



**Welcome to First UMC Commerce!**

**CONNECT**

Prelude "Christmas Pastorate" J. Ahrens  
 Choral Call to Worship  
 Procession with Acolytes  
 Welcome & Announcements  
 Hymn Sing 3 selections by request  
 \*Affirm Our Faith: The United Church of Canada 883  
 Children's Place Pastor Sam

**GROW**

Offertory "Up, O Shepherds" H. Schroeder  
 Gifts & Offerings  
 Doxology  
 Our Prayer & The Lord's Prayer  
 Choral Response  
 Anthem "Goin' to Bethlehem" J. Althouse  
 Scripture John 1:1-14  
 Message: "In the Beginning"

**SERVE**

\*Hymn of Invitation "Go Tell it on the Mountain" 251  
 \*Benediction and Choral Blessing  
 Postlude "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" N. Dello Joio  
 (\*Congregation is asked to please stand as able.)

**Worship Leaders:**

Rev. Sam Caldwell, Pastor  
 Gene Lockhart, Music Director  
 Dr. John Burkett, Organist  
 John Mark Dempsey, Sound Tech  
 Claire Floyd, Video Tech

**Prayer List**

**Recent Concerns:**

- Youth and Children at Christmas
- Carol Alden
- Ginny Haight
- Priscilla McFarland
- Meredith Hinton (Wyman & Harriet Williams' daughter)
- Jerry & Sandy Hutton
- Janet & Pat Skauge
- Preston Helton (Jan & Jeff Helton's grandson)
- Julie (Janeen Kvanli's sister)

*If you are interested in joining a daytime Women's Study Group, please contact Jan Helton at [jheltons54@gmail.com](mailto:jheltons54@gmail.com) or text at 903-450-7335.*





### *Upcoming Activities*

- Wednesdays-Choir rehearsal at 7pm
- December 31<sup>st</sup>-Little Ark closing at 3:00pm
- January 4<sup>th</sup>-Women's Study Group will meet in the Family Ministries Center at 7pm
- January 6<sup>th</sup>-First Thursday potluck
- January 12<sup>th</sup>-Grow Team meeting at 7pm
- January 26<sup>th</sup>-Joint Ministries teams will meet at 7pm
- Church offices will be closed December 24th, 27th, 28th, 31st and January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Messages left on the church telephone will be checked daily.
- Those in need of emergency pastoral care, please call or text Pastor Sam at 214-842-9252.

Ministers  
Pastor  
Church Administrator  
Office Assistant  
Communications Director  
Children's Director  
Little Ark Director  
Choir Director  
Organist  
Custodian

All Members of the Congregation  
Rev. Sam Caldwell  
Mariann Andrews  
Mary Lou Heatherly  
Sharon Duncan  
Amy Stark  
Jennifer Knight  
Gene Lockhart  
Dr. John Burkett  
Judy Fane



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**December 26, 2021**

**10am Service**