

WELCOME Dr Chris Nettles
****GREET ONE ANOTHER**

SECOND ADVENT CANDLE—Peace
PRELUDE Labenske
Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

SONGS OF PRAISE **Blue chalice Hymnal**
One Candle is Lit (1-2) 128
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (1 & 3) 150

OPENING & LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING WITH CHILDREN
Worship & Wonder begins following the sharing

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE Worship Leader

MESSAGE **Hanging of the Greens**
Dennis Herron, Dick Losee, & Steve Gray

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear (1 & 4) 153
Cedar Boughs
Evergreen Wreath
Holly and the Ivy
The Creche & Star

O Little Town of Bethlehem (1, 3-4) 144
The Incarnation & The Christmas Tree
Candles
Bells Announce the Birth
Candy Cane
Mistletoe
Poinsettias
Christmas Carols

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP **Blue Hymnal 350**
I Bind My Heart This Tide

SHARING OUR OFFERINGS Worship Leader
OFFERTORY There's a Song In the Air Labenske

****CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
God will make a way where there seems to be
no way, He works in ways we cannot see,
He will make a way for me, He will be our guide,
hold us closely to His side,
With love and strength for each new day,
He will make a way, He will make a way.

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Worship Leader

CALL TO COMMUNION **Blue Hymnal 413**
Take Our Bread

WELCOME TO THE TABLE
Jesus invites all Christians to participate.

****BENEDICTION**

****POSTLUDE** Noel D'Aquin

**** Please remain seated if it is not comfortable to stand**

Franklin Stuart Worship Leader
Marilyn Rader, Music & Choir Director
Franklin Stuart, Guitar
Dr. Chris C. Nettles, Minister
Cathy Losee, Church Secretary
Scott & Jennifer Lambert, Youth Leaders

FROM THE MINISTER **Chris C. Nettles**

The joke about a swimming pool or a boat, says that the 2 happiest days one has, are the day one gets it and the day its gone. In some ways, Christmas is similar. The anticipation of it and the memories of it, often exceed the actual experience of the day. We are at our best when we look forward to something and are most able to understand our experiences, when we have the distance of time to look back and reflect.

This year as the war in Iraq comes to a close, many families will get to welcome home their loved ones in time for Christmas. We as a nation will catch glimpses of those welcomes and it will trigger in us our own memories of Christmas celebrated with others.

Whether our families are getting bigger or smaller, we need not lose that sense of wonder, mystery and joy of Jesus arrival in our lives. It worth sharing with others.

WELCOME TO FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Welcome! This unique facility is held for all disciples and a gathering place for Christian transformation. On this blessed day, we pray that God's spirit will move in your life—and our life together—as we worship the Lord.

FOR OUR GUESTS

Connect With Us! We are delighted that you have chosen to worship at First Christian Church. Please fill out the Prayer & Participation insert in the bulletin. Include your address, phone number and email address. Also include any prayer requests and place it in the offering tray.

Membership at FCC—It would be our joy to welcome you into the membership of this congregation. You may join through transfer of membership from another congregation or through profession of faith and baptism. Please feel free to talk with the minister or e-mail rivdoc@yahoo.com .

Hospitality—Come to The Gathering Place following worship.
(across the courtyard)

Loaves & Fishes Feeding Ministry - On the 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month we prepare and serve a cooked meal under the arch of Calvary Presbyterian Church at noon. We also hand out sack lunches for later. The meal and sack lunches are prepared beginning about 10:30 AM at FCC in the kitchen. Please join us in this wonderful feeding ministry.

Friendship Group-For those grieving the death of family or friends, this support group offers friendship and understanding. 9:00AM Breakfast at church on the first Wed. of the month

Nursery—Childcare is available during the morning worship service through the age of four. The nursery is located in the nursery school. The greeters can give direction or take you there.

Fun & Fellowship-Retired Adults meet once a month, 4th Tuesday for a potluck lunch and movie.

Worship & Wonder—Children age 5 through 6th grade are invited to a special experience of bible stories, usually following our Sharing with Children. It always includes a Feast shared with the children.

Youth Group –Grades 7-12 meets Sunday night from 5:00-6:30 unless otherwise noted. Scott & Jennifer Lambert are the adult youth leaders.

Pastoral Needs-If you would like to speak with Chris Nettles, please feel free to meet at the door after worship service or call during business hours, 951-686-0646.

FCC Online-Visit online at www.rivdoc.org All are encouraged to sign up for our e-mail Christian sent out weekly and to receive daily prayers. Or use our email to communicate with the office:



Quilt Raffle Tickets are still available \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be next Sunday, Dec 11 at the All Church Christmas Party.

Next Sunday December 11th
The Chancel Choir Presents:
Mary, Did You Know
& All Church Christmas Party



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The Poinsettia's are here and if you would like to dedicate one or more **In Memory or In Honor Of** family & friends, please fill out the form included by December 18th. A list will of the dedicated poinsettias will be shared on Christmas Day in worship.



We thank all who helped with the **2011 Craft Boutique**. We had lots of baked & canned goods. The General Fund made about \$550 and the CWF made over \$400. **We thank Vicki Garcia, Jennifer Lambert, Barbara Ku, Jean Van Aken, Linda Brandt, Emily Nelson, Rosie Russell-Stocks, Claudia Gray, Linda Heron, Cathy Losee, Sally Randall, Roberts Spieler, Lisa Villa, Melanie Miller, Sherry Nettles, Ernie, Lester, Chris, Dick & Ralph.**

Welcome to FCC
John Myers & Virginia Mills, both transferred from Arlington Christian Church

Pray for One Another
Dorothy Victory,
Sandi Evelyn-Veere's friend Marilyn Davis,
Richard & Farolyn Hanscom,
Madlyn Hatzer,
Gene & Maxine Cramer,
Jewell McGill,
Al Bondesen's back pain treatment,
Wanda Copenhaver,
Eddie & Alice Estep
Reba Mathis, Robert Russell
Youth group & leaders

SUNDAY December 4, 2011 FOOD SUNDAY
9:15AM Adult Church School
10:30AM Worship
10:45AM Worship & Wonder
11:45AM Hospitality in The Gathering Place
12-4PM 30th Annual Alternative Christmas Fair
First United Methodist Church 4845 Brockton
5:00 PM Youth Group
Monday December 5
5:30-8 PM Sewing group
Wednesday December 7 Bring Blessing Boxes
11 AM All Ladies Invited to Disciple Women's General Assembly Meeting Potluck & Christmas Program with the Chemawa School Choir
6:30PM Lydia Group Christmas Dinner
@ Mimi's in Moreno Valley on Day Street
THURSDAY December 8
7 PM Choir Practice
SATURDAY December 10
9AM Choir Rehearsal
SUNDAY December 11 2011
9: 15 AM Adult Church School
10:30 AM Worship Choir: "Mary, Did You Know"
10:45 AM Worship & Wonder
11:45 AM **Noon All Church Christmas Party**
5:00 PM Youth Group
DECEMBER 18, 2011
10:30 Worship & Wonder Christmas Play
DECEMBER 24
7 pm Candle Light Christmas Eve Communion
DECEMBER 25
10:30 AM Christmas Day Worship

Assisting In Our Worship Today
Worship Leader Franklin Stuart
Communion Peggy Guzzetta
Hospitality **Birthdays Cake Sunday**
Please join us after worship
in The Gathering Place