



8: 30 AM SERVICE - 11 DECEMBER 2011 - Welcome to worship!

We are glad that you could join us during this special season in which we celebrate the birth of Christ Jesus, the reason for the season.

* Nursery Care & Sunday School is available both services * Hearing device available

† DENOTES STANDING IF YOU ARE ABLE

PASTOR'S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAISE *Angels We Have Heard on High*

† **SCRIPTURE READING** ISAIAH 42: 1-4 PASTOR DAVID

† **OPENING PRAYER** PASTOR DAVID

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES MARY, SUSAN & BOB THRONDSO



READER 1: Today is the third Sunday of Advent - the Sunday of Joy. Our joy is in God and in his son Jesus Christ. Like peace, joy is a gift from God. It overtakes us and fills us when we remember what God has done and what he has promised to do.

READER 2: We light this candle today to remind us that Christ came, and is coming, so that all people might have a rich and abundant life. We thank God for the hope he gives us, for the peace he bestows, and for the joy he pours into our hearts.

**** LIGHT THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD ADVENT CANDLES**

PASTOR: Let us pray -- O God of Joy, Emmanuel, send your light into our hearts at this time. Help us to be ready for the time of Christ's appearing. Fix our hearts and our minds upon those things you have done and those you have promised to do that we may have the joy you have promised. As we worship you, strengthen us so that we may always do your will and so bless you and the world you have made. Amen.

PRAISE *Away in a Manger
O Come, O Come Emmanuel
O Holy Night*

**** CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED WITH THEIR TEACHER TO SUNDAY SCHOOL (ROOM 211)**



WE WORSHIP IN GIVING
OFFERTORY SONG *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

PRAYER OF ADORATION SUSAN COHO
WE SHARE IN GOD'S PEACE (GREET THOSE AROUND YOU)

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS –OUR PRAYERS & THANKSGIVING
PASTORAL PRAYER PASTOR DAVID

SCRIPTURE READING LUKE 1: 39-45 MIKE HERBER

LITURGIST: This is the word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **THE JOURNEY: MARY VISIT'S ELIZABETH**
PASTOR DAVID M. BURGESON

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE 1 CORINTHIANS 11: 23 - 26 PASTOR DAVID
COMMUNION SONG *Your Love, O Lord*

† **BENEDICTION SONG** *The Lord Bless Thee* PASTOR DAVID

† **RECESSIONAL** *Come, Lord Jesus Come*



*Our hearts, our minds and
our doors are always open.*



The people of The United Methodist Church.®



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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Christmas Brings Joy to Every Heart*
D. PAXTON, COMPOSER

CHORAL INTROIT *Ding Dong Merrily on High*

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† **HYMN NO. 211** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 5 & 7 ONLY)*

CHORAL ANTHEM *I Heard The Bells ON Christmas Day*
CHANCEL CHOIR WITH CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
SOLO — SADIE BARBER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PASTOR: Let us join together in his prayer:

ALL: **Merciful God, we are a people conditioned to measure truth by proof and evidence, by the testimony of witnesses and the testing of our knowledge. In Jesus Christ, you gave us evidence of your supreme love for us, yet we still refuse to accept it. We ignore your still, small voice. We dismiss your action in our lives as coincidence. We take credit for our blessings rather than receiving them as being from your hand. Scripture is a faithful witness to your grace, yet we fail to avail ourselves of its wisdom. We demand signs of your presence yet are so distracted by the pace of our lives that we never notice that you have, indeed, answered our prayer. Forgive us, Lord, we pray. Forgive our short attention spans, our insatiable desire for the new and glittery and our disdain for the old and familiar. Grant us the grace to be still, to listen and to respond to the leading of your Spirit. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASTOR: This saying is true and worthy of full acceptance: Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. Friends, hear the good news and believe: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Hallelujah! Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER FOR GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Cantabile* L. VAN BEETHOVEN, COMPOSER

DOXOLOGY

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. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING LUKE 1: 39 - 45 DORIS DOUGLAS

PASTOR: This is the word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON THE JOURNEY: MARY'S VISIT TO ELIZABETH
PASTOR DAVID BURGESSON

HYMN NO. 202 *People Look East*

† **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*
L. SMITH, COMPOSER



To put a prayer or praise on this Prayer List, fill out a prayer card in the pew in front of you, list your request in the prayer book located in the Narthex or contact Pauline Castillo and the prayer chain via the church office 481-2692.

We Lift in Prayer to the Lord:

- Our pastors and their families.
- All who serve God around the world.
- Those suffering, homeless & hungry.
- God's peace & justice for the world.
- Our nation's leaders, we ask wisdom.
- People following disasters.
- Members and friends dealing with the difficult issues of life.

Prayers of Comfort and Healing for:

- Harry Egan's neighbor, Barbara, who fell and will be released into hospice.
- Carmonde Cochran passed away. Prayers for the family.
- Connie Clark's brother, Gary as he is recovering from heart surgery.
- Janice Moore is in the hospital.
- Carmonde Cochran has entered 'life eternal. Prayer for the family.
- Glen Hughes' brother, Eden, passed away. Prayers for the family.
- Tina Moore's mother is under treatment; her sister Tanya, had a seizure.

We Give Praise to God for He Is Good!

- Brian Trujillo is working part-time.
- Betty Lorenz' son, David is home.

