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**December 20, 2015**



# First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Music by The Lord's Crew

December 20, 2015

8:30 AM

### Gathering

OPENING PRAISE *Joy to the World*

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

HANDBELL INTROIT *Lo, How a Rose Ere Blooming*

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

HANDBELL ANTHEM *Ukranian Bell Carol*

\*PRAISE SONGS *When a Savior Dreams*  
*Go Tell It On The Mountain*

\*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 *Oh Lord You're Beautiful*

SCRIPTURE Micah 5:2-5a  
Luke 1:39-45

MESSAGE "A STAR IN THE NIGHT:  
*Peace Shines*"  
Rev. Mary B. Birgelaitis

RESPONSE SONG *Light of the Stable*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION  
(please bring offering up at Communion)

Words for Communion  
Communion Song *Silent Night*  
Prayer after Communion

### 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 *Mary Did You Know*

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Welcome to Worship!

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PRELUDE Joy to the World Arr. Virgil Fox

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CALL TO WORSHIP

The day foretold is near, when we gather 'round a manger-bed  
**to watch with the shepherds, to sing with the angels.**  
And to present our hearts to the King of Kings!  
**The One foretold is near—who comes into the World as the Prince of Peace!**  
The day is at hand! Oh world, welcome!  
**The Savior draws near!**

\*OPENING HYMN O Come All Ye Faithful verses 1, 3, 4 & 5 No. 234

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Leonard Lutz

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE  
Please sing as the children come forward and as they leave  
"Away in the Manger" No. 217

HANDBELL ANTHEM Ukrainian Bell Carol

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING  
Offertory

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MESSAGE

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CANTATA

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- I Of the Father's Love
- II The Angel Gabriel
- III The Midnight Clear
- IV Run to Bethlehem
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- VII The Angel Songs

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Arr. Sir David Willcocks



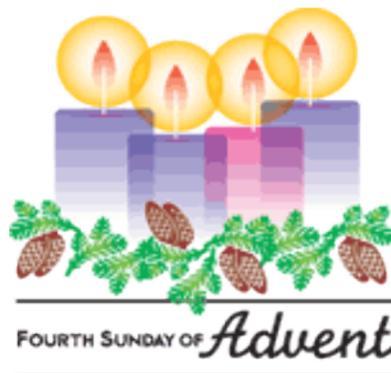
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