



December 10, 2017

**FULLERTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ORDER OF SERVICE

**Indicates: Please stand if you are able.*

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude

“Prepare Thyself, Zion”
Anna Reiley, Organ

--J. S. Bach

Welcome *You may fill out a prayer request card located on the back of each pew and place it in the offering bag.*

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Chorus**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (stanza 1)

***Call to Worship**

Kelly Jimenez, Liturgist

A voice cries in the wilderness,

“Prepare the way of the Lord; make God’s way clear.”

May there be peace in our hearts and in our world.

A voice cries in the wilderness,

“Lift up every valley; lower every mountain.

For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.”

May there be hope in our hearts and in our world.

***Hymn**

“Angels From the Realms of Glory”
(stanzas 1, 3, & 4)

UM Hymnal No. 220

***Opening Prayer**

**Loving God, you sent your prophet John to prepare your way among us,
to call us to repentance and make our pathways straight.**

**Strengthen us to live lives of steadfast love and faithfulness
as we await the Messiah’s return,**

that all may see your reign of peace through your just and gracious rule. Amen

***Congregational Response “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (stanza 2)**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath (Time With The Children) Andy and Sarah Clifton

Congregational Response “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (stanza 4)

A TIME OF PRAYER

Special Music

“O Come Emmanuel”
Brian Mitchell, oboe

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture

Isaiah 40:1-11

Response

This is the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Depression and Delight”
Many Moods of Christmas, Part 2

Pastor Paula Ferris

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

Many Moods of Christmas, Suite 3

Arr. Robert Shaw and Robert Bennett

Aldersgate Chorale

Russell Wilson, Director

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

“Comfort Ye”

--*G. Handel*

Steven McCann, tenor

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*Hymn

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

UM Hymnal No. 375

*Benediction (*Congregation, please join hands.*)

*Postlude

“Adeste Fideles”

--*Renaud de Vilbac*

Why are the altar cloths purple? Maybe you noticed that the cloths draping our altar, pulpit, and lectern changed from green to purple last week. This is because the church has a yearly cycle and each part of the cycle has a different color. The church year begins with Advent, the time of waiting for Jesus' birth at Christmas. Purple (mixed with blue and gold) signifies royalty, as we wait for our Heavenly King. The season of Christmas, which begins on December 25 and ends on January 6 (thus the 12 Days of Christmas) celebrates with white and gold colored paraments (that's what the altar cloths are called.) Sorry, red and green may be “traditional” Christmas colors, but they're not “liturgical colors” for this season. To learn more about this, you can go to <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/why-are-there-different-colored-altar-cloths>.



The flowers on the Altar this morning are presented by
Pat and Lilia Milloy
In honor of mom's birthday!

The rosebud is presented by **Marjorie Shelly** in celebration of the birth of her
Great Granddaughter, **Gretchen Evengeline Shelly**, born November 30th,
in **Fairhope, Alabama**

The 2018 calendar to sign up to sponsor flowers is available in the church office. The cost is \$60.



Prayers for Stephen Ministers, **Kathy Norris, John Lamkin, Tammy Scrivner, Barbara Giasone, Brandon Scrivner, and Viviane Kirk**

For continued healing:

Leo Smith, fell at home several weeks ago and broke 3 ribs. He's recuperating for a few more weeks at the Pavilion of Sunny Hills. Thanks for sending cards to his home address (1107 Stanford Ave., Fullerton, CA 92831), please refrain from phone calls, and bless you for keeping him in your prayers; **Edna Brown**, receiving hospice care; **Danny Hernandez**, (Clara Hernandez's nephew) for healing; **Jack Dillard** (Diane Hargrave's father), receiving hospice care; **Nieves Garcia** (Lilia Milloy's mother) for healing; **Hyeyeon Kim**, for continued healing; **Bob Kearny** diagnosed with cancer.

For those who are in care facilities:

Margaret McFarland Christensen at Park Vista; **Harry Musser** Richman Gardens in Fullerton; **Arceli Elman** at Anaheim Crest Nursing Home; **Alta Carter**, in Sunrise of Fullerton; **Edna Brown** at Above All Assisted Care. **Loren Grandy**, Park Vista

For those in the military and their families:

Zack Zarow is now stationed in Rota, Spain New Address - Lt. Zachary Zarrow, USS Carney Unit 100302, Box 2048, FPO AE 09583; **Jordan Hoffner** (grandson of Sandi Hoffner); **Philip Neisess** (grandson of Kendall & Sandy Neisess); **Andrew Stover, Noah Fuller**.

Please check our website for a calendar of events for this week.

www.ffumc.net

During the month of December we will be collecting **Canned Meat** for the
Pathways of Hope Fullerton Food Bank