

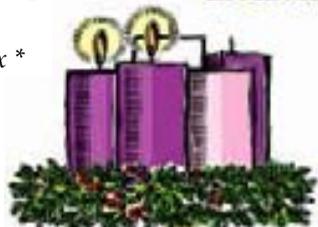


8: 30 AM SERVICE - 4 DECEMBER 2011 - Welcome to worship!

We are glad that you could join us during this special season in which we celebrate the birth of Christ Jesus, the reason for the season.

* Nursery Care is available both services * Hearing device available in the Narthex *

Second Sunday in Advent



† DENOTES STANDING IF YOU ARE ABLE

PASTOR'S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAISE King of Kings

† SCRIPTURE READING ISAIAH 11:1-5 PASTOR DAVID

† OPENING PRAYER PASTOR DAVID

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - ACCEPTANCE

JACKIE JACKSON & BOBBI MERRIS

READER 1: At times, our greatest expectations turn into something quite different. Yet God is there, still breaking through in ways that our imaginations cannot fathom.

READER 2: God came in the form of man to show us what love can do. Through ordinary people, God accomplished extraordinary things. Like Joseph, may we accept those things that are different from our exceptions and claim a higher purpose.

** LIGHT THE FIRST AND SECOND ADVENT CANDLES

PASTOR: Let us pray together:

ALL: Merciful God, let us come to accept those things we had expected to be different. Move us beyond acceptance and into a life committed to your higher purpose. Amen.

PRAISE O Little Town of Bethlehem
Jehovah
I Just Want to Praise You

** CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED WITH THEIR TEACHER TO SUNDAY SCHOOL (ROOM 211)

WE WORSHIP IN GIVING

OFFERTORY SONG Bring A Torch Jeanette Isabella



PRAYER OF ADORATION SUSAN COHO
WE SHARE IN GOD'S PEACE (GREET THOSE AROUND YOU)

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS -OUR PRAYERS & THANKSGIVING
PASTORAL PRAYER PASTOR DAVID

SCRIPTURE READING MATTHEW 1: 18 - 24 IN UNISON

LITURGIST: This is the word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SERMON THE JOURNEY: JOSEPH OF BETHLEHEM
PASTOR DAVID M. BURGESSON

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE 1 CORINTHIANS 11: 23 - 26 PASTOR DAVID
COMMUNION SONG Behold the Lamb

† BENEDICTION SONG The Lord Bless Thee PASTOR DAVID

† RECESSIONAL Sing to The King!





10:30 AM SERVICE - 4 DECEMBER 2011

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Advent Meditation*

D. ELIOT, *COMPOSER*

CHORAL INTROIT *Sing We Now of Christmas*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - ACCEPTANCE BERNIE & MARY HAWKINS

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ALL: **Merciful God, let us come to accept those things we had expected to be different. Move us beyond acceptance and into a life committed to your higher purpose. Amen.**

† **HYMN No. 211** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 1 & 4 ONLY)*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*** Elementary aged children are dismissed at this time to Sunday School*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION – NUMBER 890

CHORAL ANTHEM *Carol for Advent*

CHANCEL CHOIR

JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

PASTORAL PRAYER



OFFERTORY

The King Shall Come

E. BROUGHTON, *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 MATTHEW 1: 18 – 24

IN UNISON

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. 19 And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly. 20 But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." 22 Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 23 "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US." 24 And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took *Mary as his wife,*

PASTOR: This is the word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

THE JOURNEY: JOSEPH OF BETHLEHEM

PASTOR DAVID BURGESSON

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*SEE INSERT*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING AND SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

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

† **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Pat-A-Pan

R. THYGERSON, *COMPOSER*



6 PM - ???
in Criswell Hall
New Year's Eve 2011
4TH Annual Potluck & Game Night
Bring your favorite game...favorite food...and favorite friend!
BEWARE:
Games get competitive!

Start the year off right!

