



First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

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Welcome to our 8:30 AM worship service. Today is December 16th, 2012 – Third Sunday of Advent

Nursery Care is available * Elementary aged children are dismissed during worship * Ask about our hearing devices. Praise and worship is led by The Lord’s Crew.



Welcome and News of the Church

Handbell Introit Lo, How a Rose

Scripture Reading Isaiah 2: 1 – 14 In Unison
Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry out or raise His voice, nor make His voice heard in the street. A bruised reed He will not break and a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish; HE will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not be disheartened or crushed until He has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands will wait expectantly for His law.

† Opening Prayer Pastor David

Lighting of the Advent Candle Michael and Melissa Johnson
One: The unbreakable gift for this third Sunday of Advent is the gift of Joy.
Light the first and second and third candle
ALL: Dear God, thank you for the gift of joy and for the way it brightens our days. Help us give joy to others through what we say and do. Show us how to make this Christmas a true season of joy. Amen.

Handbell Anthem Now the Green Blade Riseth (Sing We Now of Christmas)

Praise Angels We Have Heard On High
O Come All Ye Faithful
O Holy Night

Prayer of Adoration

Susan Coho

** Children are dismissed at this time to their Sunday School class.

We Worship in Giving

Offertory As With Gladness Men of Old

Joys and Concerns with Prayers and Thanksgiving

Pastoral Prayer Pastor David

Scripture Reading Matthew 1: 22 – 25; Philippians 4: 4-7 Mike Herber

Message *Christmas Gifts That Don't Break: The Gift of Joy*
Pastor David M. Burgeson

Communion Scripture I Corinthians 11:23-26 In Unison

Communion Song Your Love, O Lord

Benediction Song The Lord Bless Thee Pastor David

Recessional Shepherd’s Rock

* * Please feel free to stay to enjoy the closing music to enhance your worship today.

If you are visiting with us, we are so pleased to share this time of worship with you.
Your presence is a blessing to us, as we pray it is for you.

We invite you to join in a time of fellowship in Criswell Hall to enjoy some coffee and goodies after the service – we would like to get to know you.



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Welcome and News of the Church Pastor David

Prelude As Joseph Was A-Walking (R. Powell)

Handbell Introit Lo, How a Rose

Lighting of the Advent Candle Tina, Jed and Helen Moore

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† Call to Worship David Beaman

One: We are servants of Christ Jesus set apart for the gospel of God.

Many: In this we find great joy.

One: God promised through His prophets a Son,

Many: who in His human nature is a descendant of David,

One: Born a baby in Bethlehem.

Many: Whose unique identity as Son of God

One: was shown by God's spirit when Jesus was raised from the dead.

Many: through him we have received the joyous gifts of eternal life

One: and the urgent task of passing it on to others,

Many: who receive it by entering into obedient trust in Jesus.

One: Let us praise our Lord in worship today.

† Opening No. 220

Angels From The Realms of Glory

Handbell Anthem

Now the Green Blade Riseth (Sing We Now of Christmas)

* Children's Moment

Prayer of Confession David Beaman

One: Please join me in our prayer of confession:

Many: O God, You assure us that you are fulfilling your promises in your own good time, but we confess that we are people in a hurry for a quick fix. We want it all right now, we don't want to wait. In our haste we overlook the feelings of others, the need for honesty and fairness in our actions; we're not even aware of our own deepest needs. In this season of on-rushing joy and harried peace, we feel drained. Slow us down, Lord. Give us patience. Enable us to enjoy this Advent season knowing that having you in our lives will fill us with all we need. Amen.

Words of Assurance David Beaman

One: Hear this our prayer, O Lord, and my people be assured that when we confess our confusion in this hustling season, God is faithful to forgive us and stay with us to meet our needs and guide our actions. Believe it! Amen.

