Welcome to First Clovis! We are so glad that you joined us in worship today. Please complete the following form as a record of your attendance. Please tear off the completed form and leave it in your pew as you leave worship today. You may also use this form to update your contact info, subscribe to email news, etc.

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CHURCH WIDE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION DECEMBER 10 | 4:00PM

UNREHEARSED PAGEANT with CHRISTMAS CAROLS EVERYONE PARTICIPATES

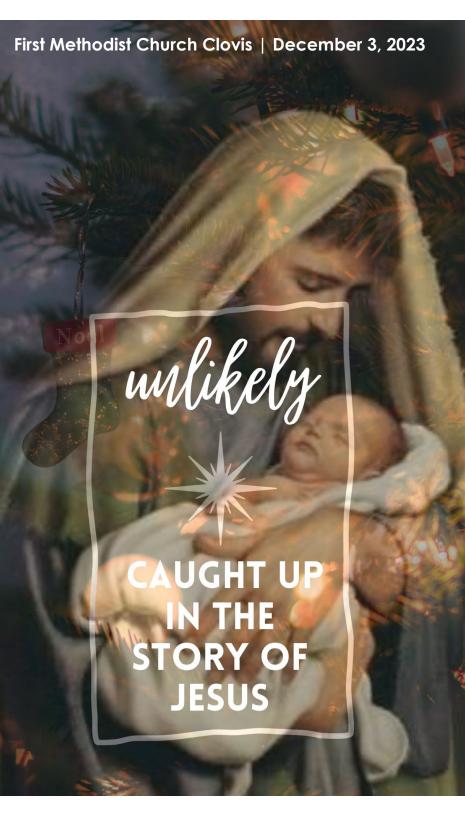
EVERYONE PARTICIPATES Children are invited to play a part in the pageant; the audience will join in for singing some of our favorite Christmas hymns.

DINNER and FELLOWSHIP PIZZA & BIRTHDAY CAKE Stay after the pageant for dinner and a time of fellowship and fun as we celebrate Jesus' birthday.





CHURCH OFFICE Monday thru Thursday 8:00am to 4:00pm (closed for lunch) Closed on Fridays (575) 763-3461 office@firstclovis.com jarchey@firstclovis.com



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

VOLUNTARY

Ferrell Roberts, organ

Sleepers Wake! A Voice Is Callina

J.S. Bach (BWV 645)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jeb Archey

Mindy Sena

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

Mindy Sena

- ***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR ADVENT** 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

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

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Veni, Immanuel O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. Wayne Barlow

*DOXOLOGY

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 Archev

*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.

- A Highway for Our God **Chancel Choir** Lloyd Larson
- **SERMON** Unlikely: Pushed to the back... Rev. Jeb Archev

HOLY COMMUNION

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

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANTHEM

UMH #70

Missy Howalt

UMH #95

Rev. Jeb Archey

Ferrell Roberts, organ

*vou are invited to stand as able

Rev. Jeb Archey

Ferrell Roberts, organ



TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:

Lituraist: 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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Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!

Setting by Raymond H. Haan