

First United Methodist Church

275 NORTH HALCYON ROAD IN ARROYO GRANDE, CA 93420

PHONE (805) 481-2692 VISIT US ON THE WEB AT WORSHIPWEEKLY.COM

8:30 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP 29 NOVEMBER 2009 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We encourage you to join us in our worship as a people who love the Lord. Please ask an usher about the hearing devices.

PASTOR DAVID M. BURGESON WORSHIP IS LED BY *THE LORD'S CREW*

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR DAVID

OPENING PRAISE

Give Thanks

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES— HOPE

THE BALLAGH FAMILY

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[Here light the first Advent candle]

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SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 7: 27 - 42

PASTOR DAVID

OPENING PRAYER

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PRAISE

Wonderful Merciful Savior

He Knows My Name

Shout To The Lord

WE WORSHIP IN GIVING

OFFERTORY

Winds Through The Olive Trees

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SHARING GOD'S PEACE (GREETING ONE ANOTHER)

JOYS & CONCERNS – PASTORAL PRAYER

PASTOR DAVID

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 21: 25 – 36

MIKE HERBER

SERMON

ADVENT - Waiting

PASTOR DAVID M. BURGESON

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE

I CORINTHIANS 11:23 - 26

IN UNISON

COMMUNION SONG

Jesus, Be The Center

CLOSING PRAISE

O Lord You're Beautiful

BENEDICTION

PASTOR DAVID

RECESSIONAL

With Your Hand



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10:30 AM SERVICE - 29 NOVEMBER 2009 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We are glad to have you with us this morning. Please ask an usher about the hearing devices and large print bulletins made available for your convenience. Nursery care is also available for children under the age of 2.

† **THIS SYMBOL DENOTES STANDING IF YOU ARE ABLE.**

WELCOME WITH NEWS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *Prelude on 'Picardy'*
L. SMITH, *Composer*

CHORAL INTROIT

ADVENT WREATH – HOPE VIRGINIA MOTHES & RUTH JOY

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† **HYMN No. 196** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PASTOR: Let us join together in this prayer.

ALL: **So soon, God, too soon. We are hardly picked up from Thanksgiving, and here it is Advent with Christmas coming soon. So soon. It is hard to shift gears so fast. We are not ready. Where did the time go? How could the year**

pass so soon? Yet, it is into such a world as this and such a time as this that you choose to enter. Again and again, you visit us in the darkest times of life. Again and again, you surprise us in the midst of hectic schedules and frantic lives. Holy God, help us keep alert in this Advent season. Help us be ready to see you in the midst of ordinary tasks. Help us be ready to slow down for prayer, for children, for our family and friends. Help us be ready to stand up for peace and justice, for Jesus comes to bring new life to us and our world. O God, help us be ready to receive you again. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM *Immanuel (The Kings' King)* 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 *When The Stars Are In The Heavens Bright*
C. SHAMORY, *Composer*

† **THE DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise, Father, Son & Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 21:25 – 36

LITURGIST: This is the word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Advent: Waiting*
PASTOR DAVID BURGESON

† **HYMN 715** *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

† **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*
R. THYGERSON, *Composer*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Scheduled This Week:

TODAY - 11/29

- First Sunday of Advent

MONDAY - 11/30

- **7:30 PM** – SPRC (P/S)

TUESDAY – 12/1

- **7 PM** - Trustees (MMR)

WEDNESDAY – 12/2

- **9 AM** – EOC Senior Health Screening (N/L)
- **5:30 PM** – Advent Study Kick-off Supper (CH)

THURSDAY – 12/3

- **11:45 AM** – *People's Kitchen* crew leaves to serve at **Shouts of Grace**
- **7 PM** – Red Umbrella (MMR)

FRIDAY- 12/4

SATURDAY – 12/5

- **10 AM** – Memorial Service for Betty Bailes (S)
- **6:30 PM** Praise Team Rehearsal (S)

ABBREVIATION LEGEND

MMR	McMillen Room
CH	Criswell Hall
K	Kitchen
S	Sanctuary
N	Narthex
P/S	Pastor's Study

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UMC OF AG WEEKLY

UM YOUTH GROUP

Junior & Senior High meet **Wednesdays** at **7 PM** in room 215 with the Herbers.

SENIOR EXERCISE GROUP

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday in Criswell Hall at **8:30 AM**.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Mondays at **7 PM** in room 215. Study book: *Learn the Bible in 24 Hours*, by Chuck Missler.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Fridays at **8:30 AM** in the Library. Study book: *While We Wait* by Mary Lou Redding.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at **9:30 AM** in the McMillen Room. Study book: *The Little Book of Letting Go* by Hugh Prather.

GRANDE RINGERS – HANDBELL CHOIR

Tuesdays & Thursdays at **5 PM** in room 115 directed by Leonard Lutz.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Wednesdays at **7 PM** in the sanctuary directed by Julie Walters.