Choral Anthem Chancel Choir

Joys and Concerns with Prayers and Thanksgiving

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Prayer for the Giving and Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Still, Still, Still (D. Cherwien)

† Doxology

Scripture Reading Matthew 1: 22 – 25; Philippians 4: 4 – 7 David Beaman

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Message Christmas Gifts That Don't Break: The Gift of Joy

Pastor David M. Burgeson

† Closing Hymn No. 246 Joy To The World

† Benediction and Choral Response

Postlude Christmas Trilogy (T. Thygeson)

Please Lift- up These in Recent Need of Prayer – 16 December 2012

- Health and healing for those in our church family who are ill.
- Comfort for the families of those who have gone on to be with the Lord.
- The financial welfare and stewardship of our church and its members.
- Victims and the recovery efforts after recent Hurricane Sandy.
- Prayers for the Middle East.
- For those who are having depression this season, may they seek God for comfort.
- Delores (friend of Kerren Brown) will undergo radiation therapy.
- Chuck Buckton had a back procedure and is home recovering. Prayers for speedy recovery.
- Pat Wood, Sally Weitkamp's sister broke her femur and will need a second surgery.
- Ruth Rohla who recently returned from the hospital and is home doing well.
- Guy Oates whose son and other family members who need prayer for healing and comfort.
- Melissa Johnson's family/friends who will soon have surgery, and/or medical procedures.
- Jerrilynn Trujillo's friend Bettyann and Gabriel's parents passed. Prayers for peace.
- Pam Campbell's grandson, Dustin who is serving in Afghanistan.
- Nancy St. Laurent's mother passed away – prayers for the family.
- The mother of two kids in our Children's Center who was shot recently, prayers for family.

Praise! Thanks be to God for His Goodness.

- Our Sew 'n' Sews raised \$1500 for missions this year. God is good!

Our Covenant Missionary: Frido Kinkolenge (Liberia)

Cal-Pac Missionaries in the Field: Julie & David Elmore (Alaska), John Elmore (Chile), Lorene & David Persons (Congo), Muriel & Terry Henderson (Mexico).

We Remember in Prayer: Our pastor and his family; our church family and friends; the youth and children's ministries of this church; our church leaders; those in service to God around the world; those who are hungry, displaced, sick or in poverty because of these and other natural and human-made disasters, and for the workers who minister with them; for God's peace and justice for the world; our nation's current and future leaders; God's peace and salvation for the world through Jesus Christ; those serving in the military and their families.

Continue to Prayer for: Gladys Paulsen, Kent Brown, the Smiths, the Hammonds, Sean Lehman, Fenton McClure, the Bucktons, Sheila Owine, Todd Everett, Ken Coombs, Isabella Sloan, the Noltes, Ayleen Melsheimer, the Alsums, Les Bradley, Sharon Woodcock, the Williamsons, Mike Douglas, Richard Gainer, Adam Gainer, Beverly Calkins, Wil Ogden, the Gandys, Tom Egan, Virginia Mothes, Cristy Eichelberger.

Those In Care Facilities: Bob Atwood, Bob Serby, Inez Kenneaster, Wayne Frisby.

Our Shut-In Members: Doris Rice, Ruby Weddell, Yvonne Holt, Madge Young, Elvon Houlding, Jeanne Jenkins, Donna Truman, Esther Miller, Harold Bailey.

Prayer Calendar – Please continue to lift up the global United Methodist Church

Dec. 16: Houlding Institute, INC., Laredo, TX ; **Dec. 17:** World Student Christian Federation, Africa region: Gender advocacy & leadership training, Nairobi, Kenya; **Dec. 18:** International Migrants Day; **Dec. 19:** Women's Economic Development Network, San Jose, Costa Rica; **Dec. 20:** Green Publish Institute: Support for chief resource personnel at events, Delhi; **Dec. 21:** UM missionaries serving in Africa; **Dec. 22:** The Vashti Center, Thomasville, GA.



December 16, 2012

Please feel free to use this space to take notes.

Join with Pastor David as he shares today's message entitled,

Christmas Gifts That Don't Break: The Gift of Joy

Matthew 1: 22 – 25; Philippians 4: 4 - 7



The Bulletin Board

16 December

A full event calendar on our website at worshipweekly.com – check it out!

Coffee & Fellowship Hour – Many thanks to our **Christian Education Team**. Hosting next week will be the **Worship Team**. *Watch for the 2013 calendar!*

Flowers on the Altar: 2013 Flower Calendar Binder is available TODAY in Criswell Hall.

