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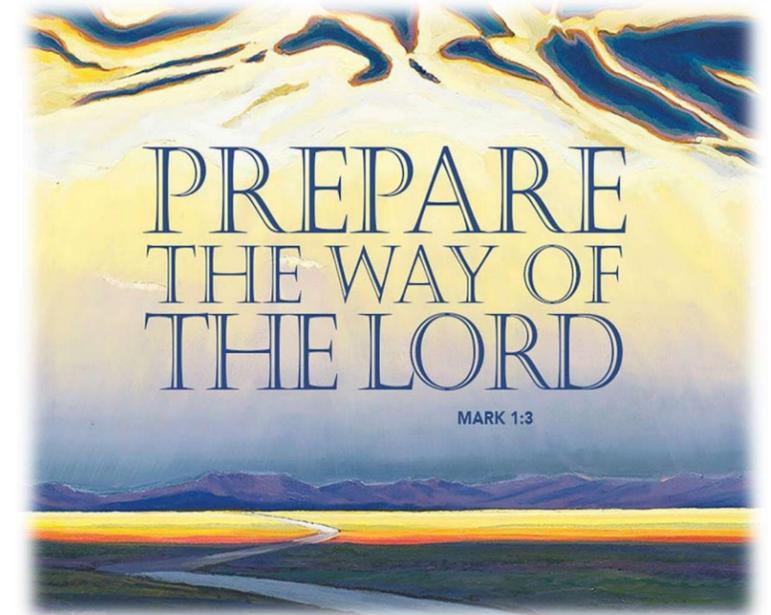
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# 8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



## December 10, 2017



# First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

Welcome to Worship!

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 10, 2017

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Second Sunday of Advent

### Gathering

\*OPENING PRAISE *Sing to the King*

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PRAISE *Be the Strength of My Life*  
*Exodus 15*  
*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

\*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 *Light of the Stable*

ADVENT CANDLE BLESSING/PRAYER

SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 40:1-5*  
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CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION *Come Just As You Are*

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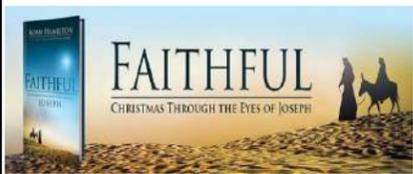


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### WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PRELUDE *Coventry Carol* 16th Century/Arr. Tom Fettke

CHORAL INTROIT *The King of Glory Comes* verse 1 TFWS #2091

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Look! Faithfulness and love meet in this place.  
**Righteousness and peace are here.**  
The glory of God shines all around us.  
**The love of Jesus Christ flows through our lives.**  
Listen! God is speaking peace to us all  
**Let us worship God together.**

\*OPENING HYMN *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* verses 1,2,5 & 6 No. 211

### OPENING PRAYER

God of past and present,  
help us prepare for the future.  
As we remember your promises of days past,  
help us live your unchanging call  
and to share your love and grace.  
As we worship your holy presence,  
help us prepare for the coming of Christ. Amen

ANTHEM *Emmanuel* Tomlin and Cash

### ADVENT CANDLE BLESSING/PRAYER

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*Nursery care is available.  
Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time.*

**A TIME OF PRAYER**

Choral Call to Prayer *Star-Child* TFWS #2095  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Choral Response *Star-Child* TFWS #2095

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40:1-5  
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ANTHEM *How Many Miles Must We Go?* Robert Thygeron

SERMON **ADVENT HIGHWAYS:**  
*A Path for God*

OFFERING  
 Invitation to the Offering  
 Offertory *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow* Arr. Lloyd Larson  
 \*Doxology/Blessing of the Offering

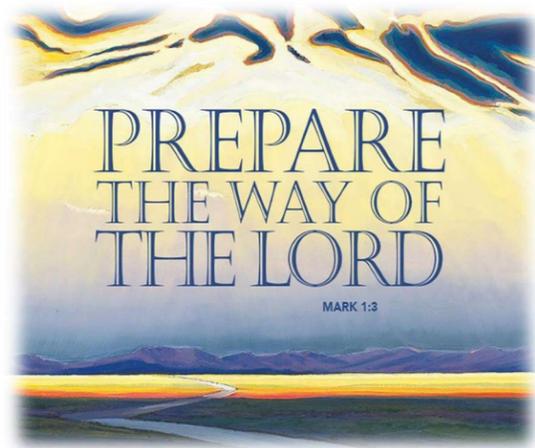
*Praise God, whose dawn transfigures night. Whose Daystar shines for us on high,  
 Whose Spirit brings into our sight. The Hope to which our world draws nigh.*

\*CAROL *People, Look East* No. 202

\*BENEDICTION  
 Christ is coming soon.  
**Christ's love is here even now.**  
 Take God's love into the world.  
**We carry God's love as we leave.**

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *The Snow Lay on the Ground* TFWS #2093

POSTLUDE *Masters in This Hall* Trad. English Carol

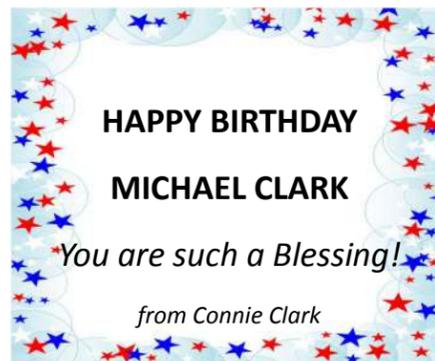


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