



First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 4, 2016

8:30 AM

Second Sunday of Advent
Music by The Lord's Crew

Gathering

*OPENING PRAISE *Rock of Ages Jesus is The Rock*

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE — PEACE

*PRAISE *Mighty To Save
Praise The Lord
El Shadai*

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *What Child Is This*

SCRIPTURE

*Isaiah 11:1-10
Matthew 3:1-12*

SERMON

*"GIFTS FROM GOD:
Abiding Peace"*
Rev. Mary B. Birgelaitis

OFFERING SONG

Jesus Name Above All Names

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Words for Communion
Communion Song

Holy Spirit

Going Forth to Serve

*FINAL BLESSING

Sanctuary

*CLOSING SONG

He Came Down

**Worshipers stand as able*



Meet Our
CHURCH
STAFF

Cal-Pac Conference Bishop:

Grant J. Hagiya

North District Superintendent:

Rev. James Powell

Pastor:

Rev. Mary B. Birgelaitis

Missionary (retired) / Lay Leader:

Judy Atwood

Church Office Administrator:

Frances Robertson

Website Manager: Jamie Foster

Multi Media: Dave Bauer

Choir Director: Julie Burns

Choral Pianist: Dennis Eiler

Praise Team Leader: Mike Clark

Handbell Choir Director:

Leonard Lutz

Children's Education Director:

TBS

Youth Leader: Ibbby Russell

AG UM Children's Center

Director: Madrigal Quaglino

(805) 481-2223



First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 4, 2016

10:30 AM

Second Sunday of Advent

CENTERING WORDS

Signs of hope are all around: in the laughter of excited children,
In the peacefulness of a quiet evening, in the beauty of Christmas lights.
As we notice the signs, we are reminded that now is the time
For hope-filled change, for this is a season of hope.

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PRELUDE —

INTROIT *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

No. 184

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Prepare the way—Christ is coming.

Christ is coming soon.

Prepare the way—Christmas is coming.

Christmas in coming soon.

Now is the time to prepare our hearts—

in hope, for love, with joy and peace.

These are the signs that Christ is already in our midst.

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

*HYMN *People, Look East*

No. 202

OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)

**God of hope, as you welcome us to this time of worship,
help us welcome one another in your name.**

**As we bring our hearts to you this day,
nourish the peace with in us**

that we might recognize your presence

In our midst.

In your light and love, we pray. Amen.

THE CHILDREN LIGHT THE CANDLE OF PEACE

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

No. 204

Congregational Prayer/**The Lord's Prayer**

Choral Response *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

No. 204

ANTHEM

Candlelight Carol

John Rutter

OFFERING

A Call to Stewardship

Offertory —

***Doxology/Blessing of the Offering**

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 11:1-10

Matthew 3:1-12

*HYMN

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (verses 1,2,& 4)

No. 218

SERMON

GIFTS FROM GOD:

Abiding Peace

Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

COMMUNION

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*HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed (verses 1-3)

No. 203

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

GO Now in Peace

POSTLUDE

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

If I were a Wise man, I would do my part;

Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

CANDLELIGHTING

For safety, as we light candles, please hold the lit candle completely upright and let your neighbor tilt the unlit candle to receive the flame from your light. The pianist will play while the candles are being lit. We will not begin singing *Silent Night* until all the candles are lit. When the piano and choir begin *Silent Night*, please begin singing.

CAROL *(remain seated)*

Silent Night Holy Night

(please refer to insert for words)

*THE BENEDICTION

*CLOSING CAROL *(please stand)*

Joy to the World

(please refer to insert for words)

POSTLUDE

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Traditional—Arr. Dan Coates

PARTICIPATING IN TONIGHT'S SERVICE:

Chancel Choir
Choir Director, Julie Burns
Pianist, Dennis Eiler
Soloists, Julie Burns,
David Bauer

Liturgists, David Beaman, Judy Atwood
Pastor, Rev. Mary Birgelaitis
Ushers, Bernie Hawkins, Harry Egan,
Mary Hawkins, Mike Takenaka
Sound Technician, Mike Coho



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	TOTAL
Nov 6	42	92	134
Nov 13	44	103	147
Nov 20	42	104	146
Nov 27	40	66	106

OUR GIFTS

Weekly Offerings Budgeted: \$4,711	
Nov 6	Received: \$6,714
Nov 13	Received: \$5,182
Nov 20	Received: \$3,752
Nov 27	Received:

Fiscal Year to Date Budgeted regular giving:	\$103,635
Fiscal Year to Date Received:	\$107,793
Thanksgiving:	\$ 2,865



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Today's Scriptures

(NRSV)

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

TODAY'S LITURGISTS: 8:30 SERVICE: Joe Brown 10:30 SERVICE: Judy Leonard

We are supporting the **5 Cities Christian Women** and our own **Christmas Give Away**, which both happen in December, with our new and gently used **coat and blanket drive**.



