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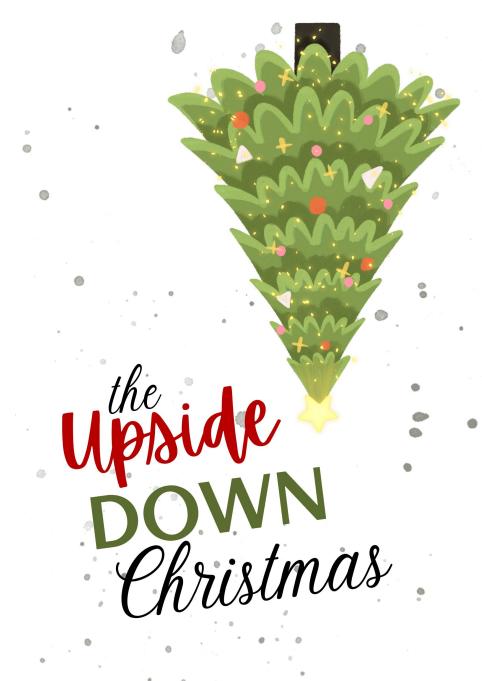
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# FIRST METHODIST CHURCH CLOVIS December 21, 2025 | 4th Sunday of Advent

**PRELUDE**Christmas Bells

arr. Lloyd Larson

Alison Brown, piano

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**Rev. Jeb Archey

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH West Family
Emmanuel, Emmanuel (2x)

UMH #204

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Mindy Sena

Leader: We come to prepare the way;

People: The way for Christ -

Leader: the hope of Christ, the peace of Christ – **People:** to enter our world, to enter our hearts.

Leader: We cry out together in the wilderness: **People:** The kingdom of heaven has come near.

Leader: We come to be part of the light— People: the light that shines in the darkness.

\*HYMN O Come. O Come Emmanuel UMH #211

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Mindy Sena

I believe in the spirit of Christmas, for it is the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose birth it celebrates;

I believe in the light of Christmas, for they remind me of Him who is the Light of the world;

I believe in the greenery of Christmas, for it symbolizes the eternal life of those in Christ;

I believe in giving gifts at Christmas, for it is in keeping with the greatest gift the world has ever known;

I believe in being childlike at Christmas, for Jesus said we must become as children to enter the Kingdom of Heaven;

And I believe in the angels' song about peace on earth among persons of good will, for when my will is good, as it is at Christmas, I feel a peace and joy in my heart that is unlike anything else in all the world. It has to be the peace and joy of God! Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI UMH #70

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** 

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

\*HYMN In the Bleak Midwinter UMH #221

**\*SCRIPTURE** Luke 1:46-57 Rev. Jeb Archey

The Word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Shanna Walker

ANTHEM Manger Baby Chancel Choir

Stanley E. Saxton

**SERMON** The Upside Down Christmas Rev. Jeb Archey

**Choose Selfishness** 

TITHES AND OFFERINGS Rev. Jeb Archey

**OFFERTORY** In the Bleak Midwinter Alison Brown, piano

arr. John Leavitt

\*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!

\*HYMN It Came Upon the Midnight Clear UMH #218

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Jeb Archey

**POSTLUDE** Alison Brown, piano

While by the Sheep We Watched

arr. Lloyd Larson

\*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.



# **WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:**

**Liturgist:** Mindy Sena **Pianist:** Alison Brown

Children's Time: Shanna Walker

Ushers/Greeters: Team 3
Acolytes: Avery, Elizabeth
Sound/Media: MaryNell Urban,
Greg Jennings, Calvin DeWitt,

Katy Archey

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45—11:30AM AGES 4—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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