

reconnecting your spirit without disconnecting your mind

**first united methodist church
eleven:eleven celebration
december 17, 2017
third sunday of advent**



celebration leaders
tom mcdermott, brad thompson
& charme robarts

gathering and registration

(please use this time to connect with others and to register your attendance; bring your attendance card to the altar during our time of offering and singing or scan the qr code on the back or go to fumcfw.org/celebrationattendance to register online from your smartphone)

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register your attendance!**



gift of song

"you're a mean one, mr. grinch"
written by dr. seuss and albert hague
performed by eleven:eleven revolution

**welcome /
lighting of the advent candle**

mary ellen barrow

offering song

(these offerings go toward the support of fumc ministries, including 11:11 celebration.
dollar bills collected in december
will support the food pantry at first street mission.

angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.

chorus: gloria, in excelsis de - o!
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shepherds, why this jubilee?
why your joyous strains prolong?
what the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?

come to bethlehem and see
christ whose birth the angels sing
come, adore on bended knee,
christ the lord, the newborn king.

see him in a manger laid,
whom the choirs of angels praise
mary, joseph, lend your aid,
while our hearts in love we raise.

gift of song

"the night before christmas"
written by carly simon
performed by eleven:eleven revolution

a word from the eggnog association

written by tom mcdermott
performed by jakie cabe and savanna kiah

gift of song

performed by dace sultanov, cello & hillary hummel, harp

opening our hearts and minds

john 1:6-18 (adapted from nrsv)

there was a man of god, whose name was john. he came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might love through him. john himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. the true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

he was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. he came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. but to all who did receive him, who loved in his name, he gave power to be children of god, who were now born, not simply of blood or human birth, but of the spirit of god. and so the word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

(john testified to him and cried out, "this was he of whom i said, 'he who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. the law indeed was given through moses; grace and truth came through the christ. no one has ever seen god. it is god incarnate in christ, of god's very being, who has made god known.

gift of song

"here comes the sun"

written by john lennon (adapt james taylor)
performed by eleven:eleven revolution

gift of spoken word

charme robarts

gift of song

"there's still my joy"

written by chapman, rollings and manchester
performed by eleven:eleven revolution

a story for christmas

rev. tom mcdermott

gift of song

"christmas morning"

written by peter mayer
performed by eleven:eleven revolution

blessing

"love came down at christmas"

love came down at christmas
love all lovely, love divine
love was born at christmas
stars and angels gave the sign
(repeat)

love will be our token

love be yours and love be mine
love from god to all of us
love for plea and gift, a sign
(repeat)

love came down at christmas
love all lovely, love divine
love was born at christmas
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eleven:eleven revolution

brad thompson - acoustic guitar & vocals
kevin grove - electric guitar / mike brown - bass guitar
jon fortman - drums / dace sultanov - cello
laurie simmons - piano
david rosario & jim miller - saxophones
claire kirk & lisa stoval, alaina gunter - vocals
austin patton, iain kirk & xavier munoz - sound engineers
justin emeric,- av tech

some thoughts for the journey

the more we keep ourselves childlike, the more we can love the world. when we eliminate the child in us, we are no longer alive.
- paulo freire

one of the essential paradoxes of advent: that while we wait for god, we are with god all along, that while we need to be reassured of god's arrival, or the arrival of our own homecoming, we are already at home. - michelle blake

life delights in life - william blake

a thief comes to steal and destroy life; but i have come to give life to the fullest. - jesus

joy is the simplest form of gratitude. - karl Barth
listen--are you breathing just a little, and calling it a life?
- mary oliver

programs and events

WINE & WISHFUL THINKING at WineHaus

Will not be meeting December 18, 25, or January 1. We'll begin meeting again on January 8.

BLESSING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS Pick up treat boxes in Adult Sunday School classrooms, Children's Wing & at the Welcome Center, Sundays. *Deliver to first responders December 1 – 31. Contact:* Sammye Dunn sammyelou9@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT SERVICES

11:00 a.m. | Family services, 3:30 & 5:00 pm |
7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 pm | All services – Sanctuary
No eleven:eleven celebration December 24 & 31.
There will be one service at 11:00a.m., in the Sanctuary those Sundays.

visit tom's blog, "the space between..."

fumcfw.org/author/tom-mcdermott

live stream eleven:eleven celebration on Sundays

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