

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ARROYO GRANDE

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 11, 2016

8:30 AM

Third Sunday of Advent
Music by The Lord's Crew

Gathering

*OPENING PRAISE *Let All the Earth (Shout for Joy)*

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE — Joy

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS David, Valerie and Ian Beard

*PRAISE *Joy to the World
Oh Lord Your Beautiful
Go Tell It on the Mountain*

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)*

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:46b-55

SERMON

"GIFTS FROM GOD:
Contagious Joy"
Rev. Mary B. Birgelaitis

OFFERING SONG

Wind Beneath the Olive Trees

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Words for Communion
Communion Song

O Holy Night

Going Forth to Serve

*FINAL BLESSING

More Precious than Silver

*CLOSING SONG

When A Savior Dreams

**Worshippers stand as able*



THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 AM – CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

10:30 AM --TRADITIONAL SERVICE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

1:00 PM – EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY, CRISWELL HALL

7:00 PM – WOMEN OF PRAYER, SANCTUARY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

8:30 M–SENIOR EXERCISE, CRISWELL HALL

9:00 AM –SEW ‘N’ SEWS, MCMILLAN ROOM

11:00 AM –CHAIR YOGA, CRISWELL HALL

5:00 PM –HANDBELL REHEARSAL, HANDBELL ROOM

6:00 PM –CHANCEL CHOIR, SANCTUARY

7:00 PM –BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CRISWELL HALL

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

8:30 AM –SENIOR EXERCISE, CRISWELL HALL

9:00 AM –CHURCH WORK DAY

9:30 AM --UMW STEERING COMMITTEE, LIBRARY

10:00 AM –COMMUNICATIONS, PASTOR’S STUDY

5:00 PM –FREE DINNER, CRISWELL HALL

5:45 PM –ADVENT BOOK STUDY – “UNCLUTTERED HEART”, CRISWELL HALL

7:00 PM –CHANCEL CHOIR, SANCTUARY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

8:30 AM –SENIOR EXERCISE, CRISWELL HALL

10:00 AM –INTERCESSORY PRAYER, LIBRARY

11:00 AM –FINANCE, PASTOR’S STUDY

12:00 PM –FIVE CITIES CHRISTIAN WOMEN FOOD & GIFT OUTREACH, CRISWELL HALL

5:00 PM –HANDBELL REHEARSAL, HANDBELL ROOM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

8:30 AM –BIBLE STUDY, LIBRARY

9:00 AM –FIVE CITIES CHRISTIAN WOMEN FOOD & GIFT OUTREACH SET-UP, CRISWELL HALL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

7:00 AM –FIVE CITIES CHRISTIAN WOMEN FOOD & GIFT OUTREACH, CRISWELL HALL & NARTHEX, UNTIL 2 PM

2:00 PM –SET-UP FOR CHRISTMAS JUBILEE PROGRAM, CRISWELL HALL, KITCHEN

7:00 PM –ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS JUBILEE SPONSORED BY UNITED METHODIST MEN

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 AM – CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE, SANCTUARY

10:30 AM --TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE, SANCTUARY – CHANCEL CHOIR CANTATA

–YOUNGER ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS (4-YEAR-OLDS – 2ND GRADERS), Room 3

–OLDER ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS (3RD – 5TH GRADERS), Room 2

–MIDDLE SCHOOL ITY HOUR, Room 9

- A warm welcome to you our Visitors. Thank you for worshipping at First UMC of Arroyo Grande. Whether you are visiting friends or relatives this morning or have made your way on your own, we are glad that you’re here. Please join us for refreshments after worship in Criswell Hall across the narthex. Welcome!
- Please register your presence in the Friendship Book located at the end of the pews nearest the center aisle, and pass it along for others to sign during the service.

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DECEMBER 11, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 AM

*Rejoice with joy and singing, and discover
how everything is changed by joy.*



WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PRELUDE

“We Three Kings”

John Henry Hopkins, Mr.

GATHERING

INTROIT

“How Great Our Joy”

arr. Camp Kirkland

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come onto the highway of Christ---

a holy way in the wilderness of life.

Come into the presence of joy---

a place of glory and majesty.

Return to God’s love---

where we shall know no fear.

Come with hearts full of song---

for sorrow and sighing have fled.

Here and now, we will find joy and gladness!

* OPENING HYMN

“There’s a Song in the Air”
verses 1-3

No. 249

OPENING PRAYER (*Unison*)

**As the days darken and the winter winds blow,
warm us with joy, O Promised One.**

Clarify our vision,

**that we might recognize your promised presence,
and proclaim the promise of this season.**

Shine your light in the darkness for all to see.

