FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COMMERCE, TEXAS December 3, 2023

Welcome to First UMC Commerce!

We Gather

Prelude "This Day of Celebration" (French Noel) L. C. Daquin Enter with Acolytes Daniel Stark Call to Worship "An Advent Invitation"

Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Cheryl Murray, Pastor Mission Moment Operacion Abrigo Judy Rudoff [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

* Carol "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus" UMH 196 * Advent Candle Candle of Hope The Bourcy Family * Carol "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (vss. 1 & 4) UMH 211

* Pass the Peace Peace be with you. And also with you.

We Proclaim

Children's Message Pastor Cheryl Hebrew Scripture Psalm 80:1-2

Shepherd of Israel, hear us, You who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned on the cherubim, shine out!

Shine out before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manesseh!

Awaken your power and come to save us!

O God, return to us – let your face smile on us

And we will be saved!

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 1:4-7
Anthem "Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?" R. Lau

Caracl Booking Mark 13:24-27

Gospel Reading Mark 13:24-37

Message Time to Head Home Pastor Cheryl

We Respond

Confession Words of Assurance Invitation to Generosity Offertory "The Holly and the Ivy" W. S. Lloyd Webber
* Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

Invitation to Christ's Table

The Great Thanksgiving for Advent

Holy Communion

Prayer After Receiving

We Go Forth

* Closing Hymn "Soon and Very Soon UMH 706

* Sending Forth Pastor Cheryl

* Choral Benediction "God Be With You"

Postlude "Lord Christ, God's Only Son" J. S. Bach

*You are invited to stand.

Prayer List

All who are affected by the war in Israel

Mary Lambert Smith

• The family of Hilario De Leon •

Mike Pebbles

• The family of Michael Sandel

• Mike Smith

• Dale Massey

• The family of Jim Eschle

• Sgt. Kyle Ray Capps

Don Daffron

Bob Clark

Kerry Clark

Hollis Finton

• Clarence Jensen

Iliana Rodrigues

• 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 Corteal

Judy Corteal

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.

There are still angels on the Angel Tree waiting to be chosen! The deadline for Angel Tree gifts is December 10th. Gifts should be wrapped and ready for giving. You are welcome to drop off gifts in the office during the week. Contact Tricia Dempsey at 903-366-1055 for further information.

Upcoming Activities

- December 3-Men's Breakfast group meets at Texas Diner Café at 8am
- December 6-Little Ark Chapel at 11am
- December 6-Country Home Estates Worship at 2pm
- December 6-Choir Rehearsal at 7pm
- December 7-Serve meets at 10:30am
- December 7-First Thursday Luncheon meets at noon
- December 7-M&M from 3:45-5:30pm
- December 9-Youth-sponsored Parent Night Out event from 6-9pm

Ministers All Members of the Congregation Rev. Cheryl Murray **Pastor** Office & Communications Sharon Duncan Financial Secretary Mariann Andrews Children/Youth Director Ashlyn Woods Children's Music Director Meagan Jones Little Ark Director Jennifer Knight Choir Director Gene Lockhart Dr. John Burkett Organist Custodians Sandra & Fernanda Medrano



First Sunday of Advent

First United Methodist Church

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December 3, 2023 10:00am Sanctuary