



**Fullerton First  
United Methodist Church**  
*First Sunday After Christmas  
New Years Sunday  
December 27, 2009*

*Worship clears the mind and strengthens the Soul. Our Worship begins with the first notes of the Prelude. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to seek and praise our Creator.*

\* (Indicates: If you are able, please stand)

PRELUDE "O Hail This Brightest Day of Days", by J. S. Bach  
Hyeyeon Kim, Organist/Pianist

\* HYMN # 242 "Love Came Down at Christmas"

WELCOME Pastor Keith Hwang

ANNOUNCEMENTS  
(If you request a prayer, you may fill out a prayer request card located in the back of each pew. Our Acolytes will pick up your request during the Anthem).

\* SHARING OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE (Please stand and greet those around you.)

SPECIAL MUSIC Greg Adamson, Cellist

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

Leader: When Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph,  
People: God is there.  
Leader: When Jesus is presented at the temple,  
People: God is there.  
Leader: When Simeon holds Jesus in his arms,  
People: God is there.  
Leader: When Anna recognizes Jesus in the temple,  
People: God is there.  
Leader: This very morning,  
People: God is here.  
Leader: In the future we cannot see,  
People: God is there.  
All: Let us worship God!

**UNISON PRAYER**

Holy God, we know that you have been present to us throughout all of history, even throughout our own histories. We know you will be with us in our future. You ask us to put our trust in you as we finish this year and look forward to 2010. May we seek your mercy as we acknowledge our shortcomings in 2009. Provide to us the courage to live our lives according to your will. Grant us the joy of Christ so that we will live this good news as your children who are fearfully and wonderfully made. Make us wise, truthful, and strong so that we live be witnesses of your never ending love. In the name of Christ. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC Greg Adamson, Cellist

**OUR TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

(Children, please come forward and join us for Our Time with the Children)  
Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." - Matthew 19: 14

HYMN MEDLEY Led by Greg Adamson

- #216 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" (vs. 1)
- #239 "Silent Night, Holy Night" (vs. 1)
- #234 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vs. 1)
- #238 "Angels We Have Heard on High" (vs. 4)
- #221 "In the Bleak Winter" (vs. 4)
- #219 "What Child is This" (vs. 3)
- #217 "Away in a Manger" (vs. 3)

**SHARING OUR PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (Please sing)**

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 2:41-52  
Page 55, New Testament, NRSV Holy Bible

SERMON "After Christmas Benediction" Pastor Keith Hwang

**THANKSGIVING TO COMMITTEE LEADERS WHOSE SERVICE ENDED**

Chairpersons: Mike Nichols (SPRC), Carol Beauchamp (Outreach),  
Members: Ellie Bohall (SPRC), Colleen Bartley (Finance), Barbara Hemmerling (Foundation), Bob Hemmerling (Foundation), Larry Iboshi (Trustees), Rev. Mickey Jessup (Nominations and Lay Leadership), Andrea Lillie (SPRC), Greg Sergienko (Foundation), Millie Stewart (Invitational), Barbara Winter (Finance)

Pastor: O God, from ancient times, you have called some to serve others as leaders: Moses, Joshua, Miriam, King David, Queen Esther, prophets, and the Disciples. Today, we celebrate the service of leaders among us at Fullerton First.

People: We acknowledged their gifts and evidence of God's grace for the ministry of the Church.

Pastor: They were given trust and support by this faith community as they diligently worked to do God's will among us.

People: We thank you, O God, for their fruit of labor. Through their caring and faithful services, Fullerton First continues to be engage the world and community in ministries of compassion, mercy and justice.

Pastor: To each of these leaders, your words are "Well done, my faithful servants." In the household of Christ, the greatest crown we can wear is that of servant hood.

People: To each of these leaders, we say, "Thank you and we love you."

Pastor: Bless these leaders and their loved ones. Thank you, God, for decorating this beautiful spiritual home called Fullerton First with the labors of these servants of Christ.

All: Praise the Lord! Amen.

**2010 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

We would like to thank you for picking your offering envelopes today after Postlude. In order to express our gratitude for being good stewards of time and money by picking up your offering envelopes today, Pastor Keith added little surprises. Some envelopes would have a gift certificate from Polly's and in some you may find a claim check for a bottle of Martinelli's Sparkling Cider. One of the books written by C.S. Lewis is called, "Surprised by Joy." May we always be surprised by joy and be filled with awe. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**SHARING OUR GOD-GIVEN RESOURCES**

"He who has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor."  
- Proverbs 22: 9

OFFERTORY "Carillon on a Ukrainian Bell Carol", by Gerald Near  
Hyeyeon Kim, Organist/Pianist

\* DOXOLOGY (Unison) 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.

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\* HYMN # 251 "Go, Tell It On the Mountain"

\* BENEDECTION (Congregation, please join hands. We invite you to remain in our Sanctuary and listen to the Postlude.)

