meet at the church at 8:15am. Bus departure time is 8:30am. A check for \$34 made payable to TVLC (with "bus fare" in the memo) secures your reservation. Admission for the docent-led tour is \$20 and will be collected en route. Lunch is on your own at the museum café. We'll return by 5pm for the Saturday worshipers. *Prime Timers* aged 50+ are welcome to attend. **Spots are limited to 29**, so call Shari Huffman soon at 520-733-7452.



It is never too early to contact the Preschool/Kindergarten to find out more about enrolling your child in classes for the 2020-2021 school year. Call the school at 520-749-1738 to schedule a visit!

Tax Credits Continue to Help Our TVLC Kindergarten

We are blessed to have 18 children enrolled in our full-day Kindergarten! Our students continue to directly benefit from tax credit donations given through the Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization (ACSTO) the Institute for Better Education (IBE) by way of tuition scholarships. You can find out more by calling these organizations or visiting their websites. The phone number for ACSTO is 480-820-0403, and the website is www.acsto.org. The phone number for IBE is 520-512-5438, and the website is www.IBEScholarships.org. Thank you for supporting our program!

Christmas Poinsettias



Add to the beauty of our sanctuary at Christmas by purchasing poinsettias in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special.

TVLC orders the poinsettias from *Our Family Services*, which provides shelter, counseling, and help for homeless families and troubled teens, and emergency shelter for women and children.

Simply fill out the form below and place it in the offering with your cash or check (payable to TVLC) by Sunday, December 15. **The cost is \$15 for each poinsettia plant** (\$9.00 is tax deductible.) If you have questions, call Veanne Lupia in the church office at 520-749-1606.

Please Print Clearly

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

From _____

Phone number _____

Number of poinsettia plants _____ x \$15

Total enclosed _____

Plants may be picked up after the 9:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve.



Our Mission: To Follow Christ Jesus and Share His Love

December 7, 2019 5:00 p.m. Service

Large-print bulletins with liturgy are available from the ushers.

*Please silence all electronic devices before worship begins.
Guest attendance cards and prayer request cards are located in the pew racks.
Please place your completed cards in the offering plate during the Offering.*

*Please stand if you are able

- PRELUDE "My Lord, He Is A-Comin' Soon" (Winnen/Cothran)
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- *GREETING
- *ADVENT CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS
- *SONG "Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down" (Doherty)
- *THE PRAYER OF THE DAY
- LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF ADVENT
- READING Psalm 95:1-7 Pew Bible, p. 479
- *GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Emmanuel" (McGee)
- *GOSPEL READING Matthew 11:25-30 Pew Bible, p. 792
- SERMON "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Pastor Josh Auchenbach
- *HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ELW #283, st. 1-3
- *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR ADVENT
- *PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
- *SHARING OF THE PEACE
- OFFERING "My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness" (Haugen)
- *OFFERTORY PRAYER
- *WORDS OF INSTITUTION
- *LORD'S PRAYER
- SHARING THE MEAL "Have Mercy On Me" (Park)
- COMMUNION SONG "Father of Lights" (Barnett)
- *POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER
- *BENEDICTION
- *SONG "Shine, Jesus, Shine" (Kendrick)
- *DISMISSAL
- POSTLUDE

*Pastor Josh Auchenbach, presiding;
Carol Paulsen, reader; Lars Andersen, pianist*

**ELCA
GOOD
GIFTS**

Go tail it on the mountain.



Would you like to give a unique gift this Christmas that actually changes the world for one person, one family, or an entire town?

Consider choosing a gift from the ELCA's Good Gifts catalog at <http://www.elca.org/goodgifts>.

With one sustainable gift, you can honor someone you love and help people in need.

December 8, 2019 8:00 a.m. Service

Large-print bulletins with liturgy are available from the ushers.

Please fill out a guest attendance card and, if you'd like, a prayer request card. During the Offering, place them in the offering plate. Silence all electronic devices before worship begins. *Please stand as you are able.

