



FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

of SAN DIEGO

NOVEMBER 30, 2025 – 9:00 AM



First Church is a community growing
in grace and reaching out with love.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

*With joy we welcome your presence today, wherever you are.
Please join us as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship together.*

Register Your Attendance

Welcome

Words of Inspiration

“The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul,
who know themselves to be poor and imperfect,
and who look forward to something greater to come.”
~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Prelude Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



Worship Guide Notes: • is an invitation to rise in body or spirit; **bold words** indicate congregational response



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- **Call to Worship** Scott Caprio, Liturgist
 We come from a world of chaos
Into God’s creativity and power.
 We come from a world of weariness
Into Christ’s strength and peace.
 We come from a slumbering world
Into the Spirit’s stirring and our souls awaken.

- **Hymn of Celebration, UMH #211: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v. 1-4)***

TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

Lighting of the Advent CandleCraig Doss, Garrett Ganucheau

Unison Prayer

Creator God, we look to you to bring us true peace in a world where peace seems far away.
 We hear your call to us to be peacemakers within ourselves and in the world around us,
 but we know we cannot find peace apart from your grace.
 Prince of Peace, we wait for you. Come, Lord Jesus. Be born in our midst.
 Grant us peace in our hearts and lives. Amen.

Response, TFWS #2090: *Advent Song (v. 1)*

A Time with Children

Anthem Chancel Choir; Brian Woods-Lustig, Director

Make a Joyful Noise

Joanna Forbes L’Estrange (b. 1971)

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, All ye lands.	Praise the Lord!
Praise him upon the trumpet,	Praise ye the Lord,
Praise him upon the timbrel,	Praise and serve the Lord with gladness,
Praise him upon the organ,	Come before his presence with song.
Praise him upon the cymbal,	
Let everything that hath breath,	(Psalm 100:1-2; Psalm 150:3-6)

Sacrament of Baptism, UMH pg. 39 Ackelia Ewart

Pastoral Prayer Dr. Rev. Hannah Ka

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

TO HEAR THE WORD

Anthem

Sing a New Song

Allen Pote (b. 1945)

Sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing and rejoice for God is our strength and our salvation.
Lift up your voice and sing unto God with joy!

Begin the music and strike the tambourine,
Play upon the lute and the harp.
Blow the trumpet,
Celebrate this festival day,
And dance unto the promise!

How wonderful it is to be grateful and sing,
Sing praises to you, O God.
For your love each morning and your faithfulness at night,
I will sing!
For you do great things and you make me glad.
I will sing a joyful song!
It is good to give thanks and glorify your name.
I will praise and bless you forever.

(Based on Psalm 81 and 82)

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God,
In the reading of the scriptures, may Your Word be heard.
In the meditations of our hearts, may Your Word be known.
In the faithfulness of our lives, may Your Word be shown.
Amen.

Scripture Lesson: *Psalm 96*

Receive what the Spirit is speaking this Advent:
May this word of hope and joy, love and peace, be born in us today. Amen.

Sermon: *Lesser Known Songs of Christmas: David's Psalmody*. Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

- Hymn of Faith, TFWS #2045: *Sing a New Song to the Lord*

TO RENEW COMMITMENT

Faith in Action

Offertory, scan QR code or visit fumcsd.org/egive to give online

Offertory

Prelude on "Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen"

Mary Beth Bennett (b. 1954)



- Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of Advent, who brings peace into this world,
be the peace that dwells in heart, mind and soul.
May this intent and these gifts bring peace to others. Amen.

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

• Hymn of Consecration, UMH #202: *People, Look East*

• Benediction Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

Postlude

Toccata on “Veni Emmanuel”

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

FIRST CHURCH WELCOMES YOU IF...

You are single, married, divorced, gay, transgender, filthy rich, dirt poor, o no habla inglés,

You are a crying newborn, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds,

You can sing like Aretha Franklin or cannot carry a tune in a bucket,

You’re “just browsing”, just woke up, or you just got out of jail,

You’ve been a Methodist your whole life or haven’t been in church except for your little niece’s baptism years ago,

You’ve got an AARP card but have yet to grow up, or you’re a teenager growing up, too fast.

We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, tree huggers, latte-sippers, vegans, junk-food eaters.

We welcome those who are in recovery or struggling with addiction.

We welcome you if you’re having problems, or if you’re down in the dumps, or if you don’t like “organized religion.”

This church is for you, we’ve all been there.

If you blew all your money in Vegas, you’re welcome here.

We offer a special welcome to those who think the Earth is flat, those who work too hard,

those who don’t work, can’t spell, or found us because Grandma wants you to go to church.

We welcome all those who are inked, pierced or both.

We welcome you if your ancestors arrived in chains, below the decks, captained those ships, or have been on this land since the beginning of time.

We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now (all of us could use a prayer right now).

We’d also like to welcome you if you had religion shoved down your throat, or you got lost on YouTube somehow and ended up here by mistake.

We welcome tourists, seekers, doubters, bleeding hearts...and you!



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