

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
COMMERCE, TEXAS  
December 18, 2022

Welcome to First UMC Commerce!

CONNECT

Prelude	“Noel”	T. Dubois
Enter with Acolytes		The Bourcy Family
Choral Call to Worship	“Surely the Presence of the Lord”	UMH 328
Welcome		Pastor Cheryl
* Hymn	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	UMH 238

[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 love this day.**  
*One: Grant us openness to hear your message.*  
**All: Grant us courage to be your messengers in the world,  
Creating more love in the midst of fear.**

GROW

* Hymns	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	UMH 230
	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	UMH 240
Children’s Place		Rev. Dr. Rita Sims
Scripture	Luke 2:1-20	The Message
Anthem	“Goin’ to Bethlehem”	Althouse
Message	<b>The Shepherds</b>	Pastor Cheryl
Prayers		Pastor Cheryl
The Lord’s Prayer		
Anthem	“O Holy Night”	arr. Christopher
Offertory	“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”	S. Calderone
* Doxology		
* Closing Hymn	“The First Noel”	UMH 245

SERVE

Opportunities to Serve		
* Sending Forth		Pastor Cheryl
* Choral Benediction	“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”	P. Lutkin
Postlude	“Good King Wenceslas”	W. S. Lloyd Webber

\*You are invited to stand.

Worship Leaders

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

Prayer List

- Family of Marcus Wilson
- Tom Bailey
- Sam Elwell
- Pete and Ann Chamberlain
- 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 19-Men's Breakfast Group at Omega's at 8am
- December 21-Oak Manor worship at 10am, Little Ark Chapel at 11am, Country Home Estates worship at 2pm
- December 22, 23, 26-Church Offices closed
- December 24-Christmas Eve service at 7pm\*\*
- December 25-*Merry Christmas!* Christmas Morning service at 10am in the Family Ministry Center\*\*
- Contact Pastor Cheryl at 940-613-5375 or by email at [CherylMurray2020@outlook.com](mailto:CherylMurray2020@outlook.com)

\*\*Nursery is not available on December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent



### First United Methodist Church

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10:00am Sanctuary