



**December 24, 2017**

**10:00am**

**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

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**Prelude**

**“Lo! How a Rose”**  
*Michael Bedford*

Kate Grabenstein, organ

**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**

**“Away in a Manger”**  
(stanza 1)

UM Hymnal 217

**\*Call to Worship**

David Reger, Liturgist

Traveling to the hill country,  
Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth.  
**Journeys can change our lives.**

Traveling to meet Mary,  
Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.  
**Journeys can change our lives.**

Traveling together, they discovered they were pregnant,  
not just with two boys, but with expectation and hope.  
**Journeys can change our lives.**

May this journey of worshiping together  
bring us the same hopeful expectation  
as we journey with God this day.

**\*Hymn**

**“Come, All Ye Faithful”**  
(stanzas 1 & 2)

UM Hymnal 234

**\*Opening Prayer**

**Mighty God,**  
**your faithfulness is magnified in the coming of your son,**  
**in the long-awaited birth of the promised Messiah.**  
**May we, like Mary, proclaim your greatness**  
**as we rejoice in our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*Congregational Response**

**“Away in a Manger”**  
(stanza 2)

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath (Time with the Children)**

Jon, Kristen, Alia  
Vanessa, Elena, and Drew Marquez

**Congregational Response**

**“Away in a Manger”**  
(stanza 3)

**A TIME OF PRAYER**

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**Special Music**

**“Gesù Bambino”**  
Daniel Alvarez, violin

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

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**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture**

Luke 1: 26-38, 47-55

**Response**

This is the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Special Music**

**“O Thou That Tellest”**  
Lauren Adaska, alto

**Message**

**“Panic and Peace”**

Pastor Paula Ferris

**Special Music**

**“What Child Is This?”**  
Lauren Adaska, soloist  
Russell Wilson, recorder  
Kate Grabenstein, keyboard

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

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**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory**

**“Jesus, Light of the World”**  
Celebration Bells  
Lauren Adaska, soloist

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

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**\*Hymn**

**“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!”**  
(stanzas 1 & 2)

UM Hymnal 224

**\*Benediction**

**“We Wish You a Merry Christmas”**  
Celebration Bells

**\*Postlude**

**“Good Christian Men Rejoice”**  
*W. Held*



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

For continued healing:

**Clara Hernandez**, for healing; **Leo Smith**, for continued healing; **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**.

Coming in January! Sermon Series



LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES!

"Finding Nemo and Finding Me"

"Hidden Figures and Unhidden Faith"

"Billy Elliott and the Dance of Joy"

"Beauty and the Beast and the Possibilities"

"A Family Thing"

and more .

Sunday fun for the whole family!

Bring a friend during January and get a gift for you and your friend!

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

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