One Service at 10:30 AM

An Evening of Quiet Holy Communion

Meet us in our sanctuary on New Years Eve, 31 December from 7-7:30 PM for a free-flowing, self-led service of Meditation and Communion.

What To Watch for in 2012

- Flower Calendar Sign-ups
- Coffee Hour Dates
- Volunteer Sign-ups
 - newsletter mailing team
 - bulletin stuffers/folders
 - altar candle attendant
 - pew stocker/clean-up
 - Sunday School subs/assist
 - Wednesday Meals Sign-up

The Bulletin Board

4 Decmeber 2011

Meet us in Criswell Hall... we want to get to know you!

Coffee Hour TODAY is sponsored by the Children's Sunday School
Next Week's Host: Mary-Martha Circle

This Week...

- **TODAY**—Sermon Discussion Group— at 9:45 AM (McMillen Room)
- **Staff Parish Relations Committee**— 12/4 11:45 AM (McMillen Room)
- **UMW Steering**—12/6 10 AM
- **Evening With St. Nicholas**—12/6 7 PM
- **Trustees**—12/6 7 PM (McMillen Room)
- **Mary-Martha Circle**— 12/7 at 9:30 AM
- **All-Church Supper** - FREE! Every Wednesday at 5 PM (Criswell Hall)
- **Advent Study Wednesdays**
Adults 6 PM (McMillen Room)
Kids 6 PM (211)
Youth 7 PM (215)
- **Esther Circle**—12/8 at 12 PM (MMR)
- **Weekly Bible Read-A-Loud**—Every Thursday at 5PM (Sanctuary)
- **Finance**—12/8 at 7 PM (MMR)
- **Green Umbrella**—NEXT WEEK—12/11 at 11:45 AM (McMillen Room)

Altar Flowers

In loving memory of our parents
Don Perriguey and
Holmes & Glennis Thomas
~ Chuck & B.G.

Sweet Adelines Int'l Celebration Chorus
Enjoy Christmas music in the Barber Shop tradition
TODAY - 1:30 PM
UMC of AG Sanctuary
Goodies to follow in Criswell Hall.

Five Cities
Christian Women
Christmas
Food Baskets



**Food Items &
Monetary
Donations
Needed!**

See the list of food items posted in Criswell Hall or call 489-6706.

If you are able to help deliver these flowers to our shut-in members, see Cyndee Rohla. Order forms in the Narthex



Thanks to all who grabbed a gift tag!



PLEASE RETURN UNWRAPPED gifts by December 18th for Jan Treat to pick-up.

We need YOU!
UMC of AG
People's Kitchen



Serves its annual Christmas Meal on December 15th. Contact Chuck & Betty Ashton if you would like to get involved!



**An Evening With
St. Nicholas**

December 6 - 7 PM

Hear this historical portrayal of the old man himself St. Nicholas, the Bishop of Myra, as he tells his story from birth in Patara to his life in the church.

Written and performed by *Jamie Foster.*



December 6th—10 AM
UMC of AG in Criswell Hall

The focus of these screenings is stroke prevention which includes three leading causes of a stroke including high blood pressure, carotid artery disease and atrial fibrillation. For more about the screenings or to schedule an appointment visit lifelinescreening.com or call (800) 697-9177.

Pre-registration is required.



**Mark Your
Calendars!**
**December 17 at
8:30 AM**

2012 Planning Meeting (*Criswell Hall*)
Breakfast - \$9

Choir Performs at
Care Facilities



- **December 14 at 3:30 PM** at Alder House (AG)
- **December 21 at 4 PM** at Garden Creek (SLO)

**** Julie Burns has more information ****

Holiday Program

December 15th at 7 PM

AG UM Children's Center is proud to present its children singing holiday songs JUST FOR YOU!

Wintery treats will be served in Criswell Hall following this highly anticipated performance.

Blue Christmas

Yes, blue...as in 'I've got the Blues.' For many people, the approaching holidays don't bring with it the joy and happiness it promises.

