

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
COMMERCE, TEXAS  
December 4, 2022**

**Welcome to First UMC Commerce!**

**CONNECT**

Prelude	<i>“Fantaisie on Two Noels”</i>	J. Bonnet
Enter with Acolytes		Chance Webster
Choral Call to Worship	<i>“Surely the Presence of the Lord”</i>	UMH 328
Welcome		Pastor Cheryl
* Hymn	<i>“O Come All Ye Faithful”</i> (verses 1 & 3)	UMH 234

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

**GROW**

* Hymn	<i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i> (verses 1-3, 6)	UMH 211
Children’s Place		Amy Stark
Scripture	<i>Flying in the Face of Fear: Peace</i> Based on Luke 1:26-56	Gabriella & Co.
Message	<b>Great Expectations</b>	Pastor Cheryl
Anthem	<i>“Once in Royal David’s City”</i>	J. Beck
Offertory	<i>“Offertory on the Sussex Carol”</i>	R. Schultz-Widmar
Invitation to Christ’s Table/Confession/Words of Assurance		
The Great Thanksgiving		
The Lord’s Prayer		
Holy Communion		
Anthem	<i>Emmanuel Is Coming!</i>	D. Resig
Prayer After Receiving		Pastor Cheryl

**SERVE**

Opportunities to Serve		
Closing Hymn	<i>“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”</i>	UMH 218

* Sending Forth		Pastor Cheryl
* Choral Benediction	<i>“God Be With You”</i>	
Postlude	<i>“O Thou of God the Father”</i>	J. Pachelbel

*\*You are invited to stand.*

**Worship Leaders**

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



Altar flowers are given in memory of Euple and Deward Walker by their children.

**Prayer List**

- Family of Cody Hendrix
- Tom Bailey
- Sam Elwell
- Brenda Newman
- Pete and Ann Chamberlain
- Linda Walker Maples
- Melanie Cortea
- Judy Cortea
- Georgia Gholston
- Manuel Henderson
- Judy Chapman (Pastor Cheryl’s sister)
- Carlos Rickman (M.D. Anderson Hospital)
- Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
- Janet & Jim Payne, sister of Becky Coker
- Bill Heitholt
- 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 5-Men's Breakfast Group at Omega's at 8am
- December 6- Exercise class at 10am
- December 6-Women's Study Group at 5:15pm
- December 7-Oak Manor worship at 10am, Little Ark Chapel at 11am, Country Home Estates worship at 2pm
- December 7-Choir Rehearsal at 7pm
- December 9 -Exercise class at 10am
- December 11-Retirement Reception for Mary Lou Heatherly at 9:30 before worship
- Contact Pastor Cheryl at 940-613-5375 or by email at CherylMurray2020@outlook.com

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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



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent



### First United Methodist Church

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December 4, 2022  
10:00am Sanctuary