

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Water, River, Spirit, Grace* TFWS #2253  
 Prayer/Lord's Prayer  
 Choral Response *Water, River, Spirit, Grace* TFWS #2253

CHORAL ANTHEM *The Lord Came Down to the River*

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 43:1-7 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

HYMN (*remain seated*) *You Are Mine* TFWS #2218

SERMON A SACRED TREASURE Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission  
 Offertory *Down to the River to Pray* Traditional/arr. Mark Hayes  
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INVITATION TO REAFFIRM OUR BAPTISMAL COVENANT

The voice of God calls us to the waters of baptism.  
 The voice of Christ calls us to be reborn in the Spirit.  
 The voice of Spirit calls us to remember our baptism.  
**With gratitude we come to reaffirm our baptismal covenant.**

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\*HYMN *Go, Make of All Disciples* No. 571

\*BENEDICTION

The voice of God sends us forth,  
**renewed and made whole.**  
 Blessed by water and the Holy Spirit  
**We go forth as a blessing to all.**

CHORAL RESPONSE *Irish Blessing*

POSTLUDE *Alla Maestoso*

\* Please stand as able.

Music Director: Julia Burns Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler Organ: Brad Bettencourt

Today's Scripture

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you: I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far


away and my daughters from the end of the earth--- everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came

Today's Liturgist: Nancy St. Laurent



Please join us for a Retirement Celebration for Frances Robertson after both worship services today!

| ATTENDANCE |      |       |           |       |       | GIVING    |
|------------|------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-----------|
| WEEK       | 8:30 | 10:30 | IN-PERSON | VIDEO | TOTAL |           |
| 12/15      | 40   | 71    | 111       | 28    | 139   | \$ 25,175 |
| 12/22      | 46   | 61    | 107       | 33    | 140   | \$ 12,975 |
| 12/29      | 37   | 47    | 84        | 17    | 101   | \$ 1,080  |
| 01/05      | 40   | 56    | 96        | 10    | 106   | \$ 9,464  |

Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,321

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT:**

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**Christmas Offering Received: \$5,397 Christmas Budget: \$8,500**

HOSPITALITY TIME

Today's Hosts:

MEMBERSHIP CARE COMMITTEE

Next Sunday Jan. 19

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE



# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



**First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande**  
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January 12, 2025

10:30 AM

|            |               |   |
|------------|---------------|---|
| <b>Mon</b> | <b>Jan 13</b> | 6:00 PM Gerry's Quilt Class-Criswell Hall.  |
| <b>Tue</b> | <b>Jan 14</b> | 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga-CH, 1:00 PM Finance Meeting-Library, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR.   |
| <b>Wed</b> | <b>Jan 15</b> | 10:00 PM Church Work Morning-CH, 2:00 PM Church Council-MMR.  |
| <b>Thu</b> | <b>Jan 16</b> | 9:00 AM Senior Exercise, CH, 10:30 PM Staff Parish-PS, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga-Criswell Hall, 4:00 PM Children's Center Board-MMR, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-Handbell Room, 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary. |
| <b>Fri</b> | <b>Jan 17</b> | 10:30 AM UWF Book Club-Library.   |
| <b>Sat</b> | <b>Jan 18</b> | 5 - 7 PM UWF Bingo, Pizza, Prizes-Criswell Hall.  |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>Jan 19</b> | 8:30 AM Contemporary Service-Sanctuary.<br>10:30 AM Traditional Service-Sanctuary.  |

### Abbreviaton Legend

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



Donations through UMC  
for Southern California Fire Relief:  
Make checks payable to the  
church. Write FIRE on the memo  
line or on the envelope.

**Saturday, January 25,**  
**11 AM** Fellowship Ministry visit  
to the Piedras Blancas elephant  
seals in Cambria.  
Depart at 10 AM to carpool from  
the church. Sign up in the Narthex.



**Saturday, January 18, 5-7 PM**  
UWF Bingo, Pizza, Prizes-\$20-CH



**Sunday February 9**  
after second service  
Superbowl  
Chili takeout

**\$20 serves 2**

To order altar  
flowers to  
honor a  
special event,  
please contact  
the church  
office.



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*When the Spirit descended upon Jesus at His baptism,  
a voice revealed Him as a gift from the heart of God.  
Keep us, disciples of the Way, faithful to the path of light  
and power made visible in Jesus that we, too,  
may incarnate the love of our Creator. Amen.*

PRELUDE *By the Gentle Waters* Cindy Berry

INTROIT *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* No. 334

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Why have you come here?

**We seek the cleansing waters of baptism.**

What do you hope to find?

**We seek God's forgiveness and grace.**

Will you embrace the renewing fire of the Holy Spirit?

**Yes! Our hearts are ready to be born anew.**

\*OPENING HYMN *When Jesus Came to Jordan* No. 252

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS.

OPENING PRAYER

**Holy Spirit, loving God,  
speak to us with your voice of love.  
Inspire us with your creative power.  
Call us once more as this new year begins,  
and refresh us with your renewing presence.  
Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell