



**United Church of the Valley
Order of Worship**



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



*** * * Order of Worship * * ***

Announcements

Larry Elwood, Moderator

Prelude

Holiday Music

Allison Wolfe, Flute

He Is Born

Good King Wenceslaus

Tintinnabulators, Lynne Bradley directing

Bell Toll

(summoning awareness of the Spirit of God in our presence)

Introit *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!* UCV Choir & Congregation

Lighting of the Advent Candles

The Tawagon Family

Teo, Joy, Wil, Cara

Unison response:

Loving God, we open ourselves to you, trusting that this is how you made us: you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

Ukrainian Bell Carol

Tintinnabulators, Lynne Bradley directing

Welcome

Lynne Bradley

*Advent Hymn

The First Nowell

Pg 139

(Bells should be rung during the refrain)

**The first Nowell, the angel did say,
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

Refrain: Nowell (4 times), born in the manger, Emmanuel

2) They looked above and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night...

4) This star shone bright in the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it seemed to rest,
And there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay...

Prayer: (*unison*)

Pastor Brian Foxworth

O God of the exiles and the lost, you promise restoration and wholeness through the power of Jesus Christ. Give us faith to live joyfully, sustained by your promises as we eagerly await the day when they will be fulfilled for all the world to see, through the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ. 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.**

Special Music

Good King Wenceslaus

Joyful Ringers

Rose Dunlop, piano Nicolas Leañes, clarinet
Ruth Dunlop, Jacqueline Leañes

Sharing of God's Peace & Children's Conversation

During the following hymn, we invite all children to go to Sunday School to prepare their Christmas program with Dennis & Allison Wolfe & helpers

*Hymn

Joy to the World

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

3) **He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, and wonders, and wonders of His love.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 3:7-18

Sermon

Brian Foxworth

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 that 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.**

Sing & Ring Medley of Carols (*See Carol sheet*)

Mission Moment

DOC Christmas Offering

Our Gifts and Offerings

Offertory

What Child is This?

Lynne Bradley, harp Larry & Beth Elwood, handbells

*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

Angels We Have Heard on High Pg 125

(Bells should be rung during the refrain)

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echo back their joyous strains.

(refrain) **Glo - - - ria, in excelsis Deo.** *(sung twice)*

2) Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song. *(refrain)*

3) Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee, God our world now entering. *(refrain)*

*Invitation & Benediction

*Alleluia (Please form a circle and sing ALLELUIA)

*** 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. ***

* Please stand as you are able.

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Tintinnabulators Bell Choir – Directed by Lynne Bradley
Darcie Dunlop, Anne Grim, Julie Stevens, Carol Thompson, Beth Elwood,
Marissa Yzaguirre, Lorian Dunlop, Larry Elwood

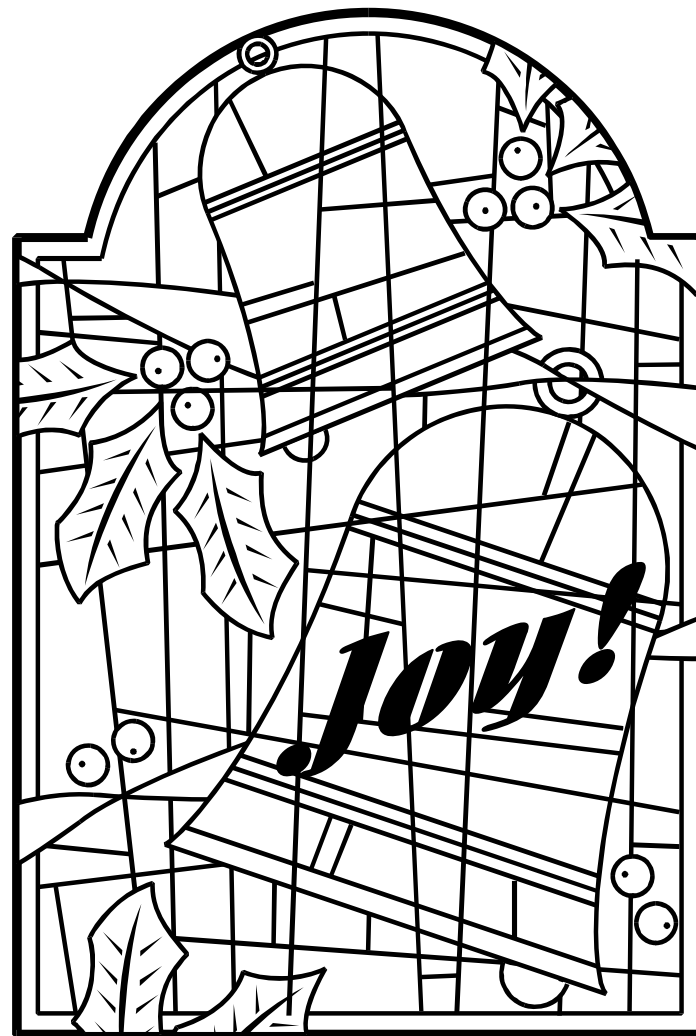
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Everyone is invited to join us in our **Fellowship Time** for coffee and
refreshments, hosted by **Marie Orillion** today.

