

\*\*\* For those who wish to receive it, Communion will be served by  
Rev. Bill Nagle in the first room on the left, down the hallway to the left. \*\*\*

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Everyone is invited to join us in our **Fellowship Time** for coffee and refreshments, hosted by **Bill & Dee Nagle** today.

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**Thank You to Our Worship Contributors:**

Guestbook Greeter: **Florence Wolfe**

Stone Ministry Graphics: **Sherry Turner**

Sound System: **Andrew Wolfe & Larry Elwood**

Worship Space Setup & Ushers: **Archie Aitcheson, Virginia Jacobsen, Anne Crutchfield, Elsie Idle, the Wolfe family, Bob & Carol Wyatt**

There are many opportunities for each of us to be a part of worship experience at United Church of the Valley! **Sign your name on the board** at the entrance.

*Helpers are needed to put away worship materials following our coffee fellowship.*

Bridge Pastor: **Brian Foxworth** Director of Music Ministries – **Lynne Bradley**  
Administrative Secretary - **Beth Elwood** Accompanist– **Susan Miyamoto**

**MISSIONS AND OUTREACH**

**Thanks to all who brought offerings for the Food Pantry this morning**

*You are challenged to give \$1 each week (a wooden box is on the back table for your gifts).  
Due to increased needs, donations of non-perishable food are also welcome EVERY Sunday.*

**Thank you to everyone who brought offerings for the Birthday Bank, cans and bottles for our youth recycling program and loose coin offerings this morning**

**PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:**

*Norman Alexander, Lowana Benedict, Sue Chiofalo and Family, John Cotton, Teri Crutchfield, Mary Debus, David & Connie French and family, Russell Greer, Myrtle Johnson, Pat Joseph, Elijah Levinsky, Kevin Mather, Tom Milstead, Rita Park, Erin Park, Frank Read, Steve Roper, Bonnie Thomas, Michael Turner, Michael Trevor, Fran Wetzler, Jan Winget, Valerie Woodall, the community of Chacraseca, and our church*

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Thank you for your gifts to support the ministries of United Church of the Valley!

**Jamie Barnett has declared this day as “Relish Sunday” –**

**In case you would like to add a little something extra to last week’s “Catch-Up” to close the gap in our anticipated income for 2009**

**BIBLE LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sir 24:1-12 Psalm 147:12-20 or Solomon 10:15-21

Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:(1-9), 10-18

**Wed., Jan. 6 (Epiphany)** Isaiah 60: 1-6 Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3: 1-12 Matthew 2: 1-12

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Welcome to:

**United Church of the Valley**

*A United Church of Christ and Disciples of Christ Congregation*



*An Open & Affirming congregation...called to continue the work of Jesus Christ..., seeking ways to love and understand all people...establishing the ways of peace, hope, healing and justice...*

**Continuing the Journey...**

**December 27, 2009 First Sunday after Christmas 10 a.m.**

*Please enter your prayer requests in our Prayer Book in the back of the sanctuary.  
Requests will be lifted during the service.*

Hymnals are available for those who wish to use them. Ask an usher.

*\* Indicates to please stand as you are able*

Announcements **Larry Elwood, Moderator**

Prelude **What Child is This Donna Richards**

**We Three Kings Larry Elwood**

Bell Toll *(summoning awareness of the Spirit of God in our presence)*

Introit *(seated)* **O Come, All You Faithful** *(chorus only)*

**O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,**

**O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

Welcome and Good News **Pastor Brian Foxworth**

\*Opening Hymn **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing** Pg 144

**Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinner reconciled!”  
Joyful, all you saints arise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angel host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born King!”**

**3) Hail the Bearer of God’s peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness,  
Light and life our Savior brings, risen with radiant, healing wings.  
Mildly laying glory by, born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us all from earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born King!”**

Prayer: **Archie Aitcheson, Stephen Minister**  
**One:** *Gracious God, You call us to a new life; try out a new wardrobe; put on the garments of the Kingdom.*

**All:** **Dress us with the threads of compassion so we show tenderness to those who have felt the roughness; demonstrate leniency where no grace has been.**

**One:** *Put on us cloaks of kindness that we care for the deserted, the lonely who feel only harshness, gather the disowned from the cold into the arms of loving warmth.*

**All:** May we forgive as we are forgiven; pardon those who injure us; seeking pardon from those we offend.

One: Help us to love as we are loved; show compassion where hatred is sown; give sympathy to those who mourn.

**All:** May we keep the peace of Christ; staying the urge of victory through war; promoting justice through non-violence.

One: Help us to be ever thankful; satisfied with showers of blessings; grateful for raindrops of mercy.

