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8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



DECEMBER 1, 2019



First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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First Sunday of Advent

Gathering

OPENING PRAISE *Sing to the King*
 WELCOMING OUR GUESTS
 PRAISE SONGS *Forever*
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 *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 2:1-5*
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SERMON **MANAGING CHRISTMAS:** Rev. Mary Birgelaitis
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OFFERING *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

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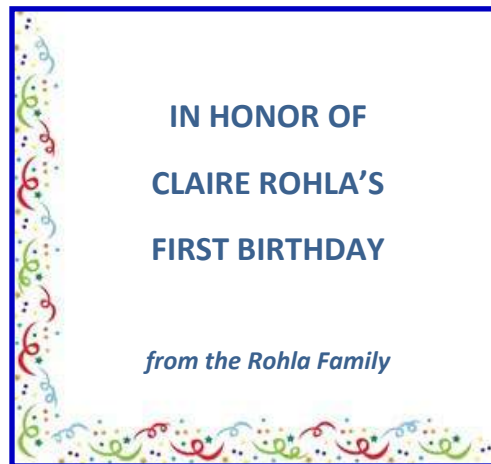


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Fiscal Year to Date **Budgeted Regular Giving:** **\$115,904**
 Fiscal Year to Date Received: \$125,107

Thanksgiving **Budgeted:** **\$2,200**
 Thanksgiving Received: \$1,555

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December 1, 2019 10:30 AM

First Sunday of Advent

CENTERING WORDS

We wait for peace. We wait for joy.
We wait for God.
With hope and love, Advent calls us to wait.

PRELUDE	<i>Out of the East</i>	Harry Noble
INTROIT	<i>People Look East</i>	Trad. French Carol

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We know what time it is—
the moment to wake from sleep.
**We awaken to greet the day,
yearning for God's peace on this earth.**
Let us lay down our swords
and put aside all works of darkness.
**Let us walk in the light
and live as peacekeepers.**
Let us worship our God
as expectant believers.
**We worship with joy,
knowing Christ will come!**

***OPENING HYMN** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* verses 1,2,6 &7 No. 211

WELCOMING OUR GUESTS

OPENING PRAYER

**Holy one, we wait and hope for your peace.
We live in the promise of your love.
As the days darken and the nights lengthen,
light our way with your promised presence.
Prepare us to celebrate your birth,
and guide us to create your kingdom on earth.
In hopeful expectation we pray. Amen**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell

Jesus Loves Me (as children come and go)
Nursery care is available. Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers.

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* No. 204
 Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer
 Choral Response *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* No. 204

SPECIAL MUSIC *Emmanuel Medley*
 Dennis Eiler, pianist
 Brad Bettencourt, organist

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 2:1-5
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HYMN (remain seated) *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* No. 196

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OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering
 Offertory *As Lately We Watched* 19th Century Austrian Carol
 * Prayer of Dedication
*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Hymnal, Page 115

Communion Music *Breath of Heaven* Amy Grant/Chris Eaton

*CLOSING HYMN *Hail to The Lord's Anointed* No. 203

*BENEDICTION

Go in peace, for the God of peace goes before us.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* No. 204

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

POSTLUDE *Masters in This Hall* Trad. English Carol



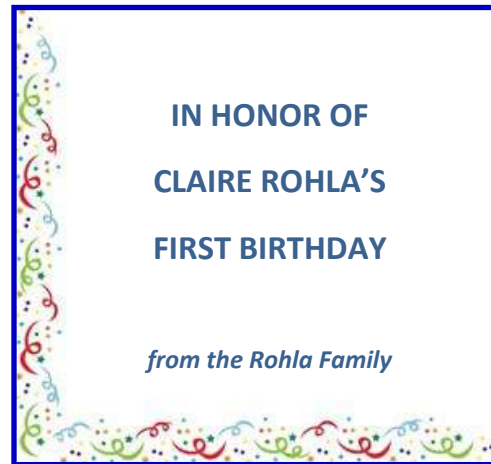
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