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## United Methodist Church of Vista

490 South Melrose Drive—Vista, CA 92081—Phone: (760) 726-0442

### Bulletin

December 12, 2010 “Sunshine and Snowflakes Christmas” 10:30 am

#### *God’s Call and Our Commitment:*

**To be an authentic and accessible community in Christ,  
celebrating and extending God’s love into the world.**

*We welcome the diversity of all God’s children.*

#### **SILENT MEDITATION**

“God is far less likely to abandon us in hardship than in times of ease.” —Dom Helder Camara

*(Please complete the registration card found in the bulletin and place in the offering.  
Prayers and comments may be written on the back of the card.)*

### GATHERING

#### **PRELUDE**

*“Over in Bethlehem” (Held)*

#### **GREETING**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

-Brice Spitz

Leader: Like Mary, the mother of Jesus, we rejoice in God’s love.  
**People: We see the great works God has done.**  
Leader: God has kept His word to all of our ancestors.  
**People: God continues to keep His word to us.**  
Leader: Now we wait patiently for the birth of the Christ Child.  
**People: We feel excited about the possibilities of the Promised One.**  
Leader: We will join in the excitement and celebration.  
**All: We will sing and dance together for God’s ultimate gift of Jesus.**

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

#### **\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*“Where’s Christmas?”*

-Company

#### **\*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (Love Candle)**

Sarah LaFoe: (Isaiah 35:4) Say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, and do not fear, for your God is coming to destroy your enemies. He is coming to save you.”  
Emily Adams: (Isaiah 35:5-6) And when He comes, He will open the eyes of the blind and unplug the ears of the deaf. The lame will leap like a deer, and those who cannot speak will sing for joy! Springs will gush forth in the wilderness, and streams will water the wasteland.  
Sarah LaFoe: The best part of Christmas is knowing how much God loves us. We never have to feel afraid because we know that God will help us through anything. Angels told the shepherds not to be afraid. God promised them a Savior. God has kept that promise for all time.  
Emily Adams: We light the third Advent candle – the Candle of Love – to show God’s love burning bright. God’s endless love brings us great joy.



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### UNISON PRAYER

-Andrea Maniti

Almighty and loving God, we are like the shepherds. We go about our lives as best we can. Yet we feel afraid. We fear the unknown. We sometimes lose our way. We need Your angels, Lord. Please open our eyes to see them and open our ears to hear them. Help us to realize the people we meet and the people we know are our angels. Help us to listen to their voices. We know we won't always get what we think we want, but You will give us what we need. Thank You for loving us so much. Amen.

### SILENT PRAYER

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### SCRIPTURE LESSON *Luke 2:1-7 (NRSV)*

-Samantha Ronalds/James Sheffield

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.

He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

### HYMN OF PREPARATION *“The First Noel” (Verse 1)*

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### SCRIPTURE LESSON *Luke 2:8-14 (NRSV)*

-Connor Flanagan, Christopher Tivar and

Trevor Streeter

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them,

“Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

### ANTHEM

*“Wise Men Still Adore Him”*

### CHILDREN'S TIME *“The Very First Christmas Day”*

### THE MESSAGE

*“Jesus: Redeemer”*

-Rev. George Hooper

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

#### Offertory

*“Joy to the World”*

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