THE LORD'S CREW – PRAISE TEAM

Every other Saturday at **6:30 PM** in the sanctuary directed by Susan Coho.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

Thursdays at **10** in the library. Join us!

WOMEN OF PRAYER

Mondays at **7 PM** in the sanctuary.

DEBTOR'S ANONYMOUS

Mondays at **6 PM** in the McMillen Room.

AL-ANON & ALA-TEEN

Mondays at **7:30 PM** in the McMillen Room & room 211.

ALZHEIMER'S CARE-GIVER SUPPORT

2nd Wednesday & 3rd Friday at **1 PM** in the McMillen Room.

M S SUPPORT GROUP

2nd Tuesday at **6 PM** in the McMillen Room.

Prayers and Thanksgiving

29 November 2009 – First Sunday of Advent

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LIFT UP THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND SERVICES. MEMBERS IN CARE

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STAFF & WORSHIP LEADERS

29 NOVEMBER 2009 — FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SENIOR PASTOR: REVEREND DAVID M. BURGESON

MINISTER OF VISITATION: Reverend J. Harold Headrick

CHURCH OFFICE STAFF:

ADMINISTRATOR/NEWSLETTER LAYOUT EDITOR:

Sarah Gandy-Barber

BOOKKEEPER: Victoria Gandy

CHANCEL CHOIR DIRECTOR: Julie Walters

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'GRANDE RINGERS' - BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR: Leonard Lutz

YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR: Mike & Linda Herber

AG UM CHILDREN'S CENTER DIRECTOR: Maddy Quagliano

LAY LEADER: Marj Cawelti

ORGANIST: Don McGuire

PUPPET DIRECTORS:

Willy Ford & Mike Herber

LECTOR CHAIRS:

Rebeca Avila & Toni Harvey

LITURGIST (S): Barbara Reineke

ACOLYTE MOMS: Niki Raetz & Lorie Ford

BIBLE BEARER: Our church youth

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HOSTS & GREETER CHAIR: Del Hollinger

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USHER CHAIRS: Morrie Gregory and

Dick Melsheimer

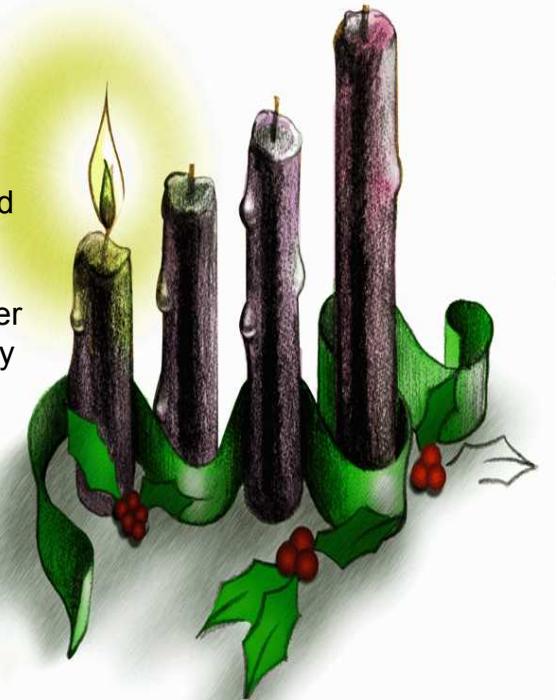
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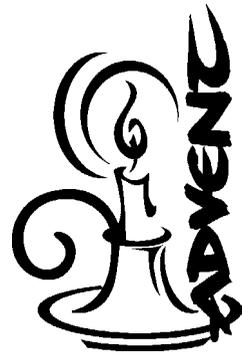


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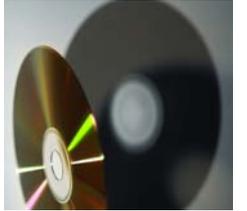


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CDs of the choir from the '60's which were produced as part of the 125th Anniversary Celebration will be available after both services this Sunday. If you placed an order, please plan to pick up your CDs. *(Extra copies are available for sale. This might be a nice Christmas gift.)*



Five Cities Christian Women Emergency Food Bank

December 21 these faithful ladies will be giving out 60 baskets this year with donated food from our giving community. Monetary donations are also needed for fresh vegetables, etc. This is a list of necessary items: frozen turkeys; canned cranberries, canned yams (large), canned fruit (large), and canned vegetables, canned olives, canned milk, and canned pumpkin (large); boxes of dressing (large); cake mix and frosting; Jell-O (large); chicken broth; and boxed mashed potatoes. Monies can be mailed to PO Box 756, Grover Beach 93483; call Fern 481-2877 regarding all food donations. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.**

2010 Pledge REMEMBER we are still accepting your pledge cards. Cards are available in the Narthex for you should you need one. Please place it in the offering or mail/bring to the church office. We greatly appreciate your prayerful consideration in your decision to pledge to the life of your church. Our financial team is busy planning a budget for 2010. Your contributions help in making this church as great as it is! *Praise the Lord for his wonderful blessings!*



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