

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
COMMERCE, TEXAS
December 11, 2022**

Welcome to First UMC Commerce!

CONNECT

Prelude "Prelude on Three French Noels" A. Guilman
 Enter with Acolytes The Stark Family
 Choral Call to Worship "Surely the Presence of the Lord" UMH 328
 Welcome Pastor Cheryl
 * Hymn "Joy to the World" UMH 246

[You are invited to sign our attendance register. Fill out your contact information to receive emails about activities going on in the church.]

* Words of Worship

One: Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit,
All: Alight within us your flame of joy this day.
One: Grant us openness to hear your message.
**All: Grant us courage to be your messengers in the world,
 Creating more joy in the midst of the fear.**

GROW

* Hymn "Away in a Manger" UMH 217
 Children's Place Pastor Cheryl
 Scripture *Flying in the Face of Fear: Joy* Gabriella & Co.
 Based on Matthew 1:18-25
 Message **Not Your Average Joe** Pastor Cheryl
 Anthem "One Small Child" Meece
 Prayers Pastor Cheryl
 The Lord's Prayer
 Anthem "Comfort Ye/Every Valley" G. F. Handel
 Austin Hutson, soloist
 Offertory "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" J. Burkett
 * Doxology
 * Closing Hymn "Angels from the Realms of Glory" UMH 220

SERVE

Opportunities to Serve
 * Sending Forth Pastor Cheryl
 * Choral Benediction "God Be With You"
 Postlude "Postlude on 'Joy to the World'" P. Stearns

**You are invited to stand.*

Worship Leaders

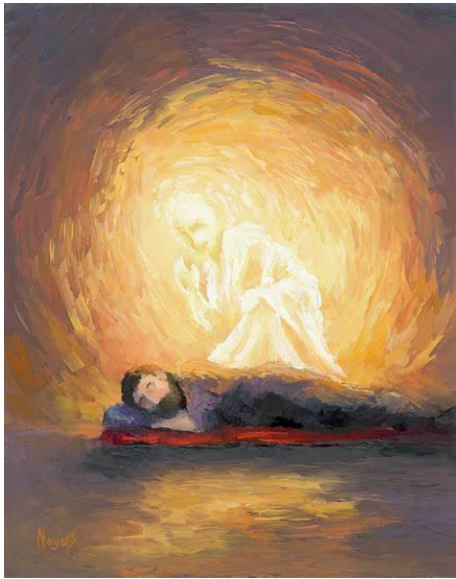
*Rev. Cheryl Murray, Pastor
 Gene Lockhart, Choir Director
 Dr. John Burkett, Organist
 John Mark Dempsey, Sound Tech
 Claire Floyd, Video Tech*

Prayer List

- Family of Cody Hendrix
- Tom Bailey
- Sam Elwell
- Pete and Ann Chamberlain
- Linda Walker Maples
- Brenda Newman
- Judy Chapman (Pastor Cheryl's sister)
- Carlos Rickman (M.D. Anderson Hospital)
- Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
- Bill Heitholt
- Janet & Jim Payne, sister of Becky Coker
- Manuel Henderson
- Georgia Gholston
- Melanie Cortea
- Judy Cortea
- Preston Helton (Jan & Jeff Helton's grandson)

Our December Mission of the Month is Operación Abrigo. Every dollar bill dropped in the collection plate (or check with "Operación Abrigo" in the memo line) will benefit this mission. You can also "Give Online" on the website by selecting Mission of the Month.

Children's Sunday School meets during worship after Children's Place in the Family Ministry Center. Children ages 4-8 are invited to attend Sunday School.



Upcoming Activities

- December 12-Men's Breakfast Group at Omega's at 8am
- December 12-Prayer Shawl at 9:30am
- December 13- Exercise class at 10am
- December 13-Women's Study Group at 5:15pm
- December 13-Trustees at 6:30pm
- December 13-Foundation at 6:30pm
- December 14-Oak Manor worship at 10am, Little Ark Chapel at 11am, Country Home Estates worship at 2pm
- December 14-Choir Rehearsal at 7pm
- December 16 -Exercise class at 10am
- December 16-Parent's Night Out 6-9pm
- Contact Pastor Cheryl at 940-613-5375 or by email at CherylMurray2020@outlook.com

Ministers

Pastor
Church Administrator
Communications Director
Children's Director
Youth Director
Little Ark Director
Choir Director
Organist
Custodians

All Members of the Congregation

Rev. Cheryl Murray
Mariann Andrews
Sharon Duncan
Amy Stark
Ashlyn Woods
Jennifer Knight
Gene Lockhart
Dr. John Burkett
Sandra & Fernando Medrano



3rd Sunday of Advent



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10:00am Sanctuary