

“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 - 21 DECEMBER 2008 4TH 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

HANDBELL INTROIT

Soliloquy on “Silent Night”

ARRANGEMENT BY LEONARD G. LUTZ

WELCOME — CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR DAVID

OPENING PRAISE

“Joy To The World”

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 1: 1 - 14

PASTOR DAVID

OPENING PRAYER

HANDBELL ANTHEM

“Master In This Hall”

TRANS. FOR BELLS BY JEFFERY

ADVENT WREATH — LOVE

THE HENDERSON FAMILY

(PLEASE SEE LITURGY AT RIGHT)

PRAISE

“Little Drummer Boy”

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” and “Silent Night”

WE WORSHIP IN GIVING

PASTOR DAVID

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SUSAN COHO

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

JOYS & CONCERNS & PASTORAL PRAYER

PASTOR DAVID

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 1: 26 — 38

JEFF BUHLER

SERMON

“Joy”

PASTOR DAVID BURGESON

COMMUNION

PASTOR DAVID

COMMUNION SONG

“Mary, Did You Know”

CLOSING PRAISE

“God Is So Good”

BENEDICTION

PASTOR DAVID

RECESSIONAL

“Shepherd's Rock”

LITURGY FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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(Light the First Candle, the Candle of Hope)

We re-light the Second Candle of Advent, the Candle of Peace. When Jesus came he taught people the importance of being peace-makers. He said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God. When Christ comes to us he brings us peace and he will bring everlasting peace when he comes again. We light the Candle of Peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through him peace is found.

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We re-light the third candle of Advent, the Candle of Joy. Our darkness will be turned to light, may every heart prepare space and every home be made ready. For a new day is dawning. We re-light the candle of Joy to remind us the Savior is coming.

(Light the Third Candle, the Candle of Joy)

ONE: Leave your darkness at the door the season of light is dawning.

ALL: **It is a time of celebrating the birth of hopes.**

ONE: The flame of compassion, the cradle of wonder,

ALL: **The bud of peace and darkness is fading.**

ONE: We are finished with waiting.

ALL: **Bring in the season of light.**

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WELCOME WITH NEWS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" R. ELMORE

HANDBELL INTROIT *Soliloquy on "Silent Night"* ARR. - LEONARD G. LUTZ

ADVENT WREATH – LOVE THE AVILA FAMILY

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*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN NO. 216 "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"

HANDBELL ANTHEM "Master In This Hall"

TRANS. FOR BELLS BY JEFFERY HALL

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PASTOR: Let us join together in this prayer.

ALL: **Savior God, shine upon us with your grace. Forgive us when we align ourselves with the proud and mighty. Guide us to walk with those who are poor and weak. Forgive us when we yearn for riches and glory. Guide us to yearn for justice and righteousness. Remember us with mercy. Help us live as the household of faith you would have us to be. Help us live according to your gospel and trust that all things are possible in your love. In Christ's saving grace we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

CHORAL ANTHEM "How Will We Know" CHANCEL CHOIR

OBOE – LORNE TYLER

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. 4) "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

OFFERTORY "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" A. WHITWORTH

*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: 26 - 38

LITURGIST: This is the word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Joy" PASTOR DAVID BURGESSON

*HYMN 246 "Joy To The World"

*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE "Good Christians All, Rejoice" C. SERGISSON



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

STUDY GROUP



Christ Is Born!



The Bulletin Board

UNDERLINE DENOTES CHILDCARE AVAILABLE

SUNDAY—12/21

“Coffee Hour” – Thank you to our Communications Committee

- 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship
- 10:30 AM Traditional Worship
- 3:00 PM Jammin' 4 Jesus (CH)
- 6:00 PM Blue Christmas (S)

MONDAY — 12/22

- 8:00 AM Five Cities Christian Women's Gift Basket Distribution (CH)
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study (215)
- Women of Prayer (S)

TUESDAY — 12/23

- 8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)
- 9:00 AM Sew 'n' Sews (MMR)
- 5:00 PM Grande Ringers (115)

WEDNESDAY — 12/24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

- 7 PM Family Worship Service
- 8:30 PM Traditional Worship Service

THURSDAY -12/25



Christ the Savior Is Born!

FRIDAY — 12/26

CHURCH CAMPUS CLOSED

SATURDAY — 12/27

2:00 PM DR. CHES (211)

We look forward to seeing you at 4 PM on New Year's Eve for our

Family Finger Food and Potluck Game Night.

