

# First United Methodist Church

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

**WELCOME** — ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**OPENING PRAISE** *King of Kings*

**ADVENT WREATH — JOY**

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**SCRIPTURE READING** ISAIAH 9: 6 - 7

PASTOR DAVID

**OPENING PRAYER**

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**PRAISE**

*Mary Did You Know  
Away In A Manger  
Jesus Be The Center*

**WE WORSHIP IN GIVING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Emmanuel*

**PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**SHARING GOD'S PEACE (GREETING ONE ANOTHER)**

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**SCRIPTURE READING** LUKE 3:7-18

MIKE HERBER

**SERMON**

*ADVENT - OPPORTUNITY*  
PASTOR DAVID M. BURGESON

**COMMUNION SCRIPTURE** I CORINTHIANS 11:23 - 26 IN UNISON

**COMMUNION SONG** *Down From His Glory*

**CLOSING PRAISE**

*They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

**BENEDICTION**

PASTOR DAVID

**RECESSIONAL**

*Shepherd's Rock*

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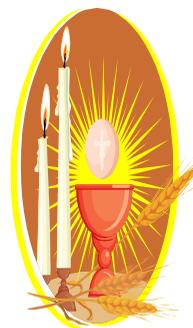
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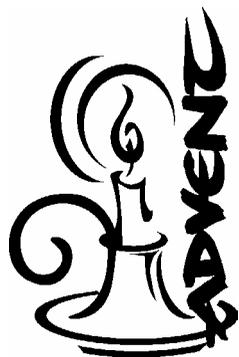
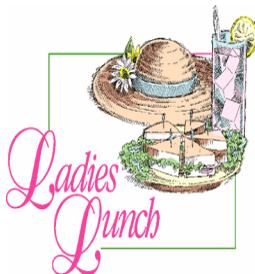
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## WELCOME WITH NEWS OF THE CHURCH

**PRELUDE** *Cradle Song*  
C. SIMONE, *Composer*

## CHORAL INTROIT

**ADVENT WREATH – JOY** THE BALLAGH FAMILY

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† **HYMN NO. 211** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 1, 5-7)*

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

## CALL TO CONFESSION

PASTOR: Let us join together in this prayer.

PEOPLE: **Forgive us, Lord, we leave so little room for wonder in our lives. We are too often obsessed with control and explanations. Surprises throw us off balance and the unknown scares us. Amaze us again with your grace and help us recognize your marvelous deeds, in the name of Jesus who came to fill us with wonder. Amen.**

## WORDS OF PARDON

PASTOR: Hear the Good News! The Messiah comes to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners. Jesus comes in the form of a little bitty baby to save us from our sins. Spread the Good News! Alleluia, Amen.

**CHORAL ANTHEM** *The Jesus Gift* CHANCEL CHOIR  
SOLO – B.G. PERRRIGUEY

## 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.***

**OFFERTORY** *Then Shall Your Light Break Forth*  
P. HARRIS, *Composer*

### † 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 3: 7-18

LITURGIST: This is the word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *Advent: Opportunity*  
PASTOR DAVID BURGESON

† **HYMN NO. 436** *The Voice Of God Is Calling*

### † BENECTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

**POSTLUDE** *Herald of the Newborn King*  
R. KOURY, *Composer*

# **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Scheduled This Week:**

## **TODAY – 12/13**

- **Third Sunday of Advent**
- **Alternative Christmas** (CH)
- **AH UM CC Book Faire** (CH)

## **MONDAY – 12/14**

## **TUESDAY – 12/15**

- **3 PM** – Preschool Board - closed session (MMR)
- **4 PM** – Preschool Board - opened session (MMR)
- **7 PM** – JOY Circle

## **WEDNESDAY – 12/16**

- **9:30 AM** – Mary-Martha Circle (MMR)
- **2 PM** – Advent Study (MMR)
- **6 PM** – Advent Study (MMR)

## **THURSDAY – 12/17**

- **6:30 PM** – **AG UM Children's Center Holiday Program & Social** (CH)

## **FRIDAY- 12/18**

- **6:30 PM** – Praise Team Friday Rehearsal (S)

## **SATURDAY – 12/19**

### **ABBREVIATION LEGEND**

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

# **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**

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

## **M S SUPPORT GROUP**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday** at **6 PM** in the McMillen Room.

# Prayers and Thanksgiving

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**MINISTER OF VISITATION:** Reverend J. Harold Headrick

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**LITURGIST (S):** Melissa Ferrari

**ACOLYTE MOMS:** Niki Raetz & Lorie Ford

**BIBLE BEARER:** Victoria Paredes

**OUR ACOLYTE (S):** Alex Paredes

**HOSTS & GREETER CHAIR:** Del Hollinger

**HOSTS & GREETERS:** Our Church Family

**USHER CHAIRS:** Morrie Gregory and

Dick Melsheimer

**IN SERVICE:** ALL OF OUR MEMBERS

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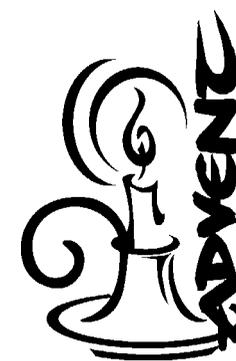
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