More can be brought in by Dec. 10th.

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADVENT STUDY OF THE UNCLUTTERED HEART



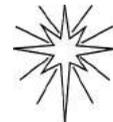
by Beth Richardson

5:45 PM ~ Criswell Hall

Books are available.

Please join us for this study as you
prepare for the coming of
Christmas.

Nov. 30th — Dec. 28



Christmas JUBILEE & Variety Show

UMM CHRISTMAS JUBILEE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

7-9 PM CRISWELL HALL

Under the direction of Bernie Hawkins the 2016 UMM Annual Christmas Jubilee will be one of the best. Many great acts from our own members will be presented on stage in Criswell Hall on Sat. Dec. 17th from 7-9 PM. The UMM is offering FREE refreshment along with the great talent show. Don't miss this Family event - and it's all free.

Join us for...

Coffee TIME

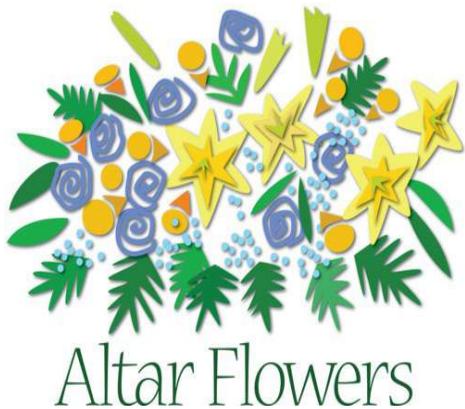


Coffee Hour Today is hosted by **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Next Week's **Coffee Hour** will be hosted by ---

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

We thank you all for your service to our church!



In Loving Memory of

Don McGuire

Friend, Companion and wonderful
Church Organist.

By Kent Unsworth

THE UNCLUTTERED HEART (Wed. Nov. 20-Dec. 28 5:45 p.m.)

Advent is the season when we prepare our lives—-hearts, minds, and spirits—-for the coming of the Christ child. We sweep out the corners of our hearts, cleaning up the clutter, to make space for God's hope, peace, joy, love and presence. Join us for this five week study and remember God as you enjoy The Uncluttered Heart that focuses your heart and mind on scripture, reflection and prayer as you prepare for the coming of Christmas.

Abbreviation Legend

(S) Sanctuary (PL) Parking Lot
(L) Library (CH) Criswell Hall
(MMR) McMillen Room (K) Kitchen
(P/S) Pastor's Study (HR) Handbell Room



Monday—12/5

- Emergency Food Pantry —1 PM—CH
- Quilting Class—McGuire-5:45 PM—CH
- Women of Prayer—7 PM—S

Tuesday—12/6

- Senior Exercise—8:30 AM—CH
- Sew 'n Sews + Knitters—9 AM—MMR
- NO UMW Chair Yoga—11 AM—CH
- Handbell Rehearsal—5 PM—HR

Wednesday—12/7

- Senior Exercise—8:30 AM—CH
- Church Work Day—9 AM
- UMW Steering—9:30 AM—L
- Free Dinner—5:00 PM—CH
- Advent Bible Study—5:45 PM—CH
- Chancel Choir—7 PM—S

Thursday—12/8

- Senior Exercise—8:30 AM—CH
- Intercessory Prayer—10 AM—L
- Set Up AGUMCC—3 PM—CH,S,K
- AGUMCC Program 6:30-7 PM
- Handbell Rehearsal—5 PM—HR

Friday—12/9

- Bible Study—8:30 AM—L
- Giveaway Setup—8 PM
- UMW Book Club —10AM—MMR
- Newsletter Articles Deadline—NOON

Saturday—12/10

- Parking Lot Give Away—11AM-2PM



The Angel Tree

The Angel Tree was set up during the Hanging of the Greens on Nov. 26th. Take a tag from the tree, sign your name on the duplicate tag and leave it on the tree. These are for UNWRAPPED gifts for foster children and other children in need. Bring gifts to the church no later than Dec. 19th. ~Jan Treat

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

7:00 P.M. ** SANCTUARY



*** CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE ***

8:30 A.M. ** SANCTUARY

OPPORTUNITIES

for CHRISTMAS GIVING:

- > contributing to food baskets and items for the Give-Away;
- > purchasing a gift for a child from the Angel Tree;
- > contributing to the church's mission through your

