



**8: 30 AM SERVICE - 18 DECEMBER 2011 - Welcome to worship!**

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

\* Nursery Care & Sunday School is available both services \* Hearing device available

† DENOTES STANDING IF YOU ARE ABLE

**PASTOR'S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HANDBELL INTROIT** *Soliloquy on 'Silent Night'* GRANDE RINGERS  
LEONARD LUTZ, ARRANGEMENT

† **SCRIPTURE READING** JEREMIAH 31: 33-34; JOHN 13-17 PASTOR DAVID

† **OPENING PRAYER** PASTOR DAVID

**HANDBELL ANTHEM** *Angels We Have Heard on High* GRANDE RINGERS  
DAVID KENT, ARRANGEMENT

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES - LOVE** LARRY & NANCY BAUGHMAN

READER 1: *We stand aside, watching from afar as God works miracles in the world. God works with the little we give, no matter how messy or small it may be.*

READER 2: *God came in the form of man to show us what love can do. Through ordinary people, God accomplished extraordinary things. Like the innkeeper, may we give what little we have knowing that God isn't afraid of our lives' chaos.*

**\*\* LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLES**

PASTOR: *Let us pray together:*

ALL: *Creator God, you bring order to chaos. Help us not to keep distance from you, but to move closer to touch the sacred and be transformed. Amen.*

**PRAISE**

*O Come All Ye Faithful  
Medley: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus; Silent Night  
Mary Did You Know*

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



**WE WORSHIP IN GIVING**

**OFFERTORY SONG** *Breathe of Heaven*

**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** LUKE 2:1-7 MIKE HERBER  
PASTOR: This is the word of the Lord.  
PEOPLE: *Thanks be to God.*

**SERMON** THE JOURNEY: NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM  
PASTOR DAVID BURGESON

**COMMUNION SCRIPTURE** 1 CORINTHIANS 11: 23 - 26 PASTOR DAVID  
**COMMUNION SONG** *To Bethlehem We Go*

† **BENEDICTION SONG** *The Lord Bless Thee* PASTOR DAVID

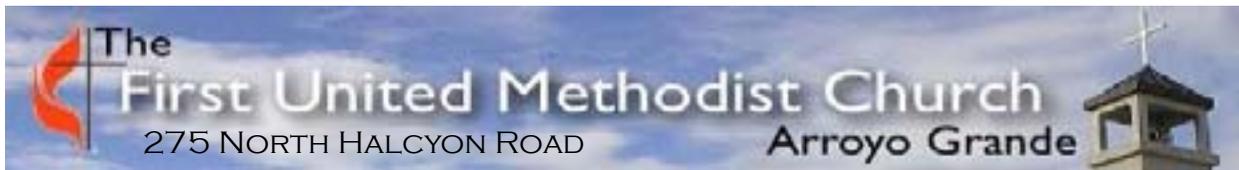
† **RECESSIONAL** *On The Road to Bethlehem*



*Our hearts, our minds and  
our doors are always open.*



The people of The United Methodist Church.®



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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Gloria In Excelsis Deo*  
R. WILSON, COMPOSER

**HANDBELL INTROIT** *Soliloquy on 'Silent Night'*  
LEONARD LUTZ, ARRANGEMENT

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE – LOVE

**BOB & JUDY ATWOOD; CRISTY EICHELBERGER**

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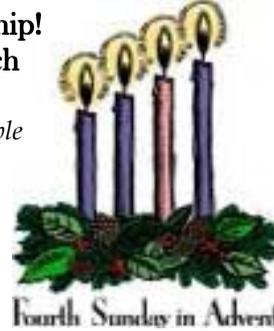
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ALL: **Creator God, you bring order to chaos. Help us not to keep distance from you, but to move closer to touch the sacred and be transformed. Amen.**

† **HYMN No. 249** *There's A Song In The Air*

**HANDBELL ANTHEM** *Angels We Have Heard on High* *GRANDE RINGERS*  
DAVID KENT, ARRANGEMENT

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT WITH PASTOR DAVID**



## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PASTOR: Let us pray together:

ALL: **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.**

## ASSURANCE 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.

**ANTHEM** *Calypso Lullaby* *GRANDE RINGERS & CHANCEL CHOIR*  
CONGAS – *Jamie Foster*; FLUTE – *Polly Monson*;  
CLAVES – *Mike Albertson*; BASS – *Mike Coho*.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

## PRAYER FOR GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** *Manger Prayer* M. SHEA, 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 2:1-7 DAVID BEAMAN

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**SERMON** THE JOURNEY: NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM  
PASTOR DAVID BURGESSON

† **HYMN No. 230** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

## † BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

**POSTLUDE** *The Happy Christmas Comes Once More*  
G. PETERSON, COMPOSER

# Joys & Concerns

## 18 Decemeber 2011

### We Lift In Prayer to The Lord:

- 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:

- Glen Hughes' brother, Eden, passed away. Prayers for the family.
- Tina Moore's mother is continuing treatment; sister Tanya, had a seizure.
- Mercy for all those who will be traveling during this holiday season.

