# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

8:00 am November 24, 2024

# **Desert Spring United Methodist Church**

"We welcome all people to discover and live a life of purpose through Jesus Christ, as together we make a meaningful difference in the lives of others"

# **ALL IN with kINdness**

In God's Spirit

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Gathering Song #88 vs	. 1-2 M	Maker in Whom We Live	
Greeting		Rev. Sharon Williams	
*Opening Song #88 vs.	. 3-4 <i>M</i>	aker in Whom We Live	
*Opening Prayer		Kay Behn	
*Hymn #117 vs 1, 2, &	5 <i>O God,</i>	Our Help in Ages Past	
Scripture 1 Cor	inthians 12:4-7; 12-	13 Kay Behn	
Special Music	Goodness of God	Clair Hart	
Sermon		Rev. Sharon Williams	
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Sharon Williams	
Offering		Rev. Sharon Williams	
Offering Music	How Great Thou Art	Ricque Belluscio	
*Doxology #94		Voltaire Verzosa	
*Offering Prayer		Kay Behn	
Call to Communion # 171 vs 1		There's Something About That Name	
Communion		Rev Sharon Williams	
Communion Music		Voltaire Verzosa	
Ministry Spotlight		Stewardship	
*Closing Hymn #593 vs 1-3		Here I Am, Lord	
*Benediction		Rev. Sharon Williams	

\*You are invited to stand as you are able

Do you or someone you know need prayer support? Desert Spring Church would love to help. Confidential prayer requests can be submitted via the website -

desertspringchurch.com/confidential-prayer-request-form via text to 702-766-6641, or by using a prayer request card in the backs of the pews and dropping it in the offering plate or the prayer boxes at the back of the Sanctuary.

If you would like to submit a prayer request to our email prayer chain where hundreds of prayer warriors will see your prayer, please email prayerchainrequests@desertspringchurch.com.

> www.DesertSpringChurch.com **Desert Spring United Methodist Church** 120 N Pavilion Center Drive Las Vegas NV 89144 | 702.256.5933 Mon-Thu: 8:30am – 4:00pm

Closed Fri-Sun and Federal Holidays

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> DESERT SPRING COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER www.desertspringcommunityresourcecenter.org 702.600.0336 Please Leave a Message

Rae Lathrop, Resource Center Director Food Pantry Program Volunteer Opportunities

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# **Desert Spring Church offers Stephen Ministry**



**care.** Stephen Ministry caregivers provide confidential, one-to-one Christ-centered emotional and spiritual support to anyone who is experiencing a life-altering transition, challenge or crisis. For more information, please go to

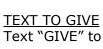
desertspringchurch.com/stephen-ministry or email stephenministry@desertspringchurch.com.

9:30am Traditional worship; 1st Sunday communion Childcare and Sunday School for kids and youth.

Get exclusive discipleship tools and connect with our community. Worship, chat, calendar and more! Search your app store for "Desert Spring Church", or text the word "app" to 702-766-6641.



Before making your donation, please contact the church office (office@desertspringchurch.com or 702.256.5933) to reserve the date you would like to provide flowers. Sundays fill up fast, so you are encouraged to reserve your Sunday early. Thank you for celebrating your memories and events with Altar Flowers.



#### SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES **AVAILABLE IN PERSON & ONLINE**

8:00am Traditional Worship with weekly communion Childcare is provided.

11:00am Contemporary worship; 1st Sunday communion Childcare is provided. Sunday School for kids

#### SUNDAY YOUTH GROUP

11:00am – 12:00pm, Service Opportunities 12:00pm – 2:00pm, 6th-12th grades

#### **DOWNLOAD OUR APP!**

Altar flowers are in memory of Cale Tyler

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR are a meaningful way to honor a memory or celebrate an occasion. They can be sponsored on any available Sunday for a recommended donation of **\$65.00**.

# LOVE DSUMC ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Tag Desert Spring Church with **#DSUMC** in all your pictures and selfies!

#### **EMAIL & TEXT UPDATES**

If you would like to receive email and/or text updates from the church, please fill out the short form found at desertspringchurch.com/e-news-text-signup.

ONLINE GIVING Text "GIVE" to 833-837-2895 | www.desertspringchurch.com/give

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Good Morning, Church!