**All:** Amen.

Prayer Response *The Lord is My Light* -Taizé

**The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:  
In God I trust, in God I trust.**

New Member Reception

*Today we welcome Sue Berry; Kym Gardner;*

**Russ Knight & Jeff Goodwin** (and daughter **Kennedy Goodwin-Knight**)  
*into the ministry and fellowship of United Church of the Valley*

Congregational Response:

**We welcome and embrace you into the Ministry and  
Fellowship of the United Church of the Valley.**

*Blessed Be the Tie That Binds* Pg 393

**Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The sharing of a common life is like to that above.**

Sharing of God's Peace

Children's Conversation

*During the following song, children are invited to go to Sunday School  
with Dennis & Allison Wolfe and our youth helpers*

*Those who celebrated a birthday in December are invited to come forward and put  
a thank offering in the Birthday Bank during the song. Bird House Bank or  
loose coin offerings may also be brought forward at this time.*

\*Hymn *What Child is This* GREENSLEEVES Pg 148

**What child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this, the angels sing, is Christ, God's holy offering;  
Haste, haste your praise to bring the babe, the child of Mary!**

**2) Why lies the Child in manger bare where ox and ass are feeding?  
Give heed, draw near; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the child of Mary!**

**3) Bring gifts of incense, gold and myrrh; come, join in jubilation;**

**The Holy Child, though meek and mild,  
has come with God's salvation.**

**Raise, raise the song on high, the mother sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the child of Mary**

Scripture Reading **Matthew 1:18 - 2:6**

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer & The Prayer of Our Savior

*(We pray in unison and yet individually to the God that gives us comfort. Please feel  
free to pray any form of the Lord's Prayer which connects you to your Creator)*

**Our Beloved, who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom  
come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our  
daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And  
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Yours is the  
kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Prayer Response (*sung by all*):

**I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens, down at your feet.  
And anytime, that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.**

Our Gifts and Offerings

Offertory *Mary Had a Baby* Marissa Yzaguirre

\*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God for all that love has done. Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Carry the Light/Closing Hymn *On This Day Earth Shall Ring*

**On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing to the Lord,  
Christ our King, Born on earth to save us: Christ, Creator gave us.**

*REFRAIN: Ideo-o-o, Ideo-o-o, Ideo, Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

- 2) **His the doom, ours the mirth, when he came down to earth,  
Bethlehem saw his birth; Ox and ass beside him,  
from the cold would hide him.... (Refrain)**
- 4) **God's bright star, o'er his head, Wise men three to him led,  
Kneeling low by his bed, lay their gifts before him,  
Praise him and adore him....(Refrain)**
- 5) **On this day angels sing: with their song earth shall ring,  
Praising Christ, Heaven's King, born on earth to save us.  
Peace and love he gave us....(Refrain)**

\*Invitation & Benediction

\*Alleluia (Please form a circle and sing ALLELUIA)

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\* Please stand as you are able.

**THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES... Mark Your Calendar!**

*Unless noted, events take place at our activity center: **The Community House**,  
24973 Washington Ave in Historic Downtown Murrieta (across from the Post Office)*

- TODAY:** 10:00 am Sunday Worship & Sunday School (*Shivela*)
- 11:30 am Lunch Bunch - **La Cresta Mexican Restaurant**  
(23865 Clinton Keith, Wildomar)
- 7:30 pm Sunday Evening AA
- MON-FRI** 7:00 am Morning AA (*Closed Mtg*)
- TUESDAY** 9:30 am Bible Study – “Countering Pharaoh”
- WEDNESDAY** 7:00 pm AA Men
- FRIDAY** **Happy New Year to all!**
- SATURDAY** 8:00 am AA STEP Program
- NEXT SUNDAY** 10:00 am Worship Service & Sunday School (*at Shivela*)
- (January 3)** 12 noon Foxworth Recognition Luncheon (*Anthony's*)
- 7:30 pm Sunday Evening AA



Be sure to check the boxes at the back of the sanctuary. There may a greeting card for you.

**UCV CHURCH COUNCIL**

Larry Elwood (*Moderator*), Mark Kane (*Vice Moderator*), Sherry Turner (*Treasurer*),  
Debbie Hudson (*Clerk*), Archie Aitcheson, Jamie Barnett, Anne Crutchfield,  
Beth Elwood, Kathy Linsley, Jesse Thomas, Corina Wolfe, Dennis Wolfe

**Pastoral Relations:** Archie Aitcheson, Bill Nagle, Kerry Keester-Wellman

**United Church of the Valley**

*We believe that we are called to continue the work of Jesus in this world through teaching and preaching the love of God, seeking ways to love and understand all people and establishing the ways of peace, hope, healing and justice. Our faith is progressive in accomplishing these tasks in cooperation with any and all who seek the same goals for this world.*

We, the congregation of United Church of the Valley, Murrieta, declare ourselves to be Open and Affirming. As such, we strive to be a congregation that welcomes all persons, regardless of age; mental and physical health and ability; racial, ethnic, and cultural identity or background; economic, educational, and social status; sexual orientation, gender identity and its expression; marital status and family structure; or faith background.

We welcome all to share in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, stewardship, responsibilities, blessings and joys of our congregation's life in Christ