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PRELUDE	"Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele"	(J. Pachelbel)
*GREETING		
*ADVENT CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS		
*HYMN	"Blessed Be the God of Israel"	ELW #250, st. 1-3
*PRAYER OF THE DAY		
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF ADVENT		
READING	Psalms 95:1-7	Pew Bible, p. 479
*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	"Emmanuel"	
*GOSPEL READING	Matthew 11:25-30	Pew Bible, p. 792
SERMON	"O Come, All Ye Faithful"	Pastor Josh Auchenbach
*HYMN	"O Come, All Ye Faithful"	ELW #283, st. 1-3
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR ADVENT		
*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
*SHARING OF THE PEACE		
OFFERING	"O Come All Ye Faithful" Dee Sundby, flute	(R. Lombardo)
*OFFERTORY PRAYER		
*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING		
*SANCTUS	"Holy, Holy"	
*HOLY COMMUNION		
*THE LORD'S PRAYER		
INVITATION TO THE TABLE		
COMMUNION MUSIC	"Lamb of God" "Advent Lullabies"	(G. Tamás)
*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER		
*BENEDICTION		
*HYMN	"Hark, the Glad Sound!"	ELW #239, st. 1,3,4
*DISMISSAL		
*POSTLUDE	"Adeste Fideles"	(N. Papy)

Pastor Stephen Hilding, presiding; Lisa Adeli, reader;
Sherri McClellan, worship leader; Lars Andersen, pianist/organist

December 8, 2019 9:15 a.m. Service

Large-print bulletins with liturgy are available from the ushers.

Please silence all electronic devices before worship begins. Guest attendance cards and prayer request cards are located in the pew racks. Please place your completed cards in the offering plate during the Offering.

*Please stand if you are able

PRELUDE	"Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele"	(J. Pachelbel)
*ENTRANCE HYMN	"Blessed Be the God of Israel"	ELW #250, st. 1-3
*GREETING		
*ADVENT CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS		
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
ADVENT HYMN	"Light One Candle"	ELW #240, st. 2
LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF ADVENT – THE BANKEMPER FAMILY		
CHILDREN'S SERMON		
READING	Psalms 95:1-7	Pew Bible, p. 479
*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	"Emmanuel"	
*GOSPEL READING	Matthew 11:25-30	Pew Bible, p. 792
SERMON	"O Come, All Ye Faithful"	Pastor Josh Auchenbach
*HYMN	"O Come, All Ye Faithful"	ELW #283, st. 1-3
HOLY BAPTISM	Cody Blackwell	ELW p. 227
*SHARING OF THE PEACE		
OFFERING	"Lost in the Night" Chancel Choir – Jennifer Wortman, directing	(K. Haugen)
*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
*WORDS OF INSTITUTION		
*THE LORD'S PRAYER		
COMMUNION MUSIC	"Lamb of God" "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" "O Come All Ye Faithful" "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"	p. 154 ELW #257, st. 1,4 Dee Sundby, flute ELW #256
*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER		
*BENEDICTION		
*HYMN	"Hark, the Glad Sound!"	ELW #239, st. 1,3,4
*DISMISSAL		
*POSTLUDE	"Adeste Fideles"	(N. Papy)

Pastor Stephen Hilding, presiding; Ed Moore, assisting minister;
Carla Shepherd, reader; Jennifer Wortman, choir director;
Shiqi Gu, accompanist; Lars Andersen, organist/pianist



**THE GATHERING
@ TVLC
DECEMBER 8, 2019**

In this GATHERING, you are seen and loved. No matter who you are, you are accepted without condition and you belong here. In this GATHERING, our relationships will deepen - with both God and with each other. In this GATHERING, we acknowledge that there are different ways we connect with God in worship.



During the service, you will have the chance to participate in different experiential stations:
Candle Table - Light a candle to claim Christ's light or to remember a loved one.
Baptismal Font - Remember God's grace poured out to you through the waters of baptism.
Offering Basket - Give an offering to support

God's work at TVLC and throughout the world. You can also give by going to tvlc.org/give on your mobile device.

Arts & Crafts Table - Exercise your God-given creativity.

Prayer Wall - Write your own requests and lift up others' requests.

Verses Table - Pick a verse to meditate and reflect on.

Service Table - Contribute to an ongoing service project.



We've created spaces where younger worshipers may find comfort and a place just for them. *Infants* can find a spot on the "playground" where the play gyms and bouncy chairs have front row seats! *Toddlers* can belly up to a table on either side of the chairs, pull out their busy bag materials and get to work! *Kids and youth*

are encouraged to take an active role in worship leadership.

Nursery care is also available until noon for those who desire.

All are welcome to PARTICIPATE as assistants in the service. You can be a reader, usher, greeter or help in other ways. Please talk to Pastor Josh if you are interested in helping out!

2ND SUNDAY POTLUCK TODAY!

Please stay after worship today for food and fellowship!
There's always enough for all!

Join "The Gathering@TVLC" on Facebook for all the latest news and updates at facebook.com/thegatheringTVLC

Josh Auchenbach, Lead Pastor; Stephen Hilding, Associate Pastor
The Gathering Band with Alexis Burrows, Worship Leader