### We Give Praise to God for He Is Good!

- Niki Raetz is now employed full-time!

### Our Covenant Missionary:

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 our military and their families.

**Continued Prayer For:** *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, Sue Ann Sanders, Geri Nolte, Pat Smith, Ann Williamson, Ayleen Melsheimer, the Cochrans, Janice Moore.

### 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.



To put a prayer or praise on this Prayer List, fill out a prayer card, list your request in the prayer book located in the Narthex or the prayer chain via the church office 481-2692.

# The Bulletin Board

## 18 December 2011



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

TODAY'S coffee is supplied by the

**Finance Committee**

Christmas Coffee Host: Communications Team

*This Week...*

- **TODAY—Sermon Discussion Group**—
- at 9:45 AM (McMillen Room)
- **5 Cities Christian Women Basket Gift Wrap & Distribution** - 12/19 - 21 (CH)
- **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)
- **Weekly Bible Read-A-Loud**—Every Thursday at 5PM (Sanctuary)
- **Candlelight Christmas Eve Family Service**—12/24 at 6 PM (S)
- **Christmas Eve Traditional Service**—12/24 at 7:30 PM (S)
- **ONE Service Christmas Day**—10:30 AM
- **Office Closed**— 12/26 & 1/2



## Altar Flowers

In honor of  
our 23rd wedding anniversary.  
~ Steve and DeAnna Shrefler



## Delivering Holiday Cheer to our Shut-ins!

IF you are signed up to deliver TODAY, Cyndee Rohla is in Criswell Hall with the cards and flowers for our shut-ins

**REMEMBER:** *Order Forms in the Narthex if you haven't made your dedication. Your holiday dedications appear next week.*



Thank you to all who made the Christmas Meal possible on December 15th. *Your gifts were appreciated!*

**Bring Your Gift?** Giving Tree



Gifts are to be returned TODAY!! If you forgot...please bring to church office **MONDAY before 12 PM.** ~thanks!



## Christmas Eve by Candlelight

### Family Service—6 PM

This service for the family as you join with our children and youth in a re-telling of the *Original Christmas Story.*

### Traditional Service—7:30 PM

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

The perfect time to invite a friend or family member!

6 PM - ???  
in Criswell Hall  
**New Year's Eve 2011**  
4<sup>TH</sup> 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

**Prayer Is Participation!**  
As members and family of the United Methodist Church, we can help stay connected and show our support with one another with prayer. Each week we will give names of places

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| Dec. 18 | Isabella Thoburn College , Lucknow , India  |
| Dec. 19 | Kwassui Women's College, Nagasaki , Japan   |
| Dec. 20 | Methodist University of Piracicaba , Sao Palo , Brazil (UNIMEP)                             |
| Dec. 21 | Bennett Methodist Institute, Rio de Janeiro , Brazil (IMB)                                  |
| Dec. 22 | Porto Alegre Institute, Brazil (IPA )   |
| Dec. 23 | The UMW of East African Annual Conference, Burundi , Kenya, Rwanda , Southern Sudan, Uganda |
| Dec. 24 | The UMW of Sierra Leone Annual Conference   |

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**  
Beginning

**January 8th, 2012!**

- **Annual Conference 2012 Information In 2 Parts** Wednesdays (1/4 & 11) at 6 PM in the MMR with Judy Atwood.
- **How To Study The Bible** beginning 1/8 a 6-week on Sundays. This Adult Bible Study at 6 PM in McMillen Room is led by Mike Herber.

CHRISTMAS DAY

## ONE 'Unique' Christmas Day Service December 25 - 10:30 AM

- We will sing Carols of Christmas;
- Have special music;
- Kids to come in your PJ's—BUT brush your teeth and hair—it's still church!
- Also have the kids bring a toy for Pastor David's '**Blessing of the Toys**' .  
**We did say unique... Don't miss this very special Christmas Day!**

## 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.