**Shine your love through us with your promise and your strength,
that we might be messengers of your good news. Amen.**

THE CHILDREN LIGHT THE CANDLE OF JOY

A TIME FOR PRAYER

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

“Love Came Down at Christmas”

No. 242

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER/**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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CHORAL RESPONSE

“Love Came Down at Christmas”

No. 242

ANTHEM

“Glorious Impossible”

arr. Camp Kirkland

PROCLAMATION

THE GOSPEL

Luke 1:46b-55

* HYMN

“Sing We Now of Christmas” verses 1-3

No. 237

SERMON

“GIFTS FROM GOD: Contagious Joy”

Rev. Birgelaitis

OFFERING

OFFERING

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

“Bethlehem Morning”

Morris Chapman

* DOXOLOGY/BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

*Praise God whose dawn transfigures night,
Whose Daystar shines for us on high.
Whose Spirit brings into our sight
The Joy to which our world draws nigh.*

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SENDING FORTH

* HYMN

“Angels We Have Heard on High” verses 1-3

No. 238

* BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

No. 204

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

POSTLUDE

“Angels From the Realm of Glory”

Henry T. Smart

* Congregation, please stand

*** Ushers will seat those yet unseated

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Maybe Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store.
 Maybe Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more.

Join Us For A
WHO-BILATION !

Sunday, December 18th from 12 PM to 3 PM

SEE YOU AT WHO-VILLE !

Criswell Hall at First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande



**First United Methodist Church
 of Arroyo Grande**

INSERT PAGE FOR DECEMBER 11 SUNDAY BULLETINS

Today's Scripture

(NRSV)

Luke 1: 46b-55

The Magnificat

“My soul magnifies the Lord,
 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
 Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
 for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
 and holy is his name.
 His mercy is for those who fear him
 from generation to generation.
 He has shown strength with his arm;
 he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
 and lifted up the lowly;
 he has filled the hungry with good things,
 and sent the rich away empty.
 He has helped his servant Israel,
 in remembrance of his mercy,
 according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
 to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”



**UMM CHRISTMAS JUBILEE
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17
 CRISWELL HALL**

Under the direction of Bernie Hawkins the 2016 UMM Annual Christmas Jubilee will be one of the best. Many great acts from our own members will be presented on stage in Criswell Hall on Sat. Dec. 17th from 7-9 PM. The UMM is offering FREE refreshments along with the great talent show. Don't miss this Family event - and it's all free.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	TOTAL
Nov 13	44	103	147
Nov 20	42	104	146
Nov 27	40	66	106
Dec 4	32	94	126

OUR GIFTS

Weekly Offerings	Budgeted:	\$4,711
Nov 13	Received:	\$6,182
Nov 20	Received:	\$3,752
Nov 27	Received:	\$5,671
Dec 4	Received:	\$9,176



Fiscal Year to Date Budgeted regular giving:	\$108,346
Fiscal Year to Date Received:	\$116,969
Thanksgiving:	\$ 3,015

Today's Liturgists: 8:30 Service — Mary Thronson 10:30 Service — Rose Ann Steiner



Coffee Hour Today is hosted by

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Next Week's Coffee Hour will be hosted by WORSHIP COMMITTEE

We thank you all for your service to our church!



THE UNCLUTTERED HEART — Wednesdays in December, 5:45 PM

Advent is the season when we prepare our lives—-hearts, minds, and spirits—-for the coming of the Christ child. We sweep out the corners of our hearts, cleaning up the clutter, to make space for God's hope, peace, joy, love and presence. Join us for this five week study and remember God as you enjoy The Uncluttered Heart that focuses your heart and mind on scripture, reflection and prayer as you prepare for the coming of Christmas.



The Angel Tree

The Angel Tree was set up during the Hanging of the Greens on

Nov. 26th. Take a tag from the tree, sign your name on the duplicate tag and leave it on the tree. These are for UNWRAPPED gifts for foster children and other children in need. Bring gifts to the church no later than Dec. 19th.

~Jan Treat

TO HONOR THE
70TH BIRTHDAY OF MY HUSBAND,
LAMAR VAN HOOK
from Cristy Van Hook

CHRISTMAS 2016

**~ Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service ~
7:00 PM ~ Sanctuary
A Service of
Lessons and Carols
Homily: "Fresh from God"**



A LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS

**~ Christmas Day Service ~
8:30 AM ~ Sanctuary
A Service of Carols
with our Praise Band+
Homily: "Opening Presence"**



**TODAY WE ARE
HAPPY TO
WELCOME AS
NEW MEMBERS
DAVID, VALERIE
AND IAN BEARD**

David and Valerie Beard met at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. After they graduated, they were lucky and found jobs keeping them in the area and have been here ever since. They will be celebrating their 25th anniversary next July. David works at Caltrans; Ian is 12 and a 6th grader at Shell Beach Elementary. The family comes from a Lutheran background, and is happy to have found a home at First United Methodist.

**~ CHRISTMAS CANTATA ~
Sunday, December 18th
10:30 AM Worship Service
The Chancel Choir presents
the Christmas cantata
"He Was Born" by Ed Kee**



**~ CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE ~
IN THE OFFICE!
Tuesday, December 20th
1:00 to 4:00 PM
Stop by the office for
some punch and goodies!**