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8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



December 23, 2018



First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

Welcome to Worship!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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8:30 AM

Advent IV

Gathering

OPENING PRAISE *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PRAISE *O Come All Ye Faithful
Go Tell It on the Mountain
Light of the Stable*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Oh Holy Night*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:46b-55

SERMON *SILHOUETTES OF LOVE*

OFFERING *What Child is This*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION *Breath of Heaven*

FINAL BLESSING *Oh How I Love Jesus*

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Merry Christmas
Happy Birthday,
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from Cristy Van Hook

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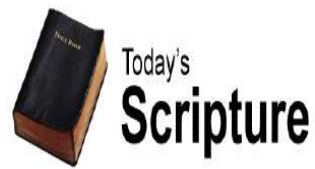
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Advent IV

CENTERING WORDS

Love is guiding our feet to Christmas,
guiding us on the journey to Bethlehem

PRELUDE *Songs of Bethlehem* Paxton, Wilson, Southbridge, Summers
Brad Bettencourt, guest organist

CHORAL INTROIT *Gloria in Excelsis*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

My soul magnifies the Lord.
My spirit rejoices in God my Savior!
God is looking upon us with love and joy,
 blessing us from generation to generation.
Let's worship and praise our great God of love.

***OPENING HYMN** *O Come All Ye Faithful* verses 1,3,4 & 6 No. 234

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

***OPENING PRAYER**

**Ancient of days, ever-living God,
feed your flock with nourishing grace and sustaining hope
in this time of worship.
Help us dwell secure in your arms of love,
and prepare us to bring your love and peace
to the world. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell
Away in a Manger (as children come and go) No. 217
Nursery care is available.
Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time.

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Star-Child* TFWS #2095
Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer
Choral Response *Star-Child* TFWS #2095

CHORAL ANTHEM *Comfort and Joy* Joel Raney

SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 1:46b-55

HYMN (remain seated) *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* No. 236
verses 1-4

SERMON *SILHOUETTES OF LOVE*

OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering
 Offertory *What Child is This?* William Dix (based on Greensleeves)
 *Doxology / Prayer of Dedication

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

*CLOSING HYMN *O Little Town of Bethlehem* No. 230
verses 1-3

*BENEDICTION

Go forth as people of the promise—
 God's promise of hope and love.
**We go now to share the good news
 of God's hope and love.**

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Gloria in Excelsis*

POSTLUDE *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* Traditional, arr. Tom Roed



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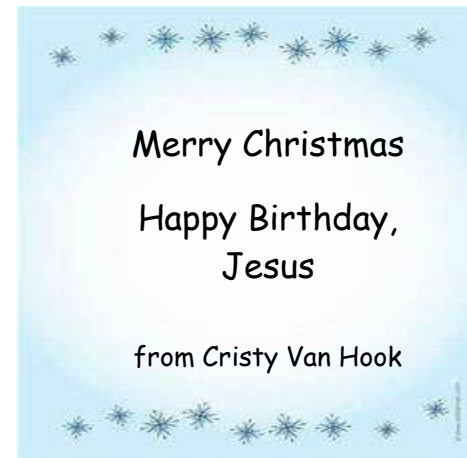
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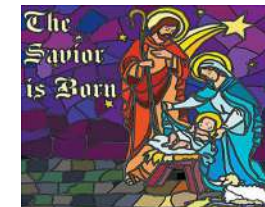
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Christmas Eve
A Service of Lessons and Carols

December 24, 2018

7:00 PM

ORGAN PRELUDE *Meditation for Christmas Eve* Johnson, Wilson, Wagner, Guilmart, Powell

INTROIT *Joy to the World* Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which has come to all people, for to you is born this day in the City of David, a Savior who is Christ the Lord!

Unto us a Child is born! Unto us a Son is given!

And the government shall be upon his shoulders.

**His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.**

*OPENING CAROL *O Come, All Ye Faithful* No. 234
verses 1, 3 & 6

CHRISTMAS EVE WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

ANTHEM *Tiny Babe of Bethlehem* Jay Rouse

INVOCATION

***O God,
We come tonight to Bethlehem, in quietness and peace. We kneel at the manger to behold the miracle. The glory of Your Love is revealed in the Christ Child. With awe and reverence we worship. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let your love be born in us anew. Amen.***

ANTHEM *I Heard the Bells*

Luke 1:26-33

CAROL *(remain seated)*

Luke 2:1-7

ANTHEM

Luke 2:8-14

CAROL *(remain seated)*

Luke 2:15-20

CAROL *(remain seated)*

Matthew 2:1-12

ANTHEM

THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER

SOLO

HOMILY

*CAROL

THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The Offertory

THE ANGEL GABRIEL VISITS MARY

O Little Town of Bethlehem
verses 1, 3 & 4

No. 230

THE BIRTH/MARY'S SONG

Love Can

Jay Rouse

THE ANGEL'S SONG

Angels We Have Heard on High
Verses 1 & 2, Jackie Llewellyn
Verses 3 & 4, Congregation

No. 238

THE SHEPHERD'S RESPONSE

The First Noel
verses 1 & 2

No. 245

THE WISEMEN'S RESPONSE

The First Noel
verses 3, 4 & 5

No. 245

OUR RESPONSE

O Holy Night

Dave Anderson

"STAR-CHILD"

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

No. 240

Still, Still, Still

Rick Graham

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

If I were a Wise man, I would do my part;

Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

CANDLELIGHTING

For safety, as we light candles, please hold the lit candle completely upright and let your neighbor tilt the unlit candle to receive the flame from your light. The pianist will play while the candles are being lit. We will not begin singing *Silent Night* until all the candles are lit. When the piano and choir begin *Silent Night*, please begin singing.

CAROL (remain seated)

Silent Night Holy Night

(please refer to insert for words)

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Silent Night

PARTICIPATING IN TONIGHT'S SERVICE

Chancel Choir
Choir Director, Julie Burns
Pianist, Dennis Eiler
Guest Organist, Bradley Bettencourt
Cellist, Rosslyn Clauson

Soloists, Dave Anderson, Jackie Llewellyn
Preacher, Rev. Mary Birgelaitis
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