Our Covenant Missionary:

Krista Givens (Germany)

Our Missionaries in the Field:

Julie & David Elmore (Alaska)

John Elmore (Chile)
Muriel & Terry Hendersons (Mexico)
Lorene & David Persons (Congo)

Remember in prayer our military and their families.

Continued Prayer For: *Our church family and friends, our Youth and Children's Ministries, Wil Ogden, Jennifer Gandy and family, the Caweltis, Linda Archibald, the Hammonds, Esther Miller, the Paulsons, Yvonne Holt, Sean Lehman, Fenton McClure, Kent Brown, Roy Lewis, the Bucktons, Jean Coho, Sheila Owine, Todd Everett, the Wisemans, Eleanor Hughes, Ken Coombs, Isabella Sloan, Ora Lee King, LeAnna and Adam Gainer Family, Sue Ann Sanders, Geri Nolte, Pat Smith, Ann Williamson, Ayleen Melsheimer, the Cochrans.*

Praying For Those In Care-Facilities:

Bob Atwood, Bob Woods, Mary Patterson, Inez Kenneaster, Wayne Frisby, Bob Serby, Mary Johnson, Donna Truman.

We Lift up Our Shut-In Members:

Doris Rice, the Houldings, Jeanne Jenkins, Madge Young, Ruby Weddell.

11 Decmeber 2011

The **Bulletin Board**



Meet us in Criswell Hall... we want to get to know you!

Coffee Hour TODAY is sponsored by the ***ladies of Mary-Martha Circle***
Next Week's Host: Finance Committee

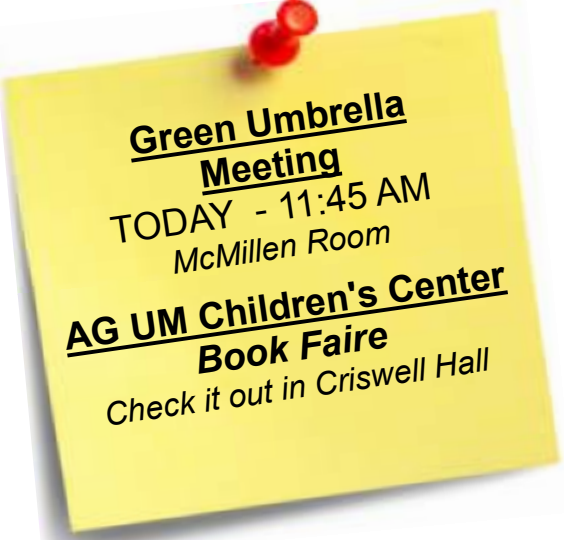
This Week...

- **TODAY—Sermon Discussion Group**—at 9:45 AM (McMillen Room)
- **Communications Committee**—12/12 at 10:30 AM (Library)
- **All-Church Supper** - FREE! Every Wednesday at 5 PM (Criswell Hall)
- **Advent Study Wednesdays**
Adults **6 PM** (McMillen Room)
Kids **6 PM** (211)
Youth **7 PM** (215)
- **People's Kitchen**—12/15 at 11:30 AM
- **Weekly Bible Read-A-Loud**—Every Thursday at 5PM (Sanctuary)
- **Women of Worth** -12/15 at 6:00 PM
- **Children's Center Holiday Program & Reception**—12/15 at 7 PM (S/CH)
- **Blue Christmas**—12/16 at 7 PM (MMR)



Altar Flowers

In loving memory of Bud Wolters
~ Marj Wolters



Green Umbrella Meeting
TODAY - 11:45 AM
McMillen Room
AG UM Children's Center Book Faire
Check it out in Criswell Hall

Women of Worth

December 15th—6 PM

(note special time)

It's Christmas Party Time!

Bring a finger food and an ornament to exchange.

Celebrate the greatest gift with us!



Yes, BLUE...as in, 'got the blues.'

For many people, the holidays don't bring with it the joy that the festive cards and carols promise.

Pastor David invites you to the UMC of AG McMillen Room for an time spent in a quiet time with music, meditation, and prayer on **December 16 at 7 PM.**

"Come to me all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28



Christmas Eve by Candlelight

Family Service—6 PM

This service for the family as you join with our children and youth in a re-telling of the **Original Christmas Story.**

Traditional Service—7:30 PM

A liturgical service including a Christmas message by Pastor David and our Chancel Choir will lead us in carols.

The perfect time to invite a friend or family member!



Some More Ways To Others This Christmas!



Five Cities Christian Women

FOOD BASKETS

Food Items & Monetary Donations

Needed!

A list of food items is posted in Criswell Hall or call **489-6706** to find out how you can help.



Christmas Meal is served to the needy December 15.

Contact the Ashtons to get involved!



Do You

Have A Tag?

Get a tag from the tree and fulfill a child's Christmas wish!

PLEASE return UNWRAPPED gifts to the tree by December 18th.

December 18th .



Order Your Poinsettias

Deliver Holiday Cheer To

2012 Planning Meeting

December 17

8:30 AM

• Delicious Breakfast - \$9



Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children's Center

presents

The Children of AG UM CC

December 15 at 7 PM

UMC of AG Sanctuary

In their highly acclaimed holiday performance singing popular hits such as

How on Earth Can God's Baby Sleep, Feliz Navidad, Jingle Bells, and Glory, Glory

Please bring a non-perishable food item for donation to the Five Cities Christian Women Food Bank

Don't miss it!



A GIFT for the Person Who Has EVERYTHING

Get your booklet at the Book Fair in Criswell Hall and

Support our Children's Center.

A Steal at ONLY \$10 each