

## THIS WEEK AT GATEWAY

### Sunday • December 24

10:00am Combined Service  
3:00pm Flagstone Church Service  
6:30pm Christmas Eve Service

### Thursday • December 28

6:30am Early Bird Bible Study  
5:00pm Tops  
7:00pm AA Meeting

### Monday • December 25

7:00pm Al Anon Meeting

### Friday • December 29

7:00pm Easy Group AA

### Tuesday • December 26

Noon AA Meeting  
6:30 NA Meeting

### Sunday • December 31

8:15am Sunday Prayer  
9:00am Traditional Worship  
10:30am Contemporary Service  
3:00pm Women's Community Group

### Wednesday • December 27

8:30am Women's Prayer Group  
5:30pm Youth Group

## PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

**Missionaries •** Gabe & Bethany Thompson - His Ministry  
**Active Military •** Jason Nunes(Janell Wyatt's son-in-law)  
**Local Schools •** Innovations Academy  
**Community Leader •** Wasco County Search & Rescue  
**Church Community •** St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
**Church Family •** Doris Cunningham, Tom & Cheryl Cunningham,  
and Jeff & Julie Davis

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*As a multigenerational church,  
we invest ourselves in younger  
generations to grow resilient  
followers of Jesus and thriving families.*

SUNDAY, December 24, 2023  
10:00 AM COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting John Geiter

Song of Celebration Christmas Sarajevo

Lighting of Advent Candle of Love  
Elizabeth Glanden & son Nathan

Songs of Praise The Holly and the Ivy  
Hark the Hearld Angels Sing  
Angels We Have Heard On High

Pastoral Prayer & Prayer of Thanksgiving John Geiter

Offertory/Doxology

Prayer for the Offering John Geiter

Message Anna's Story: A Lifetime of Looking David Mettler  
Luke 2:36-38

Interlude and Reflection

Hymn of Response Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Benediction David Mettler

Prayer offered in the back of the Sanctuary following the service

## MEMORY SCRIPTURE FOR THIS MONTH

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. “ John 1:14

## COMMUNITY LIFE EVENTS

### Upcoming dates:

December 24 One Combined Church Service - 10:00am  
December 24 Sunday School - 10:00am  
December 24 Flagstone Church Service - 3:00pm  
December 24 Christmas Eve Service - 6:30 pm  
December 25 Merry Christmas  
January 1 Happy New Year  
January 2 Monthly Hour of Prayer Gathering - 6:30pm  
January 3 Women’s Bible Study - 6:30pm

**New Women’s Bible Study** – Praying the Psalms, starts Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30pm, in the Coffee Connection room. Please order the book called Psalms: Folk Songs of Faith by Ray Stedman. ISBN-10 157293171X. This book is out of print, you can still find used copies on Amazon and Abe Books. No worries if you cannot find the book. For more information, please contact Merrie Akita at 541-980-0378.

**The Marriage Course -7 sessions to strengthen your relationship**  
Starts February 6<sup>th</sup> to March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Tuesdays at 7:00pm-8:30pm. This is an online course. There are flyers in the church lobby with more information.

**Tithes and Offerings** – Your tithes and offerings must be in the church office by December 31<sup>st</sup> to be counted for 2023.

**Celebration of Life for Susie Meyer** - There will be a celebration of life for Susie Meyer, Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm here at Gateway Church.

## COMMUNITY LIFE EVENTS

**Welcome Guests** - If you are visiting today, we are glad to see you! We have a gift bag for you at the Welcome Center in the lobby - please stop by to pick up your bag and fill out a Visitor’s card.

**Moms’ Room Available** - The Moms’ room is available for use during church services. There is space to bring young children, with a TV streaming the worship service. If it would improve your worship experience, please feel free to make use of that room.

**Sunday School for Kids at Gateway** - Infant/ Toddlers and Preschoolers should go directly to their respective classrooms. Grades K - 5 will remain in the sanctuary for the singing and then are dismissed to their classrooms. Second service only.

**Prayer Requests** - Prayer Request cards are available in the lobby. Place your prayer request card in the Prayer Box in the lobby. Or email the church office ([office@gatewaypc.org](mailto:office@gatewaypc.org)). Indicate if you would like to have staff only pray or would like to be placed on the prayer chain.

**Listen to church sermons on our church website** - Go to [www.gatewaypc.org](http://www.gatewaypc.org), click on Sermons.

**Open Gate Newsletter** - Are you getting the latest news? The Open Gate is a Newsletter that comes out weekly in your email or can be mailed to your mailbox. Fill out an I’m New/Address update card found in the lobby, or let the office know you would like to receive the Newsletter.

**New Daily Devotionals**- Our Daily Bread Devotionals are available in the Lobby. The following is a link <https://odb.org/> to get your copy online. The devotionals cover **December - February**

**Youth Group** - 6<sup>th</sup> grade through High School is welcome. Wednesday nights, doors open 5:30pm, dinner 6:00pm and youth group 6:30 - 8:30pm. Email Willie Riese or Kim Johnson at [youthministry@gatewaypc.org](mailto:youthministry@gatewaypc.org). Bring a friend!