

*“Every member a Missionary”*

# First United Methodist Church

275 NORTH HALCYON ROAD ARROYO GRANDE, CA 93420  
PHONE NUMBER (805) 481-2692 FAX NUMBER (805) 481-2693

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 14 DECEMBER 2008 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 8:30 AM

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PASTOR DAVID BURGESON

MUSIC LED BY - THE LORD'S CREW

CALL TO WORSHIP

*“O Come All Ye Faithful”*

WELCOME — CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR DAVID

OPENING PRAISE

*“The First Noel”*

SCRIPTURE READING

PHILIPPIANS 2: 3 - 11

PASTOR DAVID

OPENING PRAYER

PASTOR DAVID

ADVENT WREATH — JOY

SHARON ROEMER AND MARCIA BESS

*(PLEASE SEE LITURGY AT RIGHT)*

PRAISE

*“What Child Is This?”*

*“For Those Tears I Died”*

*“Winds Through The Olive Trees”*

WE WORSHIP IN GIVING

PASTOR DAVID

OFFERTORY

*“Open Our Eyes”*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SUSAN COHO

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

JOYS & CONCERNS & PASTORAL PRAYER

PASTOR DAVID

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 1 : 6 — 8; 19 - 28

JEFF BUHLER

SERMON

*“Waiting”*

PASTOR DAVID

COMMUNION

PASTOR DAVID

COMMUNION SONG

*“O Lord You're Beautiful”*

CLOSING PRAISE

*“Jesus Loves Me”*

BENEDICTION

PASTOR DAVID

RECESSIONAL

*“I've Been Redeemed”*

## LITURGY FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### ADVENT WREATH — JOY

ONE: Shout For Joy

ALL: **The Savior Is Coming**

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*(Light the First Candle, the Candle of **Hope**)*

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ONE: Let Every Home Make Ready

ALL: **Let All The Hungry Be Filled And The Homeless Sheltered**

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WELCOME WITH NEWS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE "Christmas Pastorate" C. WESLEY  
CHORAL INTROIT

ADVENT WREATH – JOY THE LEONARD FAMILY

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\*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN NO. 202 "People Look East"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PASTOR: Let us join together in this prayer.

**ALL: Merciful God, how many John the Baptists, how many prophets of your light, have we ignored because they were not what we were looking for? How many times we ignored voices crying in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord." How many times have we breathed a sigh of relief, and turned our backs on your messengers, because they did not speak the message we expected to hear? Help us hear anew, the cry of those who would lead us to Christ. Tune our ears to your heralds, that we might also testify to your light. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

CHORAL ANTHEM "Angels Carol" 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 "Cradle Song" W. KIRKPATRICK

\*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.*

CHORAL ANTHEM "Shepherd's Pipe Carol"

SCRIPTURE READING JOHN 1: 6 – 8; 19 - 28

LITURGIST: This is the word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Waiting" PASTOR DAVID BURGESON

\*HYMN (*SEE INSERT*) "The Spirit of the Lord"

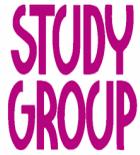
\*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" R. HUGHES



**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).



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

# The Bulletin Board

SUNDAY—12/14

**"Coffee Hour" ~ Esther Circle**

8:30 AM Contemporary Worship

10:30 AM Traditional Worship

3:00 PM Jammin' 4 Jesus (CH)

**AG UM CHILDREN'S CENTER BOOK FAIR  
THRU DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

MONDAY — 12/15

7:00 PM Men's Bible Study (215)  
Women of Prayer (S)

TUESDAY — 12/16

8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)

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

5:00 PM Grande Ringers (115)

6:30 PM AG Chorus Concert (S)

7:00 PM JOY Circle (will meet at the  
*Ann Williamson's house*)

WEDNESDAY — 12/17

9:30 AM Mary-Martha Circle  
*(will meet Sally Weitkamp's house)*

3:30 PM Cub Scouts (211)

7:00 PM UM Youth (215)  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)

THURSDAY -12/18

8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)

10:00 AM Intercessory Prayer Group (L)

5:00 PM Grande Ringers (115)

**6:30 PM AC UM Children's Center  
Holiday Program (S)**

FRIDAY — 12/ 19

10:30 AM Five Cities Christian Women  
Gift Wrap Toys (CH)