On Today's Schedule:

- **Central Coast Chordsmen and Barbershop Quartet Christmas Concert** – 3 PM

On This Week's Agenda – Get out your calendar! * * Please note changes

- **Five Cities Christian Women Food Basket Set-up & Distribution** – 12/17,18, 20,21
- **NO Senior Exercise this week!**
- **Sew n Sews Quilting Group** – Tuesday at 9 AM in the McMillen Room.
- **Preschool Board** – 12/28 - 1 PM (closed session) & 2 PM (open session)
- **JOY Circle Christmas Party** – 12/18 – contact Lucy Jacob for details.
- **Handbell Choir Rehearsal** – Tues. & Thurs. at 5 PM in the Handbell Room.
- **All-Church Work Day** – Wednesday at 9 AM.
- *** * Weekly Fellowship Dinner** – Wednesday at 5PM in the McMillen Room.
- **Pastor's Advent Bible Study** – Wednesday at 6 PM in the McMillen Room.
- **Kid's Night Out** – Wednesday at 6 PM in room 211.
- **Youth Group** – Wednesday at 7 PM in the youth lounge.
- **Chancel Choir Rehearsal** – Wednesday at 7 PM in the Sanctuary.
- **Intercessory Prayer Group** – Thursday at 10 AM – open to all!
- **Women of Worth** – *Celebrate the Reason for the Season* – 12/20 at 6 PM
- **Alzheimer's Association Support Group** - 12/21 at noon in the McMillen Room.
- **Morning Bible Study** – Friday at 8:30 AM in the Library.

Christmas Gifts That Don't Break – An All-Church Advent Sermon Series & Study

What are the Christmas gifts that won't break? Find out in this all-church series which will focus on four gifts that also coincide with the four outer candles of the traditional Advent wreath: **Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace**. Join us on the **Sundays of Advent** as Pastor David helps us prepare for the birth of Christ and go deeper into the Gifts That Don't Break on **Wednesdays** at 6 PM in the McMillen Room for Adults; kids meet at 6 PM in Criswell Hall; youth group will study in the youth lounge at 7 PM.

Five Cities Christian Women is always in need of non-perishable food items for their food pantry. Please bring donations to the church Narthex FCCW basket. Donations are picked up weekly. Contact Bennie Duffin with any questions.

Christmas & Holiday Sing-a-Long TODAY - 4 PM at the Clark's Center hosted by the Village Carolers from Studio Sing- Sing- Sing - joined by Central Coast Celebration Chorus, Grande Ringers – AG UMC, Coastal Christian School Children's Chorus, Big Rock Balalaikas, Claddagh Irish Dance, and Chrome Addicts Steel Drums. This show will sell out – contact the Clark Center for more details!

The Giving Tree gifts are due TOMORROW – between 9 AM and noon Thanks!

Spread the Message of Christmas – Let's Invite Our Neighbors - December 23rd from 3 -5 PM meet us in the UMC of AG parking lot to go out into the neighborhood and spread the Christmas joy. We will hand out invitations to our Christmas Eve worship service and upcoming events. We hope that you will put on your walking shoes and your Christmas joy to join us on this special to “love our neighbors.”

December 24th at First UMC of Arroyo Grande “Christmas Eve, Candlelight & The Greatest Gift Family Nativity Service at 6 PM featuring the “Nativity Story” enacted by our church children and youth with scripture, carols and candlelight. You won't want to miss this! Traditional Service at 7:30 PM featuring the music of Christmas sung by our Chancel Choir, Pastor's Christmas message & carols by candlelight. *Child Care provided* for both services. **Merry Christmas!**

Un-Hanging of the Green – December 29 at 4 PM – Come help us put away Christmas decorations. Bring some nibbles to share - See you there!

ONE Casual Worship Service - December 30 at 10:30 AM Come spend this Sunday with our WHOLE church family together for one service. This Casual worship service will include music from our Praise Team and a New Year's Children's Moment, as well as some encouragement for starting the B90 on Wednesday.

New Year's Eve Potluck and Game Night – December 31st at 6 PM Bring your favorite Holiday Finger Food and a board game on New Year's Eve to Criswell Hall at 6 PM. We will enjoy some time together as church family before the “ball” drops at midnight. Festivities will be ended by 8 PM. See you there!

B90 is Here - Begin the New Year Right - TUESDAY – January 1 the Journey Begins!

There are many ways to read through the Bible, and many different time frames in which to do it. What if we as a church and as individuals covenanted to spend about an hour each day – that's about 16 chapters, and read the entire Bible, cover to cover in 90 days? *Many of us make New Year's resolutions – some of those goals are spiritual.* **So here's the plan:** On Sunday, January 6th we will kick off ways to be accountable to one another and be supportive. Come Easter, we will have read the Bible in its entirety. **This is the most important New Year's resolution you ever made.**