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First United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR 30 NOVEMBER 2008
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 8:30 AM

We are glad to have you with us this morning. We are a welcoming church and would encourage you to join us in our worship as a people who love the Lord. Ask an usher about our hearing devices and large print bulletins made available for your convenience.

PASTOR DAVID BURGESON

MUSIC LED BY - THE LORD'S CREW

CALL TO WORSHIP *“Winds Through the Olive Trees”*

WELCOME — CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR DAVID

OPENING PRAISE

“Psalm 5”

SCRIPTURE READING

MICAH 5: 2 - 5

PASTOR DAVID

OPENING PRAYER

ADVENT WREATH — HOPE

BOB, MARY AND SUSAN THRONDSO

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(Light the first Advent candle)

ONE: “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.”

ALL: **Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.” May our lights so shine before others that they will give glory to our Father in heaven! Amen.**

PRAISE

*“O Little Town of Bethlehem”
“Jehovah”
“Your Love, O Lord”*

WE WORSHIP IN GIVING

PASTOR DAVID

OFFERTORY

“Emmanuel”

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SUSAN COHO

WE SHARE IN GOD'S PEACE (GREETING ONE ANOTHER)

JOYS & CONCERNS & PASTORAL PRAYER

PASTOR DAVID

SCRIPTURE READING

MARK 13: 24 - 37

NORM HENDERSON

SERMON

“Have No Fear”

PASTOR DAVID

COMMUNION

PASTOR DAVID

COMMUNION SONG

“To Bethlehem We Go”

CLOSING PRAISE

“Keep Us Forever”

BENEDICTION

PASTOR DAVID

RECESSIONAL

“Shepherd's Rock”

POSTLUDE

“Angel's We Have Heard On High” BY AMY GRANT

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WELCOME WITH NEWS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE "Once In Royal David City" W. WHIPPLE
CHORAL INTROIT

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*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN NO. 211 (vs. 1 - 4) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PASTOR: Let us join together in this prayer.

ALL: **God of all time and seasons, how quickly the year spins by, and we are caught unprepared for your Advent. We are still recovering from Thanksgiving or the latest crisis or the long list of things to do. The demands on our time seem unending, the tasks seem overwhelming, and our energy is draining. Holy God, sing to us in the stillness of this moment; speak to us in the depths of our hearts. Let there be a space for you in the midst of all the hurry and rush -- a holy, inner place that cherishes silence and song, that keeps a candle lit and a manger ready. God of all time and seasons, create in us a place for your birth. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

CHORAL ANTHEM "Come, Emmanuel" CHANCEL CHOIR

JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN NO. 230 (vs. 3) "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

OFFERTORY "O Come, Little Children" R. THYGERSON

*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

MARK 13: 24 - 37

LITURGIST: This is the word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Have No Fear" PASTOR DAVID BURGESON

*HYMN (see insert) "When The Lord Comes"

*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE "Wake, Awake! For Night Is Flying!" D. ELIOT



Bring a friend!

Join us on Wednesdays at 7 PM in our youth lounge (215) with Mike & Linda Herber.



Men's Bible Study

All men are invited to meet with us Mondays at 7 PM in room 215.

Morning Bible Study

Join us on Fridays at 8:30 AM in the Library.

Women's Bible Study

All ladies are invited to meet at 9:30 AM in room 215 Sunday mornings.



Intercessory Prayer

Thursday mornings at 10 AM in the library.

All are welcome!

Women of Prayer

Join us Mondays in the Sanctuary at 7 PM.



Debtor's Anonymous

Mondays at 6 PM- MMR

Al-Anon & Ala-Teen

Mondays at 7:30 PM in the MMR and 211.

Alzheimer's Care-Giver

1st Wednesday of each month at 1 PM (MMR).

The Bulletin Board

SUNDAY—11/30

"Coffee Hour" ~ Finance Committee

8:30 AM Contemporary Worship

10:30 AM Traditional Worship

3:00 PM Jammin' 4 Jesus (CH)

MONDAY — 12/1

7:00 PM Men's Bible Study (215)

Women of Prayer (S)

SPRC (PS)

TUESDAY — 12/2

8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)

9:00 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR)

5:00 PM Grande Ringers (115)

6:30 PM AG Community Chorus (S)

7:00 PM Board of Trustees (MMR)

WEDNESDAY — 12/3

3:30 PM Cub Scouts (211)

6 PM Advent Supper and Study (CH)

6:30 PM Preparing for Advent

Meditation (CH)

7:00 PM UM Youth (215)

Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)

THURSDAY -12/4

11:45 AM People's Kitchen (K)

5:00 PM Grande Ringers (115)

7:00 PM Red Umbrella (MMR)

FRIDAY — 12/5

4:00 PM AG UM Children's Center

Staff (MMR)

SATURDAY — 12/6

6:30 AM Praise Team Rehearsal (S)

- (CH)** Criswell Hall
- (S)** Sanctuary
- (N)** Narthex
- (L)** Library
- (K)** Kitchen
- (PS)** Pastor's Study
- (MMR)** McMillen Room





The Flowers on the altar today are in celebration of the 25th wedding anniversary of Bill and Jan Smith. Congratulations! May God grant you many more years together.