SATURDAY — 12/20

# STAFF & WORSHIP LEADERS

SUNDAY, 14 DECEMBER 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

LAY LEADER: Marj Cawelti

SECRETARY/NEWSLETTER: Sarah Barber

BOOKKEEPER: Victoria Gandy

ORGANIST: Don McGuire

PUPPET DIRECTORS: Willy Ford-Raetz  
& Mike Herber

LECTOR CHAIRS: Rebeca Avila  
& Toni Harvey

LITURGIST: Virginia Mothes

ACOLYTE MOMS: Nikki Raetz  
& Lorie Ford

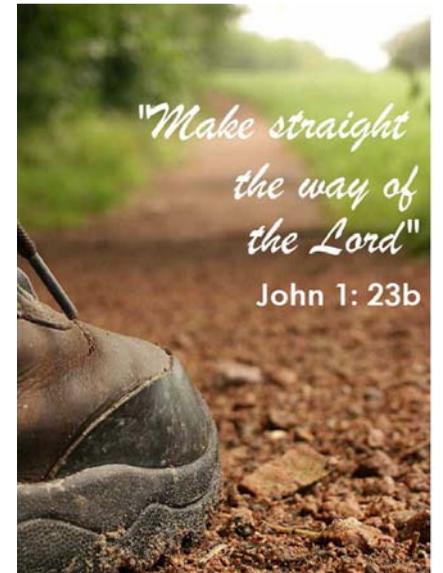
BIBLE BEARER: Jessica Williams

OUR ACOLYTE(S): Duncan Leonard

HOSTS & GREETER CHAIR: Del Hollinger

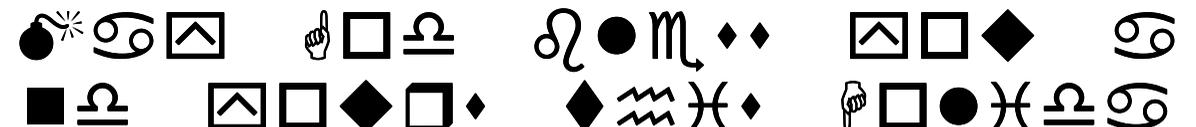
HOSTS & GREETERS: our church family

IN SERVICE: ALL OF OUR MEMBERS



COVENANT MISSIONARY: Judy Atwood in Kansas

CHECK OUT OUR GREAT NEW WEBSITE — [WORSHIPWEEKLY.COM](http://WORSHIPWEEKLY.COM)



# HERE IS WHAT'S HAPPENING



Altar Flowers

## The Flowers on the Altar this Third Sunday of Advent

Connie Clark would like to wish her husband Mike Clark a very Happy Birthday! "and many more..."

**\*\*Please note the flower chart in Criswell Hall is now in the church office.\*\***  
Please contact Sarah Barber with your dedications and memorials for this special offering. 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 **Esther Circle**. Thanks to the members of the **Endowment Board** for last weeks goodies. Next weeks treats will be furnished by **Communications**



**Advent Study** Join us at **4 PM** in the **McMillen Room** for a brief study on **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 welcome. Join us!



**The Grover Beach Health Office still has flu vaccinations** available. Cost will be waived while supplies last. If you have not been vaccinated and intend on visiting people who may be at risk from complications from the flu, you might want to consider being vaccinated. Visit [cdc.gov/FLU/protect/key facts.htm](http://cdc.gov/FLU/protect/key facts.htm) for information.



## Looking Ahead - Calendar Highlights

- **AG UM Children's Center Book Fair** – check out! (12-8<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>)
- **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting – TODAY -** December 14<sup>th</sup> in the MMR at 11:45 AM.
- **Community Chorus Concert**–December 16<sup>th</sup> in the Sanctuary at 7 PM.
- **AG UM Children's Center Holiday Program** – December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary.
- **Five Cities Christian Women** - Toy Gift Wrap - December 19<sup>th</sup>  
*Be sure to check with your group for holiday meeting schedule!*



## PRAYER

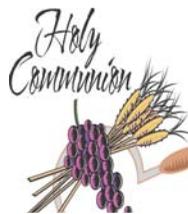
**Intercessory Prayer Group** Due to the many request given weekly, our prayer group wants to be sure that they receive all requests in a timely manner. The following are the ways to be sure to get your request heard: 1) please write clearly in the prayer request book in the Narthex and/or 2) print legibly any request on the prayer request cards in the pews racks.



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



On **New Years Eve, 12/31/08**, we will be having a **Finger Foods Potluck and Game Night**. Come enjoy time with church family at **4 PM**. 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 31<sup>st</sup>** *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. There will also be an opportunity for you to take communion. We hope you will join us!!



**Order your Christmas Poinsettias Now!** Only two more weeks to order for yourself or for a friend! We need volunteers who will deliver the flowers on December 21<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to visit with these special people, please indicate so on the Order Forms in the Narthex or contact Cyndee Rohla, Blue Umbrella Chair. Happy



**The Giving Tree** is set up in Criswell Hall. 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. Thanks for your continued support!

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- Pray for Pastor Burgeson for wisdom and discernment.
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- Pauline Castillo’s great-grandson “Oney,” will have jaw surgery in January.
- Pray for Pastor Ron Salisbury whose cancer numbers are up.
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- Isabella Sloan asks prayers for Kate Morgan who is having test.
- Praise God! Mary Lou Fink is home.
- Betty Lorenz is home. Prayers for comfort and healing.
- Prayers for Patti Melsheimer’s friend Jim McMlellan whose legs were broken in an accident.
- Please pray for comfort and healing for Cyndee Rohla’s brother-in-law who has cancer and will be having surgery. And for, Jennie, who had surgery and is battling colon cancer.
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- Please hold in continued prayer Kevin Bailey, who is Lynn Stewart’s neighbor. He is back at UCLA with pelvic melanoma.
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