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*** Christmas Bazaar ***

to benefit the **Nicaragua Water Project**
TODAY at 11:00 am (after service)



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 13, 2009 Third Sunday in Advent 10:00 am

Bell Sunday

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~~~~ CAROLS ~~~~

*O Little Town*

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Among the deep and dreamless sleep,  
the silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light,  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Ring & Sing!

*Away in a Manger*

Away in a manger no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

*Silent Night*

Silent Night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child. Holy Infant so tender and mild.  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

3) Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light!  
Radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace;  
Jesus Lord at Thy birth, Jesus Lord at Thy birth.

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With th' angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;

CHORUS: O come let us adore him, (three times) Christ, the Lord!

3) Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exaltation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
"Glory to God, in the highest glory" (chorus)

*NEXT SUNDAY is our  
Children's Christmas Program:  
"Matt & Lucy's Version Births"!*



Thank You to Our Worship Contributors:

Guestbook Greeter: **Florence Wolfe** Flowers: **The Stevens Family**  
Stone Ministry Graphics: **Andrew Wolfe**  
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.*

**CHRISTMAS CARDS**



Ilae Hamrick, from our Parish Life ministry has set up boxes at the back of the  
sanctuary for our congregation to exchange greeting cards. If you wish, you  
may donate some of the money you save on postage – but it is not required.

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.*

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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**SERMON ON THE AMOUNT... LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS**

Attendance: 91 Pledges/Loose Operating\* \$3646.10  
Food Pantry: \$25 Nicaragua: \$1000 Bazaar/Nicaragua: \$569  
Amount needed for operating each week: \$3326 Avg. amt. needed each month: \$14,411  
\*Total received for operating last week: \$3646.10 Received Month to Date: \$3646.10

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

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

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

**BIBLE LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

Micah 5: 2-5a Luke 1: 47-55 or Psalm 80: 1-7  
Hebrews 10: 5-10 Luke 1: 39-45 (46-55)

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**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 Bell Sunday Worship & Sunday School (*Shivela*)  
11:00 am **Christmas Bazaar** (*at Shivela*)  
11:30 am Lunch Bunch (*Casa Jimenez – 40535 California Oaks*)  
4:00 pm Youth Sing & Ring (**Chancellor Place**)  
*(Meet at 3:30 at Community House)*  
5-8 pm Middle & High School Youth Christmas Party  
*(Wolfe's home, Temecula)*  
7:30 pm Sunday Evening AA
- MON-FRI** 7:00 am Morning AA (*Closed Mtg*)
- MON-WED** 3:30-4:30 pm Homework Club
- MONDAY** 5:30 – 7 pm **Las Posadas**
- TUESDAY** 9:30 am Bible Study – “Countering Pharaoh”
- WEDNESDAY** 9 a– 2 p **Christmas Candy tube assembly**  
7:00 pm AA Men
- THURSDAY** 7:00 pm UCV Choir
- FRIDAY** 3:30 pm Peace Vigil
- SATURDAY** 8:00 am AA STEP Program  
9:30 am Book Discussion Group
- NEXT SUNDAY** 4<sup>th</sup> **SUNDAY OF ADVENT – CHILDREN’S PROGRAM**  
**(December 20)** 10:00 am Worship Service & Children’s Program (*at Shivela*)  
11:30 am Lunch Bunch  
12:00 pm Youth Lunch & Ice Skating in Temecula  
7:30 pm Sunday Evening AA

Submit articles for the January newsletter to Michael Turner by next Sunday  
([newsletter@unitedchurchofthevalley.org](mailto:newsletter@unitedchurchofthevalley.org))

**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

**ADDL INSERT**  
**Advent Schedule**  
**Poinsettia order form**  
**DOC Xmas Offering & Env**