

Welcome new friend! Thank you for sharing in this time of worship with us! We invite you to consider making this your church home. Please, stay after worship for coffee in the Fellowship Hall and let us meet you! If you would like a friendly visit, prayer, or just information, please let us know, and we will make sure to let the pastor know. If you prefer, you may call Pastor Amanda at (928) 772-6366.

Prelude & Procession of Light
Welcome & Moving in Ministry

***Opening Hymn Love Came Down at Christmas (all vs.) #242 UMH**
CCLI Song #276338

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Written by Lisa Hancock

Liturgist: When the angel Gabriel visited Mary, announcing God's plan for her to conceive and give birth to the Messiah, "Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?'" (Luke 1:34) And yet, only a few months later, Mary sings to Elizabeth, My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name (Luke 1:46-49).

Pastor: We, like Mary, hear God's call to be part of making God's dream for our salvation and flourishing a reality, and we question, "How can this be? I am only..." Yet, like Mary, the "onlys" that make us hesitate are gifts God can and will use as God's love transforms us into bearers of good news.

All: We wait as people who have encountered divine Love that disrupts the status quo and ushers us into abundant life marked by mutual love and peace that flows from the flourishing of all people.

Liturgist: We light these candles as signs of our shocking hope, our just peace, our fierce joy, and the love that transforms us. May Love grow within us, transforming us into bold witnesses of God's salvation with our voices and our lives. Amen. (*Light the four outer candles of the Advent wreath.*)

Message In Music: Away in the Manger Performed by the PV UMC Choir
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Stewardship Moment/Giving of Our Gifts to God

***Doxology – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #95 UMH**
CCLI Song #56204

*Offertory Prayer

Joys & Concerns Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Prayer Hymn It Came upon the Midnight Clear (all vs.) #218 UMH
CCLI Song #31078

Scripture Psalm 89:1-4,19-26

Response

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us.

All: For the Word of God within us, thanks be to God.

Love Transforms The Grinch CVLI License # 505435879

Meditation/Sermon: Experiencing Love

Hymn Go, Tell It on the Mountain (all vs.)
#251 UMC
CCLI Song#3063235

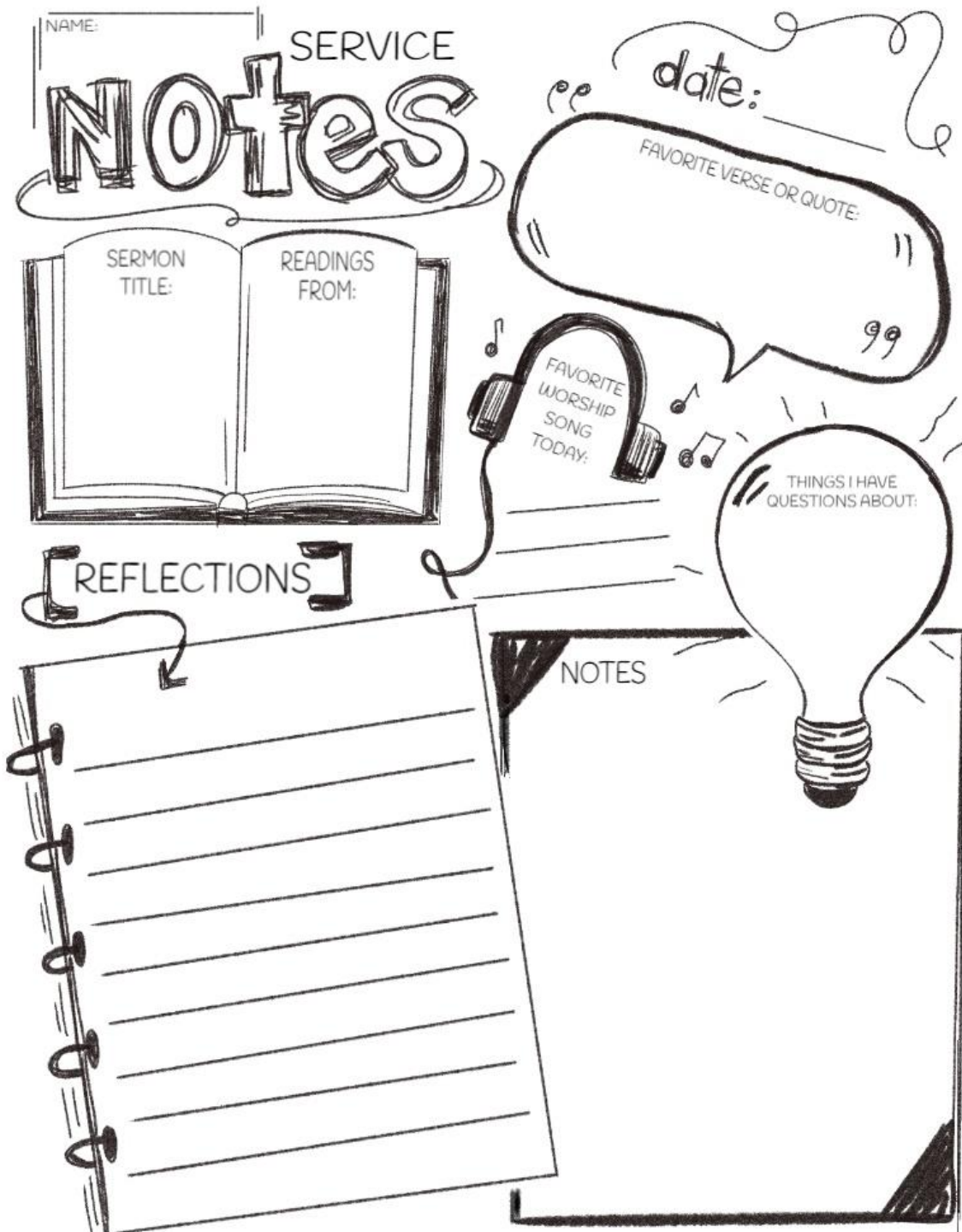
*Closing Blessing

***Song of Farewell & Mission: Love Divine, All Love Excelling (vs. 1)**
#384 UMH
CCLI Song #40306

****Stand as you are able at these places in the service.***

VOLUNTEER WORSHIP LEADERS

	<u>Today – 12/17/23</u>	<u>Next Week – 12/24/23</u>
Liturgist	Mike Payson	Catherine Haralson
Communion:		
Ushers:	Sharon Payson	Jerry and Jan Cotner
Greeters:		
Fellowship:	PV UMC Choir Pot Luck	



Prescott Valley United Methodist Church

Our mission: Reaching up in prayer, reaching out in love, and reaching in for guidance by the Holy Spirit.

**December 17th, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

PRAYERS: Mel M.; Jeannie W; Randa; Dorothy M.'s granddaughter; Wendy; Marsha C.; Dorothy C.; Karna W.; UNLV campus and victim's families; Continued prayers for Linda M.; Family of Jim H; Linda C.; Sharon P.; Allison W; Peace in Israel & Gaza.

JOYS: Spreading cheer and remembering how Jesus loves us! New jobs! University UMC! Fellowship with Pastor!

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCHES: Mingus Mountain Camp, Justa Center, Phoenix, Wesley Community & Health Centers

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Member's Choice-UMCOR/Ukraine

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Tuesday	12/19	Advent Movie Day: The Polar Express 1:00 pm
Thursday	12/21	Cleaning Crew 8:00 am
Sunday	12/24	Christmas Eve Devotion with Pastor Amanda 9:00 am
Sunday	12/24	Choir Practice 9:00 am
Sunday	12/24	CHRISTMAS EVE

Open Hearts...Open Minds...Open Doors

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