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8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT:

HOPE



November 29, 2015



First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday of Advent

Music by The Lord's Crew

November 29, 2015

8:30 AM

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Gathering

OPENING PRAISE Psalm 1

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

*PRAISE SONGS Wonderful, Merciful Savior
O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Holy and Anointed One

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer

Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION I Love You, Lord

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 33:14-16 Luke 21:25-36

MESSAGE "A LIGHT IN THE DISTANCE: Hope Keeps Watch"
Rev. Mary B. Birgelaitis

RESPONSE SONG Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION
(please bring offering up at Communion)

Words for Communion
Communion Song In The Bleak Midwater

Going Forth to Serve

*FINAL BLESSING Emmanuel, Emmanuel
Emmanuel, Emmanuel his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

*CLOSING SONG Praise to You, the Son of God

*Worshippers stand as able.



Coffee Hour Today
Is Hosted By
CHURCH COUNCIL

Next Week's Coffee Hour
Will Be Hosted By
**STAFF PARISH
RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

We thank you all for your
service to our church!



Altar Flowers

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- No Emergency Food Pantry today; Pantry resumes next Monday, Dec 7th—1—3 PM (CH)
- Women of Prayer—7 PM (S)

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- Sew 'n' Sews—9 AM (MMR)
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- AGUMCC Closed—3:30 PM

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4th Annual All Church Christmas Talent Show

Singing, Dancing, Magic, Drama

Bring Friends—All Are Welcome!

FREE evening with FREE tasty goodies

—compliments of UMM

What a great way to start our Christmas Holiday
with the entire Family!

CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAY

December 5, 2015

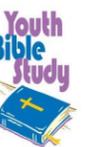
In Our UMC Parking Lot

- Jackets, Blankets
- Socks, Gifts
- Much More!



To Volunteer,
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& Betty Ashton

SUNDAY
MORNING
YOUTH BIBLE
STUDY
CRISWELL HALL
10:30 AM



Join Us For Fellowship And Fun
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Christmas Giveaways by

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Today's Liturgist: Rose Ann Steiner



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* You are invited to stand in body and/or spirit

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *Out of the East* by Harry Noble

INTROIT *People Look East* verse 1 No. 202

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The day foretold is coming,
**When tired eyes will behold a fire,
a blazing star in the Eastern sky!**
The One foretold is coming—
**Whose light will shine through the deepest gloom:
a manger's glow in the silent night!**
The day is at hand! O World, keep watch!
The Savior draws near!

*OPENING HYMN *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* No. 211
verses 1,2,6 & 7

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell
LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE—HOPE
(congregation will sing "Away in a Manager" as children come forward)

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* No. 204

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Choral Response *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* No. 204

ANTHEM *Emmanuel is Coming* by Nancy Price & Don Besig

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

SERMON "A LIGHT IN THE DISTANCE:
Hope Keeps Watch"
Rev. Mary B. Birgelaitis

OFFERING
Call to Stewardship and Mission
Offertory *For Thy Mercy and Thy Grace* by Downton/Strattner
Doxology / Prayer of Dedication Melody from Hymnal, No 95

***Praise God whose dawn transfigures night.
Whose Daystar shines for us on high,
Whose Spirit brings into our sight.
The Hope to which our world draws nigh.***

*CLOSING HYMN *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* No. 203

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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***Come now, Emmanuel.
All the world is waiting
Come now, Emmanuel***

POSTLUDE *Shine, Jesus Shine* by Graham Kendrick



Hosting Coffee Hour

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Church Council

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Will Be Hosted By:

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