

"Every member a Missionary"

First United Methodist Church

275 NORTH HALCYON ROAD ARROYO GRANDE, CA 93420
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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 4 JANUARY 2009 EPIPHANY SUNDAY - 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 BURGESSON

MUSIC LED BY - THE LORD'S CREW

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| CALL TO WORSHIP | <i>"Meet Us Here"</i> | |
| WELCOME | | PASTOR DAVID |
| OPENING PRAISE | <i>"Open The Eyes of My Heart"</i> | |
| SCRIPTURE READING | LUKE 11:5-13 | |
| OPENING PRAYER | | PASTOR DAVID |
| PRAISE | <i>"Seek Ye First"</i> <i>"You'll Be There"</i> <i>"Nothing But The Blood of Jesus"</i> | |
| WE WORSHIP THRU GIVING | | PASTOR DAVID |
| OFFERTORY | <i>"How I Love You, Lord"</i> | |
| PRAYER OF ADORATION | | SUSAN COHO |
| SHARING GOD'S PEACE (GREETING ONE ANOTHER) | | |
| SHARING | | |
| JOYS & CONCERNS ~ PASTORAL PRAYER | | PASTOR DAVID |
| SCRIPTURE READING | JOHN 1: 1-18 | |
| | JEFF BUHLER | |
| SERMON | <i>"Finding Answers To Life's Questions"</i> | PASTOR DAVID |
| COMMUNION | | PASTOR DAVID |
| COMMUNION SONG | <i>"Jehovah"</i> | |
| CLOSING PRAISE | <i>"I Love You, Lord"</i> | |
| BENEDICTION | | PASTOR DAVID |
| RECESSIONAL | <i>"O My Redeemer"</i> | |

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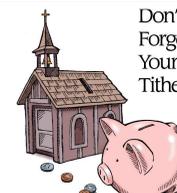


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WELCOME WITH NEWS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

"Epiphany"

G. PETERSON

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LITURGIST: We have come here to testify to your love;

PEOPLE: **Come to us, living God, and shine your light in our darkness.**

LITURGIST: We have seen your glory, full of grace and truth;

PEOPLE: **Come to us, living God, and shine your light in our darkness.**

LITURGIST: From your fullness we have received every grace;

PEOPLE: **Come to us, living God, and shine your light in our darkness.**

*HYMN NO. 249

"There's a Song in the Air"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PASTOR: Let us join together in this prayer.

ALL: **Gracious God, sometimes we are too busy to pay attention to you. You have given us your Word, and we do not notice. We do not heed the example of your Son, so we go astray. You show us the path we should take, and we ignore you. Stop us in our tracks, O God. Bring us back to your way, and keep us faithful in following you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Open My Eyes, Spirit Divine"

CHANCEL CHOIR

JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING
PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN NO. 467 *(vs. 1 & 4)* *"Trust and Obey"*

OFFERTORY

"Joy In Judea"

R. BLAKE

*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

JOHN 1: 1-18

LITURGIST: This is the word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Finding Answers To Life's Questions"

PASTOR DAVID BURGESON

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - HYMNAL # 13-14

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.

THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*HYMN NO. 251

"Go, Tell It On The Mountain"

*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Recessional"

H. KIHLEN



Bring a friend!

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

STUDY GROUP



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



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The Bulletin Board

SUNDAY—1/4

"Coffee Hour"

Thank you to the members of the Blue Umbrella

8:30 AM Contemporary Worship

10:30 AM Traditional Worship

1:30 PM Charge Conference

3:00 PM Jammin' 4 Jesus (CH)

MONDAY — 1/5

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

Women of Prayer (S)

Staff Parish Relations (MMR)

TUESDAY — 1/6

8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)

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

5:00 PM Grande Ringers (115)

7:00 PM Trustees (MMR)

WEDNESDAY — 1/7

9:00 AM Senior Health Screen (N/L)

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)

UM Youth Group (215)

THURSDAY -1/8

8:30 AM Senior Exercise (CH)

10:00 PM Intercessory Prayer Group (L)

12:00 PM Esther Circle (MMR)

5:00 PM Grande Ringers (115)

7:00 PM Red Umbrella (MMR)

FRIDAY — 1/9

8:30 AM Weekly Bible Study (L)

SATURDAY — 1/10

12:00 PM RUMP (MMR)

2:00 PM Dr. Chess (211)

SUNDAY 1/11

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Remember to bring your dish!

See you after 2nd service!

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PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVING 4 JANUARY 2009

- Pray for members of our congregation who are dealing with spiritual - emotional and physical problems. May their burdens be lifted up.
- Pray for Pastor Burgeson for wisdom and discernment.
- Pray for victims of natural disasters.
- Katie Bryant who is in ICU at AG Hospital. Prayers for healing for her lungs.
- Jeanne Rice, former organist at Shell Beach UMC is at home.
- Praise! Jerry Smith's numbers are down. Prayers for continued healing.
- Praise! Lynn Stewart's sister, Barbara Ralph's cancer tests came back negative.
- Pray for the family of Trudy Beck who passed away Christmas Day. Services were held Friday.
- Pray for Luella Hendricks who has been relocated to be with family.
- Michelle Paredes asks prayers for her brother-in-law, Ricardo, who has head injuries.
- Prayers for Lynda Mahaffey and family with the passing of Lynda's mother on 12/20.

We are currently only funding our covenant missionary Judy Atwood in Kansas.

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 serving in the military and their families.

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

Continue to lift up our church family who are unable to attend church services:

Members in Care Facilities: Bathon Dessert, Luella Hendricks, Lois Fry, Bob Atwood, Ray Collins and Dorothy Novo.

Shut-In members: Doris Rice, the Houldings, the DeVos, the McCrackens, Katie Bryant, Wayne Frisby, Betty Bailes, Stan Lundahl, Mary Fernamburg, Jeanne Jenkins, and the Haupt.

