



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Frances is taking a well deserved vacation. She will return Jan. 2. Office will be open the week of Dec 18 to 21, 9:00-1:00. We welcome Linda Wood who is covering for us. Office will be closed Christmas through New Years Day.



Mon	Dec 18	10:30 AM UWF Book Club--L
Tue	Dec 19	11:00 AM Chair Yoga--CH. 1
Wed	Dec 20	9:00 AM Church Workday.
Thu	Dec 21	4:30 PM Childrens Center Board Meeting--MMR 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal--Sanctuary.
Sun	Dec 24	8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service-Sanctuary 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service-Sanctuary, 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Service--Sanctuary.

Abbreviation
Legend
CH--Criswell Hall
S--Sanctuary
K--Kitchen
L--Library
Room #123
MMR--McMillen
Room #113
PS--Pastor's Study
HR--Hand Bell
Room #115

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
Sunday, December 24
7:30 p.m.
Lessons and Carols With
Traditional Candle Lighting

BRING THE ADVENT ANIMALS TO BABY JESUS

For this year's Advent/Christmas offering we want to bring all the animals to the manger to adore baby Jesus. Please join in the fun and give generously.

So far we have raised \$2,226 towards our goal of \$7,800 consisting of
6 Doves at \$10 3 Cats at \$25 1 Dog at \$25 5 Donkeys at \$50
8 Sheep at \$100 0 Cows at \$250 2 Camels at \$500

But no Angels at \$1000. Won't someone be an Angel and donate an Angel.

Mark your contributions "ADVENT" or specify which animal you would like to sponsor.



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December 17, 2023

8:30 AM





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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"My soul magnifies the Lord,
 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. "*

---Luke 1:46-47

HANDBELL CHOIR *What Child is This?* arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Christmas Medley: I Saw Three Ships, The First Nowell, Westminster Carol
 arr. Douglas E. Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONGS *Angels We Have Heard On High*
Jesus Name Above All Names
Lord You Have My Heart

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ILLUMINATION *Joy To The World/Shout For Joy*

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 61:1-4
 Luke 1:46b-55

SERMON *ADVENT AGENDA:* Rev. Mary Birgelaitis
"Imagine Joy"

OFFERING *On Bended Knee*

COMMUNION *I Surrender All*

FINAL BLESSING *Wind Through The Olive Trees*

CLOSING *A Savior Dreams*

Praise Band Leader: Mike Clark Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler Bass: Bob Jorstad
Singers: Connie Clark, Pam Garza

ISAIAH 61:1-4

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion-- to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

LUKE 1:46b-55

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Today's Liturgist: David Beard



ALL CHURCH SUNDAY HOSPITALITY TIME

are the last **TWO** Sundays in December

Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

Bring your extra Christmas goodies

WEEK	ATTENDANCE					STEWARDSHIP
	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
11/19	39	70	109	35	144	\$ 5,458
11/26	29	53	82	26	108	\$ 3,412
12/03	40	78	118	14	132	\$10,075
12/10	39	74	113	n/a	n/a	\$ 4,649

Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,038
STEWARDSHIP REPORT: YTD Received \$156,921 YTD Budgeted \$137,371
 Christmas Received \$2,226 Christmas Budgeted \$7,800
 Report on the animals is on the next page.

HOSPITALITY TIME
Today's Hosts:
CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION and
WORSHIP
 Hosts next
 Sunday, Dec.24
ALL CHURCH
SUNDAY