POSTLUDE "Joy to the World", by D. M. Cherwien  
Hyeyeon Kim, Organist/Pianist



ASSISTING WITH THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP

Pastor Keith Hwang  
Lilia Milloy, Liturgist  
Hyeyeon Kim, Organist/Pianist  
Greg Adamson, Cellist  
Kim Galea, Announcements  
Millie Stewart, Acolyte  
Mike Nichols, Sound  
Ushers: Floyd Allen, Captain; Maxine Allen,  
Dona Anderson, Molly McClanahan

**F.Y.I.**

Those with little children under age 3 years are welcome to place your child in the loving care of our caregivers in our nursery. Our ushers will gladly direct you to the nursery which is open each Sunday starting at 9:45AM.

Large print bulletins and hearing devices are available for those who need them. Please ask one of our Ushers for help.

To reach us: 114 North Pomona Avenue, Fullerton, CA 92832  
Telephone: 714-871-4115  
[mail@ffumc.net](mailto:mail@ffumc.net)

Sunday School is available for Children grades Pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Our Children and Youth leave to attend Sunday School after the Children's Time.



During our Worship Services we ask that you silence all cell phones, pagers and all other communication devices. Thank you.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

OUR SEMINARY INTERN, BECCAR CRAMER, WILL BE PREACHING ON JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>. THE REV. FRANK KNOUSE WILL CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION.

PASTOR KEITH HWANG AND HIS WIFE, PASTOR YUKO UESUGI, WILL BE ON VACATION FROM DECEMBER 28 THROUGH JANUARY 3. They plan to relax and "vege out" in Sedona. Since Virgil, their parrot, will be along for the road trip, it could be a memorable trip. For example, Virgil has never seen snow. During Pastor Keith's vacation, Becca Cramer, our student intern, will be on call to provide pastoral care. Please call the church office for hospital visits, home visits and other pastoral needs.

WE ARE HOPING TO EXPAND THE CHURCH WITH A NEW PROGRAM CALLED "LUNCH WITH GOD" WHICH SHALL BEGIN ON JANUARY 17 AT 11:45 IN ROOM 219. Yes, some food will be provided for us to munch on while we discuss topics we find relevant to us currently, Bible passages and how one may influence they other.

Where this is aimed towards young adults there is no age limit. Our aim is for this to be a time of fellowship and community. Please contact Julia Hastings for more information.

FROM JANUARY 2009, PASTOR KEITH WOULD LIKE TO LAUNCH A E-MINISTRY CALLED "TELEIOS LIFE". Teleios is the Greek word that means growing into wholeness and maturity. Those who are on the email list for the Good News would receive an invitation to sign up for his e-devotions that will be sent out two or three times a week. Pastor Keith hopes that these e-devotions will be short (no more than 2 minutes to read) and inspirational and deal with life issues we struggle with. You will have an option of unsubscribing from the mailing list if you don't want to receive these e-devotions. The e-devotions would be easily shared with your family and friends. Pastor Keith will provide a link where people can send in their thoughts and questions.

GET READY TO RING IN THE NEW YEAR WHEN THE CITY OF FULLERTON CELEBRATES THEIR 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL "FIRST NIGHT IN FULLERTON". The festivities take place in downtown Fullerton starting at 7:00PM on New Year's Eve. Admission is free. There will be entertainment for the entire family. This event concludes at midnight with a 10 minute fireworks display at the Downtown Fullerton Plaza (on Wilshire between Pomona and Harbor).

**SERVING OUR COMMUNITY**

Throughout the year we collect food items such as canned goods, boxed goods, pasta, rice, beans, diapers, and household cleaning supplies, and personal care products that are taken to the F. I. E. S. Warehouse for distribution to those in need. Bring your donations to the Church Office.

We have a "Hot Meals Ministry" which serves a hot meal to about 175 hungry people. We serve these meals at the First Christian Church, located on the corner of Harbor and Wilshire, the third Wednesday of every month, starting at 6:00PM.

Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held in our building – Monday nights starting at 7:00PM and Friday nights starting at 7:00PM in Room # 250.

Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Services (F. I. E. S.) Shelter Network (shelter for those individuals who are searching for work and places to live) is now housed in our Fellowship Hall.

The first Saturday of each month is a paper drive with all proceeds going to support the "Chapel on Wheels" program. Paper of any kind is accepted from 9:00AM to Noon at the Southeast corner of Chapman and Raymond, Southeast corners of Chapman at Euclid and on Laguna Road between Valencia Mesa and Bastanchury.



PRAYER CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

Jeff Fiske, son of Tom and Evie Fiske, is slowly losing his motor skills. He is an artist.  
Nita Goldman's mother, Elza, is now home.  
Alex Ribble as he heals from injuries from a car accident.  
Irene Smith is recuperating from hip surgery.  
Jerry Miller is recuperating from knee surgery.  
Ruth Rogers as she continues treatments for Cancer.  
Rev. Bob Rohdenburg as he continues to suffer with a brain tumor.  
Kevin Curtis and Family. His mother passed away last week.  
Nita Godwin celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on December 21<sup>st</sup>.



Altar Flowers

This morning's flowers are presented by:

Kathy Norris for  
Anastasia Norris' Birthday!

In joyous celebration of the birth of Joshua Tyler Padgett, new son and brother to Marci, John and David Padgett. Maternal grandmother is Susan Modesitt