The flowers in the Narthex are dedicated to us by Kristi Eichelberger and family.

Thank you to all who donate to our beautiful flowers fund.



Coffee Hour – Join us in Criswell Hall between and after services for coffee and treats hosted by the **Finance Committee**. Thanks to the members of the **Church Council** for last weeks goodies. Next weeks treats will be furnished by the **Endowment Board**.

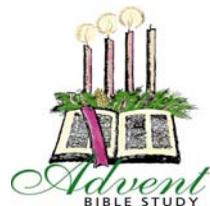


The church library will be decorating for Christmas Holiday

If you have any decorations that you would like to see displayed in the library please bring them by the church office or leave them in the library after church on Sunday, November 30th. Please contact Bennie Duffin or Marian Middleton with questions. Thank you!



Poinsettias Forms Consider how many you would like to keep for yourself and if you would like to donate any to our shut-in church family. We are also looking for volunteers to deliver the donated flowers to our shut-ins. If you would like to donate your time to these special people, please indicate so on the order form or contact Cyndee Rohla, Blue Umbrella Chair. Thank you all!



Advent Supper and Study Join us on Wednesday, December 3rd for a special Advent supper with soups, chili and cornbread supplied by the Green Umbrella. We will sing, decorate cookies with the kids, and play holiday games and crafts. Pastor David will bless us with a special Advent message.



125th Anniversary Celebration Photo Team – Needs You!

We are in need of one more member. You will need to own your own camera and be willing to take assignments. Please contact Val McClure at 474-1458. Thanks to the many who have already volunteered their time for this special event!



Advent Study Join us at 4 PM in the McMillen Room for a brief study on 12/7 and 12/14. Pastor David will facilitate the study. After the study, anyone who would like to grab a bite to eat to continue the discussion and fellowship is most welcomed.



On **New Years Eve, 12/31/08**, we will be having a **Finger Foods Potluck and Game Night** hosted by the Green Umbrella. We will enjoy time with our church family from **4 PM until 6:30 PM**. All are invited. Please bring a favorite finger food/snack item and a game & we will provide the beverages and paper goods. See you there!



Quiet Holy Communion Service - December 31st *This will an informal service,* so please feel free to come at anytime during the hour of **7 - 8 PM** in the **Sanctuary**. You will find a self-directed guide for you to reflect on the past year and look forward to the New Year. There will also be an opportunity for you to take communion.



The Giving Tree will be displayed in Criswell Hall beginning on November 29th. This tree is decorated with ornaments that reflect the name and Christmas wish of a child in the Welfare system. This is a great way to kick off the holiday season and the spirit of giving that comes along with it. Look to the Cast-A-Net for further details or contact Jan Treat and the Department of Social Services.



Blue Christmas - A service for those who have experienced a loss in their life. We invite you to our Sanctuary on **December 21st at 6 PM** to spend time with us. At this time of year, the atmosphere around us tends to be happy and upbeat. Yet the reality is, people are hurting, whether the loss be by choice and/or circumstance. Come spend time with our church family.



Calendar Highlights

- UMW Steering Committee -12/8 at 10 AM in the MMR.
- Green Umbrella - Sunday, December 4th at 11:45 AM in the MMR.
- RUMP – Saturday, December 13th at 12 PM in the MMR.

Be sure to check with your groups for their holiday schedules!

STAFF & WORSHIP LEADERS

SUNDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2008 - 10:30 AM SERVICE

REVEREND DAVID BURGESON

MINISTER OF VISITATION: Rev. J. Harold Headrick

CHANCEL CHOIR DIRECTOR: Julie Walters

'GRANDE RINGERS' - BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR: Leonard Lutz

YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR: Mike & Linda Herber

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTORS: Nancy Baughman

CHILDREN'S CENTER DIRECTOR: Maddy Quaglino

PRAISE TEAM DIRECTOR: Susan Coho

PRAISE TEAM PIANIST: Sean Lehman

LAY LEADER: Marj Cawelti

SECRETARY/NEWSLETTER: Sarah Barber

BOOKKEEPER: Victoria Gandy

CHORAL PIANIST: Sean Lehman

ORGANIST: Don McGuire

PUPPET DIRECTORS: Willy Ford-Raetz
& Mike Herber

MULTI-MEDIA DIRECTOR: Sean Lehman

LECTOR CHAIRS: Rebeca Avila
& Toni Harvey

LITURGIST: Kent Unsworth

ACOLYTE MOMS: Nikki Raetz
& Lorie Ford

BIBLE BEARER: our church youth

OUR ACOLYTE(S): our church youth

HOSTS & GREETER CHAIR: Thank you to our new chair - Del Hollinger

HOSTS & GREETERS: our church family

IN SERVICE: ALL OF OUR MEMBERS

COVENANT MISSIONARY: Judy Atwood in Kansas



CHECK OUT OUR GREAT NEW WEBSITE — WORSHIPWEEKLY.COM

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- Prayers for Gary and Rita Hughes, who both have health problems. Gary Hughes also asks prayers for his family who was evacuated from the fires.
- Doris Kielan had a stroke and is now in Arroyo Grande Care Center.
- Pray for the victims of the recent fires and for the fire fighters.
- Prayers for Isabella Sloan and family.
- Valentina Ogden, passed away. Prayers of comfort and peace for families.
- JOY! Ken Leonard’s 96 year-old grandmother is home and doing well. The Family thanks you for your prayers. “Praise God for His Mercy!”
- Prayers for Dorothy Nova who is in AG Care Center.
- Our District Superintendent Catie Coots surgery went well. Praise God!
- Mary Lou Fink will be home for Thanksgiving and then return to Mission Care Center in San Luis Obispo.
- Prayers for Hershel Whitefield who has been ill and for his wife after her a stroke. Prayers for both of them during this difficult time.
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Remember in prayer our missionaries serving God around the world; the leaders of our country; leaders and the people of North Korea, Africa and in the Middle East. Continue to lift up those in the military and their families.

Hold in continued prayer: Our youth, Wil Ogden, Jen Gandy, the Caweltis, Nancy Chambers, the Cochrans, LeAnna Gainer, Janet Dimeling, Terry Curtis, Cheryl McKibben, Esther Miller, Linda Archibald, Rose Marie Bailey, Melinda Marchiano, Pastor Rhodenbacker, Matt Rohla, Donna Cowles, the Hammonds, Bee Frantz, Jerry Smith, Guy Oates, Isabella Sloan and Peggy Gainer.

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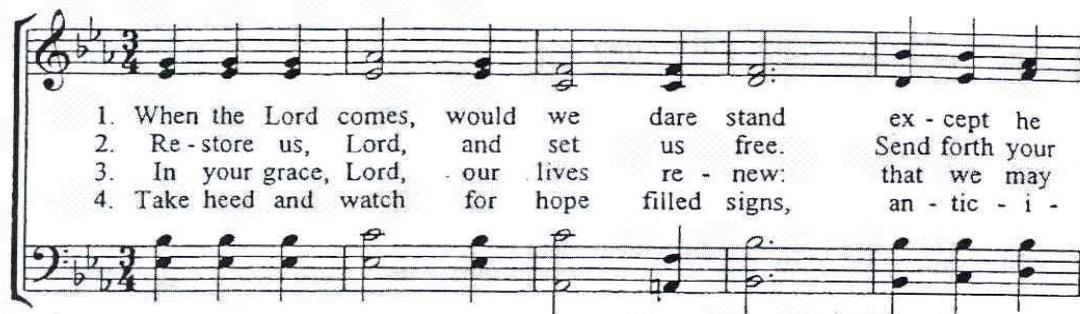
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A Hymn for Advent



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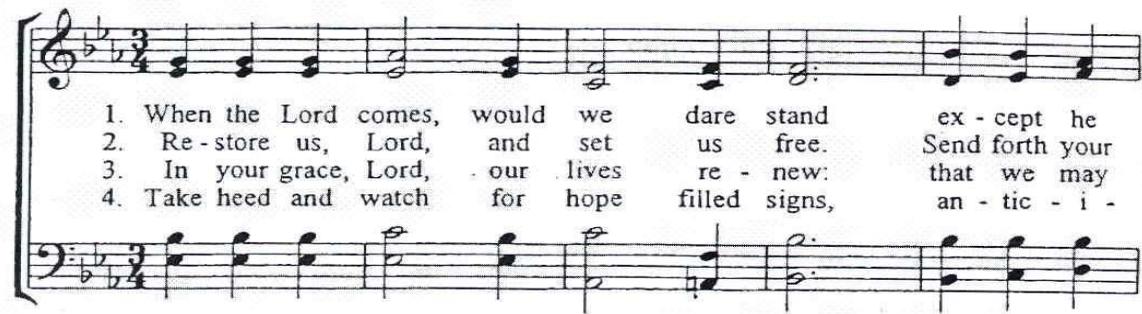
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