

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
COMMERCE, TEXAS  
December 24, 2022**

**Welcome to First UMC Commerce!**

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Prelude “Improvisation on ‘God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen’” M. J. Roberts

Enter with Acolytes The Bourcy Family

Lighting of Advent and Christ Candles

\* Words of Worship

*One: Sing to the Lord a new song.*

**All: Joy to the world!**

*One: Tell everyone about God’s amazing Miracle!*

**All: Joy to the world!**

**A child has been born who is the Prince of Peace!**

**Joy to the world!**

**The light of God’s love shines throughout the universe!**

**Joy to the world!**

\* Hymn “Joy to the World” UMH 246

Christmas Pageant – see insert

Hymns “Oh Come All Ye Faithful” UMH 234  
(vss. 1, 3, 6)

“Away In a Manger” UMH 217

Message Nativity Story Pastor Cheryl

Solo “O Holy Night” Alex Murray

Offertory “Good Christian Men Rejoice” J. S. Bach

Invitation to Christ’s Table Pastor Cheryl

Holy Communion

Prayer after Receiving

\* Candlelight Dismissal “Silent Night, Holy Night” UMH 239

\* Sending Forth Pastor Cheryl

You are invited to leave the Sanctuary quietly after the Sending Forth.

*\*You are invited to stand.*

**Worship Leaders**

*Rev. Cheryl Murray, Pastor*

*Dr. John Burkett, Organist*

*John Mark Dempsey, 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. Nursery is not open December 24, 25 or January 1.**



### Upcoming Activities

- December 25-*Merry Christmas!* Christmas Morning service at 10am in the Family Ministry Center\*\*
- December 26-Church office closed
- December 28-Oak Manor worship at 10am, Little Ark Chapel at 11am, Country Home Estates worship at 2pm
- December 28-Women's Study Group at 5:15pm
- December 30-Church office closed
- Contact Pastor Cheryl at 940-613-5375 or by email at [CherylMurray2020@outlook.com](mailto:CherylMurray2020@outlook.com)

\*\*Nursery is not available on December 25<sup>th</sup> or January 1.

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



## Christmas Eve Service



### First United Methodist Church

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December 24, 2022  
 7:00pm Sanctuary