All are invited!! Be sure to stay for a **Quiet Holy Communion at 7 PM**

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVING

21 DECEMBER 2008—4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- Pray for members of our congregation who are dealing with spiritual - emotional and physical problems. May their burdens be lifted up.
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STAFF & WORSHIP LEADERS

21 DECEMBER 2008 - 10:30 AM SERVICE

SENIOR PASTOR: REVEREND DAVID BURGESON

MINISTER OF VISITATION: Reverend J. Harold Headrick

CHANCEL CHOIR DIRECTOR: Julie Walters

THE LORD'S CREW - PRAISE TEAM DIRECTOR: Susan Coho

'GRANDE RINGERS' - BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR: Leonard Lutz

YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR: Mike & Linda Herber

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTORS: Nancy Baughman

AG UM CHILDREN'S CENTER DIRECTOR: Maddy Quagliano

LAY LEADER: Marj Cawelti

CHURCH OFFICE STAFF:

ADMINISTRATOR/NEWSLETTER: Sarah Barber

BOOKKEEPER: Victoria Gandy

ORGANIST: Don McGuire

PUPPET DIRECTORS:

Willy Ford-Raetz and Mike Herber

LECTOR CHAIRS:

Rebeca Avila and Toni Harvey

LITURGIST: Rose Ann Steiner

ACOLYTE MOMS:

Nikki Raetz and Lorie Ford

BIBLE BEARER: Adrian Paredes

OUR ACOLYTE(S): Alex and Victoria Paredes

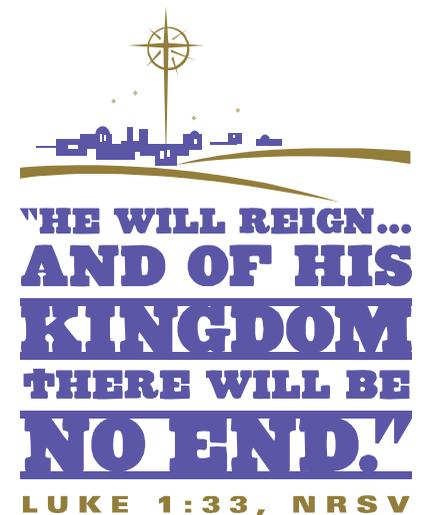
HOSTS & GREETER CHAIR: Del Hollinger

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



HERE IS WHAT'S HAPPENING



Altar Flowers

The Flowers on the Altar this Fourth Sunday of Advent

Marj Wolters would like to dedicate our flowers this Advent morning in loving memory of her late husband Bud Wolters.

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 flowers fund.



Coffee Hour – Join us in Criswell Hall between and after services for coffee and treats hosted by the **Communications Committee**. Thanks to **Esther Circle** for last weeks goodies. Next weeks treats will be furnished by the members of **RUMP**.



Christmas Flower Dedications Thank you to all who donated to make our sanctuary so full of the Spirit this Christmas. Our family and friends would like to honor others with special words of acknowledgement. *Please take the time to read the thoughtful dedications that these families so lovingly put together.*

Happy Holidays...and may God bless you in the coming year!



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/kevfacts.htm for information.



Our church is responsible for feeding the needy and homeless of the Five Cities area on the first Thursday of each month with the People's Kitchen. **Wouldn't you like to help?** Pick the month you would like to provide a casserole and **sign up on Sunday in Criswell Hall** during coffee hour. **The recipe is provided.** You may make it at your leisure, bring it to the church kitchen and place in the freezer. (Be sure to label it as 'People's Kitchen casserole' and include the date and your name as the preparer.) Thank you!



PRAYER

Intercessory Prayer Group wants to be sure each request is heard in a timely manner. The following are the ways to be sure to get your request heard: 1) legibly write your request in the Prayer Request book located in the Narthex and/or 2) print legibly any request(s) on the prayer request cards in the pew racks. All requests will be published on the weekly Prayer and Thanksgiving sheet in the bulletin and remain on the request sheet for 2 weeks unless otherwise specified. If you feel that God has blessed you with the spiritual gift of prayer, we invite you to join us in the **library** on **Thursdays** at **10 AM**.



Blue Christmas – This is a service for those who have experienced loss and we all have! 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 by circumstance, we hope you will join us in our **Sanctuary, TONIGHT** at **6 PM**. Come light a candle in prayer and be filled with the peace and comfort that only the Holy Spirit can



New Years Eve – Finger Foods Potluck and Game Night. Come enjoy time with church family as we laugh about the gifts and trials that 2008 has left behind. We invite one and all to come and join us at **4 PM** in **Criswell Hall** for a time of fellowship. 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 this 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!!

- **The church office will close at noon Christmas on December 24th** and remain closed until December 29th when regular office hours will resume.
- **AG UM Children's Center will be closed the week of December 22nd.** Regular office hours will resume January 5th, 2009.

**We look forward to seeing you after the holidays!
Have a Merry Christmas!!!**

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