

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
COMMERCE, TEXAS
December 24, 2023**

Welcome to First UMC Commerce!

We Gather

Prelude "Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel'" A. Carter
 Enter with Acolytes Daniel Stark
 Choral Call to Worship "Hail the Power"
 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

Advent Candles & Christ Candle
 We pray for those who do not have love
 For God is love.
Light the candle of love.
 * Carol "Angels from the Realms of Glory" (vss. 1&2) UMH 220
 * Christ Candle Isaiah 9:2-8 (Excerpts – CEB)
 Leader: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
People: On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned.
 Leader: A child is born to us, a son is given to us, and authority will be on his shoulders.
People: He will be named Wonderful Counselor, the Strength of God, Eternal Protector, Champion of Peace
 Leader: We light the Christ candle that everyone may see Jesus is the Light of the World.
 * Carol "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" (vss. 1&3) UMH 218
 * Passing the Peace Peace be with you. **And also with you.**
 * Carol "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" UMH 251

We Proclaim

Children's Moment Pastor Cheryl
 * Carol "Away In a Manger" (vss. 1&3) UMH 217
 Gospel Reading Luke 2:1-14 Carolyn Trezevant
 * Anthem "Goin' to Bethlehem" J. Althouse
 Message **Home for Christmas** Pastor Cheryl
 2 Samuel 7:1-3

We Respond

Call to Prayer "Almighty Father"
 Invitation to Generosity
 Offertory "Good Christian Men Rejoice" J. M. Bach
 Invitation to Christ's Table
 Confession/Words of Assurance
 The Great Thanksgiving for Christmas Eve
 Holy Communion "Oh Holy Night" Alex Murray, Soloist
 Prayer After Receiving

We Go Forth

* Candlelight Carol "Silent Night, Holy Night" UMH 239
 * Sending Forth Pastor Cheryl
 * Choral Benediction "Go Now and Live"
 Postlude "Come Christian Folk Your Joy Be Spoke" J. C. Oley
 *You are invited to stand.

Worship Leaders

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

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.

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.



Upcoming Activities

- December 25- *Merry Christmas!*
- December 26-27-Church offices closed
- December 27-Choir Rehearsal
- December 28-Prayer Shawl Crafting at 9:30am

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

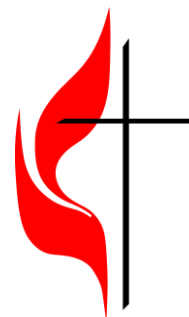
All Members of the Congregation
Rev. Cheryl Murray
Sharon Duncan
Mariann Andrews
Ashlyn Woods
Meagan Jones
Jennifer Knight
Gene Lockhart
Dr. John Burkett
Sandra & Fernanda Medrano



Christmas Eve

First United Methodist Church

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December 24, 2023
10:00am Sanctuary



Prayer List

- All who are affected by the war in Israel
- Family of Peggy Cain
- Carlos Rickman
- Jack McDaniel
- Mike Pebbles
- Mike Smith
- 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
- Pete and Ann Chamberlain
- Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
- Bill Heitholt
- Janet & Jim Payne, family of Becky Coker
- Manuel Harrison
- Georgia Gholston
- Melanie Cortea
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