Pastor David invites you to the UMC of AG McMillen Room for an time spent in a quiet time with music, meditation, and prayer on **December 16 at 7 PM.**

"Come to me all who are weary and heavy burdened and I will give you rest."
- Matthew 11:28



**Christmas Eve
by Candlelight**

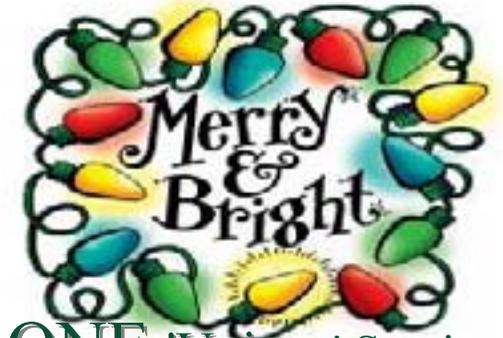
Family Service—6 PM

This service for the entire family will feature a re-telling of the **Nativity Story.**

Traditional Service-7:30 PM

This liturgical service includes a Christmas message by Pastor David and our Chancel Choir will lead us in carols.

The blessings of Christ be yours this Christmas!



ONE 'Unique' Service
December 25 at 10:30 AM

- Our chancel choir will lead us in Christmas carols;
- The children will join worship in their PJ's...**yes, their pajamas!**
- Pastor David has planned a special '**Blessing of the Toys**'.
We did say unique— Don't miss a special Christmas Day!



- Our pastors and their families.
- All who serve God around the world.
- Those suffering, homeless & hungry.
- God's peace & justice for the world.
- Our nation's leaders, we ask wisdom.
- People following disasters.
- Members and friends dealing with the difficult issues of life.

Prayers of Comfort and Healing for:

- Comfort for Ann Smith and family with the passing of her brother.
- Bonnie Reiwald needs prayer for financial problems; Also her sister's family is having health problems.
- The Prestemon family with the passing of Buffy's grandmother.
- Mo Miller is seeking employment.
- Harry Egan's neighbor, Barbara, who fell and will be released into hospice.
- Bryan Trujillo asks prayer for his family.
- Ruth Joy passed away—service was December 3. Prayers for the family.
- Carmonde Cochran passed away. Prayers for the family.
- Connie Clark's brother, Gary as he is recovering from heart surgery.
- Janice Moore is in the hospital (in Oregon).
- Ruth Joy entered the church triumphant on 11/28. Prayer for the family.
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We Give Praise to God for He Is Good!

- Isabella Sloan celebrated her 90th birthday last week.
- Harold Bailey's 2nd great-grandson, Cayden, was born 11/22/11,

- Darlene Kelley has a grandson, Isaiah was born 11/22/11.

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Krista Givens (Germany)

Our Missionaries in the Field:

Julie & David Elmore (Alaska)

John Elmore (Chile)

Muriel & Terry Hendersons (Mexico)

Lorene & David Persons (Congo)

Remember in prayer those in service around the world and their families .

We Continue To Lift Up Prayer:

Our church family and friends, our Youth and Children's Ministries, Wil Ogden, Jennifer Gandy and family, the Caweltis, Linda Archibald, the Hammonds, Esther Miller, the Paulsons, Yvonne Holt, Sean Lehman, Fenton McClure, Kent Brown, Roy Lewis, the Bucktons, Jean Coho, Sheila Owine, Todd Everett, the Wisemans, Eleanor Hughes, Ken Coombs, Isabella Sloan, Ora Lee King, LeAnna and Adam Gainer Family, Sue Ann Sanders, Geri Nolte, Pat Smith, Ann Williamson, Ayleen Melsheimer, the Cochrans.

Praying For Those In Care-Facilities: Bob Atwood, Bob Woods, Mary Patterson, Inez Kenneaster, Wayne Frisby, Bob Serby, Mary Johnson, Donna Truman.

We Lift up Our Shut-In Members:

Doris Rice, the Houldings, Jeanne Jenkins, Madge Young, Ruby Weddell.



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