



# First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 27, 2016

8:30 AM

First Sunday of Advent  
Music by The Lord's Crew

### Gathering

\*OPENING PRAISE

*Revive Us Again*

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE — HOPE

\*PRAISE

*We Fall Down  
Wonderful Merciful Savior  
Come to the Water*

\*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

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

SCRIPTURE

Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON

*"GIFTS FROM GOD:  
Awakening Hope"*  
Rev. Mary B. Birgelaitis

OFFERING SONG

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Words for Communion  
Communion Song

*Hungry*

### Going Forth to Serve

\*FINAL BLESSING

Emmanuel

\*CLOSING SONG

*Victory In Jesus*

*\*Worshipers stand as able*



Meet Our  
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November 27, 2016

10:30 AM

First Sunday of Advent

### CENTERING WORDS

*He was light coming into a world of darkness.  
He was hope entering a world filled with despair.  
He was God coming into the world of humankind.*

### WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PRELUDE *He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought* William Bradbury

INTROIT *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* verse 1 No. 196

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

It's time to get ready for Christmas!  
**It's time to prepare for the Coming of Christ.**  
We celebrate a season of hope, peace, joy and love,  
**and we worship the Lord together!**

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

### OPENING PRAYER

**God of light, enter into our darkness and enlighten our path.  
Show us how to prepare our hearts and minds,  
that we might turn this season of rushing  
into a season of waiting.  
Calm our hearts and center our thoughts,  
that we might turn this season of chaos  
into a season of peace. Amen.**

### THE CHILDREN LIGHT THE CANDLE OF HOPE

ANTHEM *Advent Noel* Page and Shafferm

### A TIME OF PRAYER

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

A Time of Silence/Congregational Prayer

Choral Response *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* No. 204

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

\*HYMN *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* No. 216

SERMON "GIFTS FROM GOD: Awakening Hope"  
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### OFFERING

A Call to Stewardship

Offertory *How Firm A Foundation*

Joseph Funk

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.***

\*HYMN *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* verses 1-3 No. 213

### \*BENEDICTION

Spread the love of God this Advent and receive Christ anew!

**We share our gifts with reverence as we honor His Birth.**

We celebrate hope, peace, joy and love all season long.

**and we come to Christmas with God's Spirit alive in us. Amen!**

\*RESPONSE

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* verse 2

No. 196

**Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.**

POSTLUDE

*I Love You Lord*

Laurie Klein

*\*Worshippers stand as able.*

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## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	TOTAL
Oct 30	32	94	126
Nov 6	42	92	134
Nov 13	44	103	147
Nov 20	42	104	146

## OUR GIFTS

Weekly Offerings Budgeted: \$4,711	
Oct 30 Received:	\$2,977
Nov 6 Received:	\$6,714
Nov 13 Received:	\$5,182
Nov 20 Received:	\$3,752

Fiscal Year to Date Budgeted regular giving:	\$ 98,925
Fiscal Year to Date Received:	\$102,122
Thanksgiving:	\$ 2,305



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## Today's Scriptures

(NRSV)

### Romans 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### Matthew 24:36-44

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

TODAY'S LITURGISTS: 8:30 SERVICE: JAN TREAT 10:30 SERVICE: ROSEANN STEINER

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. 4th.

THE WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT ADVENT  
STUDY OF  
THE UNCLUTTERED HEART

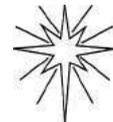


by Beth Richardson

5:45 PM ~ Criswell Hall

Books are available.

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



**Christmas**  
JUBILEE  
& Variety  
Show

**UMM CHRISTMAS JUBILEE**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17**  
**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 CARING CONGREGATION TEAM

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

**COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE**

*We thank you all for your service to our church!*



Altar Flowers

In Honor of  
Matt and Carrie Rohla's  
1st Anniversary

## 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—11/28

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

### Tuesday—11/29

- Senior Exercise—8:30 AM—CH
- Sew 'n Sews + Knitters—9 AM—MMR
- UMW Chair Yoga—11 AM—CH
- Handbell Rehearsal—5 PM—HR

### Wednesday—11/30

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

### Thursday—12/1

- People's Kitchen Prep—8 AM—Leave to Serve—11:15 PM
- Intercessory Prayer—10 AM—L

### Friday—12/2

- Spirit Day at AGUMCC
- Bible Study—8:30 AM—L
- AGUMCC Closed—3:30

### Saturday—12/3

- Nothing currently scheduled



## The Angel Tree



The Angel Tree will be set up during the Hanging of the Greens on Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>. 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. 19<sup>th</sup>. ~Jan Treat

## 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 Christmas Offering.

**\*\*\* CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE \*\*\***

**7:00 P.M. \*\* SANCTUARY**

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**\*\*\* CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE \*\*\***

**8:30 A.M. \*\* SANCTUARY**