Many of the announcements in this bulletin refer you to our website for more information or to get involved with the activity. Here is our address. Visit it often! www.DesertSpringChurch.com

#### THANKSGIVING POTLUCK TODAY

Today at 3pm is our Thanksgiving Potluck. It isn't too late to sign up in the Sanctuary lobby to bring your favorite dish.

### **ANGEL TREE**

There are still children available for our 2024 Angel Tree, supporting St. Jude's Ranch for Children, in the sanctuary lobby! This year, we're focusing on their Sibling Preservation Program, which provides loving support for children in need. We invite you to take a moment to visit the tree, choose an ornament, and sponsor a foster child to help make their Christmas special. Your generosity will bring joy and hope to these children this holiday season. Thank you for being a part of this meaningful tradition!



#### AN UNLIKELY ADVENT COMMUNITY GROUPS

It's time to sign up for our next community group study, *An Unlikely Advent*. This four-week Advent study by Rachel Billups focuses on the stories of characters in the Nativity story who are often overlooked. The study explores themes of hope, love, joy, and

peace through the stories of Elizabeth and Zechariah, Herod, the Magi, and the shepherds.

In person and online groups begin meeting the week of December 01 at various days and times. If you would like to join a group, please scan the QR code or go to desertspringchurch.com/unlikely-advent.

# UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

United Women in Faith is excited to offer beautiful poinsettias for sale this Christmas season. All proceeds benefit local and global missions supporting women, children, and youth. These poinsettias will help brighten our sanctuary for Christmas Eve worship services.

Sales will begin on Sunday, December 1 and run each Sunday through December 15. You can find us in the lobby between worship services, ready to help you complete your order form. Each poinsettia is \$18, and you can dedicate a plant in honor of or in memory of a loved one. After the Christmas Eve service you attend, please select a poinsettia to take home. Thank you for supporting this meaningful mission!

# COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

All community group participants, hosts and facilitators are invited to enjoy coffee with Pastor Sharon on Sunday, December 1 at 12:15pm in rooms 17/18 of the Education Wing.

# ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

Desert Spring Church will hold our Annual Charge Conference on Monday, December 2 at 6:30pm in-person in the Sanctuary. A recording of the conference will be available the following week. All are welcome to attend.

# UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CHRISTMAS EVENT

Desert Spring United Women in Faith will be having its 2024 Christmas Event on Saturday, December 7 from 11:00am – 2:00pm in the Multi-purpose Room. This will be a soup, salad, and dessert luncheon. Several people have already been asked to make soup for the event, so we are asking you to bring either a salad or dessert. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Scobie by phone or text at 702-423-9644 or at her email at sscobie42@gmail.com.

### **RUTH CIRCLE**

United Women in Faith, Ruth Circle will meet December 8, 2024 in Room 2 at 12:15 pm. We will be concluding our Faith, Fellowship and Food 2024 series. The scripture is: Luke 1:26-45. Also, we will be packaging our toiletries to deliver to Shade Tree and Peggy's Attic for the kids at Child Haven. Don't forget your sharing snack and all are welcome to attend. Any questions contact Marsha 702.241.1161

# **BOOK CLUB**

The BOOK CLUB selection for December 12 is: SANDWICH, by Catherine Newman. Rocky has always looked forward to the family's yearly escape to Cape Cod. This year seems to be as promising, except for her hormonal bouts of rage and melancholy. Reliving her past brings tenderness and sorrow and she is forced to accept that she can't hide her secrets anymore. Join us on Thursday, December 12, at 11:30a.m. in Room 2 to share a discussion and laughter and tears, as we share about the book. All are welcome.

# FAMILY CHORAL CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

The Myron Heaton Chorale is performing a Family Christmas Concert at Desert Spring Church on Friday, December 13 at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. The Myron Heaton Chorale is a local chorus made up of adult volunteers and professional singers. Their mission is to offer performances of great choral music for all ages. Contact Josh for more information: musicnotes@desertspringchurch.com

#### **STEWARDSHIP PRAYER**

Desert Spring Church has been asked to pray this prayer during our 2025 Stewardship Campaign. Let's pray together:

Loving God, you have called us to treat others as we would like to be treated. Help us to accomplish this as we strive to work and live together in peace and harmony, no matter our world views. Send the Holy Spirit so that we are respectful, kind, generous, compassionate, and loving to all. Bless our church and this year's stewardship campaign. In order to live out your word, we ask for your boldness and generosity as we seek to do unto others in our church and community. Amen

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