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First Methodist Church Clovis | December 3, 2023



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH CLOVIS
December 3, 2023 | 1st Sunday of Advent

VOLUNTARY Ferrell Roberts, organ
Sleepers Wake! A Voice Is Calling
J.S. Bach (BWV 645)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Jeb Archey

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Mindy Sena
Leader: Let us prepare our hearts
People: as we await the coming of our Lord,
Leader: Let us watch for the one who heard our cries
People: and shouldered the suffering of our world,
Leader: Let us anticipate the coming of Christ's eternal world
with wholeness, reconciliation and plenty for all.
People: Let us wait in expectation for the day when God's
glory is revealed in all its fullness.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Edwin & Doris Ford

***HYMN** Come Thou Long Expected Jesus UMH #196

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR ADVENT** Mindy Sena
We are an Advent people, a people of hope. For us, Advent is a
time of waiting, and so we wait. We wait for the coming of Jesus
who is the fulfillment of God's promise, the fulfillment of hope,
and the declaration that we have been redeemed.
We are an Advent people, a people of faith. In this season we look
to the faithfulness of God, who remained faithful to his people
even when they strayed. We look to God who is faithful to us, he
sent his Son Jesus to this earth knowing that we would stray and
we would need his forgiveness.
We are an Advent people, a people of the Spirit. We celebrate the
gift of the Holy Spirit as God works in our lives and is present with
us. We celebrate the work of the Spirit. The way the Spirit guides
us and even corrects us as we strive to live each day to be more
like Jesus.
In this Advent season we work to prepare the way, for the Holy One
is coming to make us holy once again. In our waiting and our
hoping, we work and we worship, we pray and we play, so that
through this season our eyes are turned toward our God. Father,
Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** UMH #70
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME Missy Howalt

TITHES AND OFFERINGS Rev. Jeb Archey

OFFERTORY Veni, Immanuel Ferrell Roberts, organ
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
arr. Wayne Barlow

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Jeb Archey

***HYMN** What Child is This UMH #219

***SCRIPTURE** Matthew 13:53-58 Rev. Jeb Archey
The Word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM A Highway for Our God Chancel Choir
Lloyd Larson

SERMON Unlikely: Pushed to the back... Rev. Jeb Archey

HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN** Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates UMH #213

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Jeb Archey

POSTLUDE Ferrell Roberts, organ
Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!
Setting by Raymond H. Haan
*you are invited to stand as able

Interested in becoming a member? Contact Pastor Jeb at
jarchey@firstclovis.com or call the church office for more info.



TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:
Liturgist: Mindy Sena
Pianist: Alison Brown
Children's Time: Missy Howalt
Ushers/Greeters: Team 1
Acolyte: Xavier VanNostran,
Elizabeth Gutierrez
Sound/Media: MaryNell Urban,
Greg Jennings, Calvin DeWitt,
Mary Howalt

SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:45—11:30AM
AGES 4 TO ADULT

NURSERY CARE
The nursery is open Sunday
mornings for children birth to
preschool. Our nursery is located in
the north/education wing.

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