



United Church of the Valley



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
Our House

Larry Elwood, Moderator
Sherry Turner

Prelude *Allegro* -JS Bach

Joshua Jurkosky

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 Reylek & Robinson Family**
Pam Reylek, Melissa, Zack & Spencer Robinson

Unison response:

Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Christmas season. As these candles are lit, light our lives with your imagination. 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. Magnify your love within us. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

Light One Candle N. Sleeth

Light one candle for hope, one bright candle for hope,

He brings hope to every heart, he comes, he comes!

Light one candle for peace, one bright candle for peace.

He brings peace to every heart, he comes, he comes!

Light one candle for joy, one bright candle for joy,

Every nation will find salvation in Beth'hem's baby boy.

Light one candle for love, one bright candle for love.

He brings love to every heart, he comes, he comes! *(repeat)*

Welcome

Pastor Brian Foxworth

*Advent Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Pg 116

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Child of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**

**7) O come, Desire of Nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Make envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
fill the whole world with heav-en's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**

Advent Call to Worship

Pastor Foxworth

Unison response: Let us Prepare for the Light. Amen

Sung Response *The Lord is My Light* -Taizé

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

Anthem

Still, Still, Still

UCV Choir, Lynne Bradley directing
Kevin Jurkosky & Susan Miyamoto, Accompanists

New Member Reception

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

We welcome Pam Reylek and Melissa Robinson (and sons, Zack & Spencer) into the ministry and fellowship of United Church of the Valley

Children's Christmas Program: *Matt & Lucy's Version Births*

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.**

Stewardship Message *Catchup Sundays* Jamie Barnett, Stewardship

Our Gifts and Offerings

Offertory

Gesu Bambino

Lorian Dunlop

*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

Love Came Down at Christmas Pg 165

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas; stars and angels gave the sign.

2) Worship we the God head, Love incarnate, love divine;
Worship we our Jesus, but where is God's sacred sign?

3) Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine;
Love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign.

*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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Matt & Lucy's Version Births

Produced by special arrangement with livingthequestions.com, LLC
Written by Dot Saunders-Perez; "A Christmas Truth" Music & Lyrics by Janet Allyn

Christmas Pageant Cast

Director – Zack Robinson

Matt – Bayley Stevens Lucy – Rose Dunlop

Mary – Ruth Dunlop Joseph – Jeremy Stevens

Wisemen – Tyler Idle, Dane Ulinder, Andrew Yzaguirre

Shepherds: Wil Tawagon, Spencer Robinson,
Kyle Hayden, Kole Scully-Mims

Animals – Cara Tawagon, Kara Richards

Angels – Lilli Elwood, Aimee Hayden, Kaylen Scully-Mims

Pageant Directors: Allison & Dennis Wolfe

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Everyone is invited to join us in our Fellowship Time for coffee and refreshments, hosted by Kathy & Austin Linsley today.

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Please join us for Christmas Eve Worship:

7:00 pm - at Sun City United Church of Christ
(26701 McCall, Sun City)

11:00 pm - Candlelight Service at The Community House
(24973 Washington, Murrieta)



And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior ..."

LUKE 1:46-47, NIV

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 20, 2009 Fourth Sunday in Advent 10:00 am

Children's Christmas Pageant

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CAROLS

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;
O come let us adore him, (*three times*) Christ, the Lord!

We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are: Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
Refrain O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.

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 Little Town

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy 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.



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.

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Thank You to Our Worship Contributors:

Guestbook Greeter: **Florence Wolfe**
Flowers: **Anne Grim**, celebrating one year smoke-free
Stone Ministry Graphics: **Allison Wolfe**
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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS



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

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: 86 Pledges/Loose Operating* \$1050 Poinsettias* \$70
Food Pantry: \$60 Community House Repairs: \$25
DOC Christmas: \$87 Water: \$5 Bazaar/Nicaragua: \$486
Amount needed for operating each week: \$3326 Avg. amt. needed each month: \$14,411
*Total received for operating last week: \$1120 Received Month to Date: \$4766.10

Thank you for your gifts to support the ministries of United Church of the Valley!
This week and next are "Catch-Up" Sundays – a chance to catch up with your pledge, and to help us end the year on a positive note!

