

# 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](http://fumcfw.org/celebrationattendance) to register online from your smartphone)

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## 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 kiahaha

## 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 mooses; 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)

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love all lovely, love divine  
love was born at christmas  
stars and angels gave the sign

### 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 emerick, - 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](mailto: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.*

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#### live stream eleven:eleven celebration on Sundays

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