

The Church of the Red Rocks - United Church of Christ  
An Open and Affirming Faith Community

December 29, 2024  
First Sunday After Christmas

\*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

**TO PONDER AS WE GATHER:**

*Christmas isn't a season. It's a feeling*

*~ Edna Ferber*

**THE WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Whoever you are or wherever you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here.

**PRELUDE**

**\* THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christmas is a time for old dreams to die.

**Christmas is a time for new dreams to come to life.**

Christmas is when hope gives way to joy.

**Christmas is when prayer gives way to proclamation.**

The promise of the Ever-Present God is fulfilled!

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.**

**\* THE HYMN SING**

*Choose your favorite Christmas carol*

**THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER**

## **THE GIFT OF MUSIC**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

1 Samuel 1

Isaac Wagner

### **SERMON**

“Dedicated to God”

Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling

### **GIFT OF MUSIC**

### **INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

### **OFFERTORY**

#### **\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise God, all creatures here below.**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host.**

**Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

#### **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**We thank you, O God, for this season of illumination, when we celebrate the incarnation of Love, born as a baby in humble conditions, so that humankind may be redeemed. Accept our offerings today, which we offer with love in the name of the Christ Child.**

#### **\* PARTING CAROL**

#### **\* BENEDICTION**

#### **POSTLUDE**

We want to keep our beloved members and friends in our prayers during this holiday season. Please pray for:

**Christy D. • Carl B. • RuthAnn R. • Gertrude M. • Wendell V. •  
Lew H. • Nancy H. • Ronaldo • Davis H. •**

### **Social Justice Movie and Discussion for January, 2025**

Sponsored by Sedona Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

#### **Becoming Good Ancestors**

Please watch "***Living in Future's Past***" with Jeff Bridges. It's available on YouTube (80 minutes) then join us to share your thoughts on Wednesday, January 8 at 10:30am here in our Painted Cliffs Hall.

*Visitors, before you leave, visit our welcome table and help us stay in contact with you by filling out the Visitor Contact Card.*

#### Our Mission

*Through Christian Worship, Education and Mission  
we share and celebrate Faith in God with all.*

#### **Office Holiday Schedule**

12/30 - Monday - Office Closed

12/31 - Tuesday - New Year's Eve- Office Open 9am - 4pm

01/01 - Wednesday - New Year's Day - Office Closed

01/02 - Thursday - Office Open 9am - 4pm

01/03 - Friday - Office Open 9am - 4pm

## What's Going On

For more information about what is happening at the church visit our website or subscribe to the Canyon Echo, our weekly newsletter. If you are interested in any of our ministries or programs, contact Jussara Wagner at the church office. Here are a few of things happening this week:

**Mon: 12:45pm**    ***The EDGE - Zoom Meeting***  
**Tue: 11am**        ***Bible Study at Sedona Winds***  
**Wed:**             ***New Year's Day***  
**Fri: 9am**         ***Yin Yoga***

Have questions or comments? Send us an e-mail at:

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**Regular Office Hours: Tuesdays thru Fridays from 9am to 4pm**

The Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling  
Dr. Ryan Holder  
Mr. Alec Wilkes  
NAU Choral Interns  
Mrs. Suzanne Moore  
The Rev. Dr. George Ault

Settled Pastor  
Director of Music  
Pianist  
CRR Chancel Choir  
Musician Emeritus  
Pastor Emeritus