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 WEEK:

Christmas Eve: Isaiah 9: 2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2: 11-14 Luke 2: 1-14 (15-20)
Dec. 25 (Christmas Day)
Isaiah 52: 7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1: 1-4 (5-12) John 1: 1-14
Dec. 27: 1 Samuel 2: 18-20 Psalm 148 Colossians 3: 12-17 Luke 2: 41-52

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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 Sunday Worship & Children's Pageant (*Shivela*)
 11:30 am Lunch Bunch
(Denny's – 23857 Clinton Keith, Wildomar)
 12:00 pm Youth Lunch & Ice Skating in Temecula
(Meet at Rosa's Cantina, corner of Front & Main)
 7:30 pm Sunday Evening AA
- MON-FRI** 7:00 am Morning AA (*Closed Mtg*)
- TUESDAY** 9:30 am Bible Study – "Countering Pharaoh"
(at Virginia Conant's home)
- WEDNESDAY** 7:00 pm AA Men
- THURSDAY** 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- FRIDAY** *Wishing you a Blessed CHRISTMAS DAY!*
- SATURDAY** 8:00 am AA STEP Program
- NEXT SUNDAY** 10:00 am Worship Service & Sunday School (*at Shivela*)
(December 27) 11:30 am Lunch Bunch
 7:30 pm Sunday Evening AA

Articles for the January newsletter are due **today** to Michael Turner (newsletter@unitedchurchofthevalley.org)

Next Sunday: Birthday Bank Offerings, Loose Coin/Bird House Bank AND – Recycling to benefit the Community House (cans & bottles)

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

*Thank you
to those who provided poinsettias this morning*

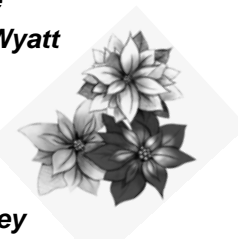


In Loving Memory of :

- * Lois Aitcheson - by Archie Aitcheson
- * Gladys Haskin - by Archie Aitcheson
- * Our son Neil – by Don Benedict
- * Fred & Clela Mathias – by Sue Berry
- * My parents and grandparents – by Sue Berry
- * My parents: Orres & Doris Bradley – by Lynne Bradley
- * Katie Luhring - by Lynne Bradley
- * Rev. Rex Bird - by Lynne Bradley
- * Louis Burrows – by Dorothy Burrows
- * Sam Crutchfield – by Anne Crutchfield
- * Mr. & Mrs. S. W. Nagle – by Bill & Dee Nagle
- * Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Nesmith – by Bill & Dee Nagle
- * Marilyn Seiler – by Rod Seiler
- * Janice Gleason – by Julie & Mark Stevens
- * Rev. Dean Wolfe – by Florence Wolfe
- * Rev. Robert Brock – by Florence Wolfe
- * Our daughter, Lisa Laird - by Carol & Bob Wyatt

In Honor of :

- * Susan Miyamoto - by Lynne Bradley
- * Julie Stevens - by Lynne Bradley
- * Beth & Larry Elwood - by Lynne Bradley
- * Our granddaughters, Lilli, Meg & Zoe – by Larry & Beth Elwood
- * My Family – by Bryan Elwood
- * My son-in-law, Adrian Robinson, who is away for Christmas, serving in the Middle East – by Pam Reylek
- * Lynne Bradley – by Julie & Mark Stevens
- * Bayley & Jeremy Stevens – by Julie & Mark Stevens
- * Brian Foxworth, Sue Berry, Bill Nagle & Jesse Thomas - with grateful thanks from United Church of the Valley



If you provided a plant, or are an honoree, you may take it home after the service. Please sign the list so we know who has not received theirs.