



# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



<b>Mon</b>	<b>Dec 09</b>	9:45 AM FUMCC Rehearsal- S, 6PM Gerry's Quilt Class-CH.
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Dec 10</b>	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 9:45 AM FUMCC Rehearsal- S, 10:00 AM Sew & Sews-MMR, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga- CH, 1:00 PM Bible Study-CH, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-Handbell Room.
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Dec 11</b>	9 AM Church Work Morning-CH, 9:45 AM FUMCC Rehearsal- S, 10:00 AM UWF Steering, Library, 1:30 PM Mission Team-MMR.
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Dec 12</b>	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 9:45 AM FUMCC Rehearsal- S, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga-CH, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal HR, 6:00 PM Children's Center Christmas Program-S, 6:30 PM Chancel Choir-S.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Dec 15</b>	8:30 AM Contemporary Service-Sanctuary, 10:30 AM Traditional Service-Sanctuary

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



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December 08, 2024

8:30 AM

## EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar



The ANGEL TREE is set up in Criswell Hall! The gifts are due no later than 12/18/24 by noon. They can be brought to the tree or to the church office with prior notice.

### Tuesday, December 24, 7:00 PM Christmas Eve



Join us to sing carols, hear the original Christmas story and worship by candlelight. Let us come together on this special night to celebrate the birth of the Christ child.

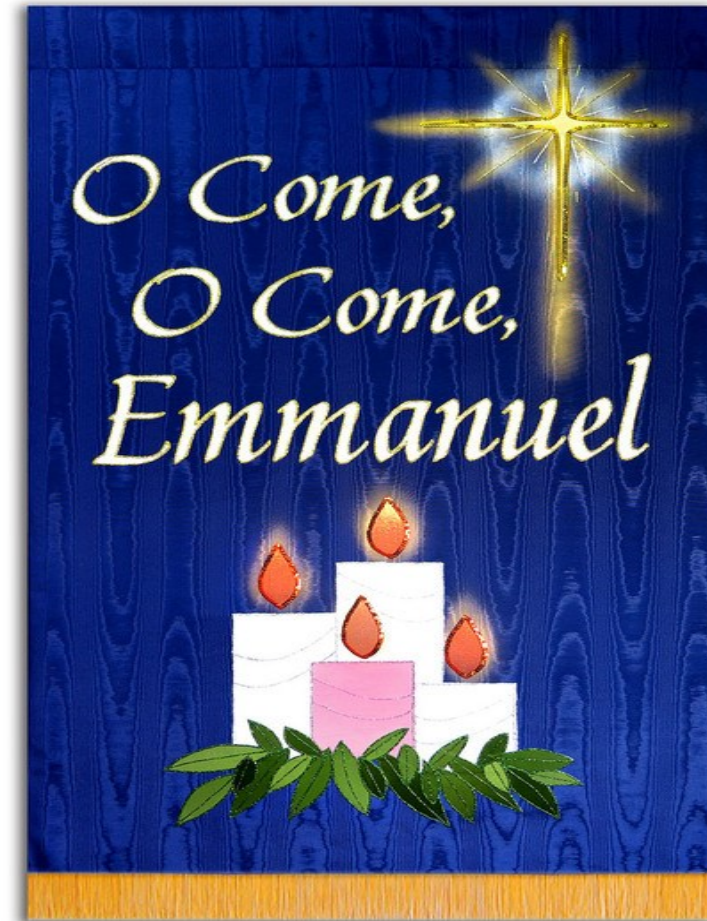
### AGUM CHILDREN'S CENTER CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, Thursday, Dec. 12, 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary, followed by a social in Criswell Hall.

Don't miss this festive performance by the children!



Altar Flowers

For information on flower dedications and ordering altar flowers, please contact the church office.



December 08, 2024

8:30 AM

Today's Scripture

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Advent

Prepare the way of the lord,  
make his paths straight.

OPENING PRAISE

All Hail King Jesus

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONGS

All the Heavens  
O Come O Come Emmanuel  
Prince of Peace

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ILLUMINATION

Jesus Be the Center

SCRIPTURE

Malachi 3:1-4  
Luke 3:1-6

SERMON

A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS:  
Faith Prepares

Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

COMMUNION

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

FINAL BLESSING

King of Kings

CLOSING

He Came Down

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

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight--indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness.

Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Today's Liturgist: Joel Anderson

ATTENDANCE						GIVING
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
11/10	37	49	86	16	102	\$ 4,579
11/17	59	78	137	34	171	\$ 2,214
11/24	37	48	85	14	99	\$ 2,040
12/01	30	50	80	15	95	\$ 9,553
Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,321						
STEWARDSHIP REPORT:						
YTD Received \$ 132,543 YTD Budgeted \$ 137,032						
Thanksgiving Received \$1,533 Thanksgiving Budgeted \$3,500						

**HOSPITALITY TIME**

**Today's Hosts:**

**ENDOWMENT/ELT**

**Next Sunday  
December 15**

**TRUSTEES**