

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Mon. Dec 5	Quilt Class on hiatus until January	
Tue. Dec 6	Senior Exercise 9:00 AM CH Chair Yoga, 11:00 AM CH	Bible Study 1:00 PM CH Hand Bell Practice, 5:00 PM HR
Wed. Dec. 7	Senior Exercise 9:00 AM CH	Trustees Workday 9:00 AM CH
Thu. Dec 8	Senior Exercise 9:00 AM CH SPRC Meeting 10:30 AM CH	Hand Bell Practice 5:00 PM HR Choir Practice 6:30 PM S
Fri. Dec 9	Nothing currently scheduled	
Sat. Dec 10	Nothing currently scheduled	
Sun. Dec 11	Contemporary Worship, 8:30 AM S Traditional Worship, 10:30 AM S Cookie Decorating Party, 3-6 PM CH	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Angel Tree in Criswell Hall--Scheduled through Social Services for needy children for Christmas. Gifts are to be delivered to the tree no later than Mon. Dec. 12 by noon.



Sun. Dec. 11 Cookie Decorating Party 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM CH *
Bring your own cookies and there will be some cut-out cookies for you to decorate and take home. Program Ministry will supply frostings and decorations for cookies. Please sign up and pay your fee so your spot will be guaranteed.



Sun. Dec. 18 Craft Making. Sponsored by the Sunday School after church during Hospitality Time in Criswell Hall. More information coming, or contact Carolyn Russell.

Abbreviation Legend: * Please sign up in advance at the welcome desk in the Narthex.
CH = Criswell Hall HR = Hand Bell Room #115 PS = Pastor's Study
MMR = McMillen Room #113 L = Library Room #123 S = Sanctuary



First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

275 N. Halcyon Road, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

December 4, 2022



10:30 AM

ADVENT II

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

--Matthew 3:3b

PRELUDE *Let There Be Peace on Earth* Miller/Jackson

CHORAL INTROIT *Prepare Ye the Way*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Prepare the way of the Lord.

God's kingdom has drawn near.

Prepare the way of peace.

Salvation is at hand.

Prepare the way of the Lord.

We come to worship, pray and praise.

*OPENING HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* verses 1,2,4 & 6 No. 211

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Christ Jesus, we welcome you.

**As we prepare to celebrate your birth on Christmas Day,
we thank you for your presence with us always.**

Emmanuel, bless our worship.

You guide our lives and help us to walk in faith and hope.

We hold you in our hearts. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME Lighting the Advent Candle of HOPE Carolyn Russell

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Star-Child* verse 1 TFWS #2095

Prayers of the People

Choral Response *Star-Child* verse 5 TFWS #2095

CHOIR ANTHEM *Prepare the Way* Michael Barrett

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-6

HYMN *(please remain seated)* *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* No. 216

SERMON Rev. Mary Birgelaitis
THE GIFTS CHRIST BRINGS:
"Hope and Encouragement"

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission
Offertory *Once in Royal David's City* Henry Gauntlett
Doxology Melody from Hymnal, No. 95

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

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal, page 15
Sharing the Bread and Cup
Communion Music *Breath of Heaven* Amy Grant/Chris Eaton

*CLOSING HYMN *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* (verses 1,2 & 4) No. 218

*BENEDICTION

Live in harmony with one another,
through the hope we find in Christ Jesus.
Act with righteousness and peace,
that justice may flourish, and peace may abound.
Love with hope and grace,
that joy may fill your days

*RESPONSE *Prepare Ye the Way* (reprise)

POSTLUDE *Masters in This Hall* Trad. English Carol

* Please stand as able.

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Today's Scripture

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear; but with
righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his
mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall
kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion
shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the
asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on
the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be
full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a
signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire
of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Romans 15:4-6

For whatever was written in former days was
written for our instruction, so that by stead-
fastness and by the encouragement of the
scriptures we might have hope. May the God
of steadfastness and encouragement grant you
to live in harmony with one another, in
accordance with Christ Jesus, so that
together you may with one voice glorify
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ.

Today's Liturgist: Patti Melsheimer

HOSPITALITY:

Today hosted by:
**BOARD OF
TRUSTEES**



December 11 will
be hosted by:
**CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION**

WEEK	ATTENDANCE				TOTAL	STEWARDSHIP
	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO		
11/06	34	39	73	28	101	\$9,795
11/13	31	51	82	39	121	\$3,733
11/20	38	56	94	25	119	\$2,664
11/27	34	44	78	27	105	\$7,961
Weekly offering needed: \$6,160						
Fiscal year to date: Needed \$135,520 Received \$106,480						
Thanksgiving: Needed \$2,900 Received \$1,427						