

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
COMMERCE, TEXAS
December 17, 2023**

Welcome to First UMC Commerce!

We Gather

Prelude "The Christmas Piper of County Clare" H. Gaul
 Enter with Acolytes Wyatt Bourcy
 Choral Call to Worship "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
 Announcements Rev. Cheryl Murray, Pastor
[You are invited to sign our attendance register. Fill out your contact information to receive emails about activities going on in the church.]

We Praise

Words of Worship Psalm 126:1-3
 * Carol "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" UMH 240
 * Advent Candle

In God's house, there is hope –
 For God loves us too much to leave us just as we are.

Light the candle of hope.

In God's house, there is peace –
 For all that separates us from God falls away.

Light the candle of peace.

In God's house, there is joy –
 Because God created music, and coffee, and dance floors, and laughter that is contagious, and endless rounds of peek-a-boos with babies; and if those things have God's fingerprints, then God's house surely exudes joy.

Light the candle of joy.

* Carol "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" UMH 224
 * Passing the Peace Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

We Proclaim

M&M Children's Choir
Away in a Manger, The Little Drummer Boy
 Children's Moment Meagan Jones
 Scripture Luke 1:41-55
 Solo "Sweet Little Jesus Boy"
 Lynzie Van Fleet, Soloist
 Message **The Joy of Home** Pastor Cheryl

We Respond

Call to Prayer "Hear, O Lord"
 Prayers of the People
 The Lord's Prayer
 Anthem "No Room" L. Nickel
 Invitation to Generosity
 Offertory "I Wonder as I Wander" (American Carol) J. J. Niles
 * Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

We Go Forth

* Closing Hymn "Joy to the World" UMH 246
 (vss. 1-2)
 * Sending Forth Pastor Cheryl
 * Choral Benediction "Three Fold Amen"
 Postlude "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" W. S. Lloyd Webber
 *You are invited to stand.



You are invited to share Christmas cookies in the Gathering Area immediately after worship.



Worship Leaders

Cheryl Murray, Pastor
 Gene Lockhart, Choir Director
 John Burkett, Organist
 Dennis Anderson, Sound Tech
 Claire Floyd, Video Tech

Our December Mission of the Month is Operacion Abrigo. Every dollar bill dropped in the collection plate (or check with "Operacion Abrigo" in the memo line) will benefit this mission. Scan the QR code to give online and select Mission of the Month.



Children's Sunday School meets in the Family Ministry Center right after the Children's Moment during worship. The Friendship Class meets in the Friendship Classroom after worship. Everyone is invited.

Upcoming Activities

- December 19-Men's Breakfast group meets at Texas Diner Café at 8am
- December 20-Country Home Estates Worship at 2pm
- December 20-Choir Rehearsal at 7pm
- December 21-Prayer Shawl Crafting at 9:30am
- Church offices will be closed December 25-27

Ministers
Pastor
Office & Communications
Financial Secretary
Children/Youth Director
Children's Music Director
Little Ark Director
Choir Director
Organist
Custodians

All Members of the Congregation
Rev. Cheryl Murray
Sharon Duncan
Mariann Andrews
Ashlyn Woods
Meagan Jones
Jennifer Knight
Gene Lockhart
Dr. John Burkett
Sandra & Fernanda Medrano



First United Methodist Church

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**December 17, 2023
10:00am Sanctuary**



Prayer List

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- Carlos Rickman
- Jack McDaniel
- Mary Lambert Smith
- Mike Pebbles
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- Eliana Rodrigues
- Sgt. Kyle Ray Capps
- Don Daffron
- Bob Clark
- Kerry Clark
- Clarence Jensen
- Jack Kelly, Jill Grove's father
- Vance Underhill
- Glenda Helton
- Joe Milligan
- Rob Lee
- Rita Thompson
- Suzanne Kizer Carter
- Priscilla McFarland
- Michael Vickers, Ginny Haight's father
- Jack Gray
- Richard Stapleton, Al Stapleton's brother
- Tom Bailey
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