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**eleven:eleven  
downtown  
december 23, 2018  
4th sunday of advent**



**gathering and registration**

(please use this time to connect with others and to register your attendance on the cards provided in your seats. you may also scan the **qr code** below, or to register online from your smartphone. go to [fumcfw.org/1111attendance](http://fumcfw.org/1111attendance), you may leave the cards in your seat or bring forward with your offering during the offering song)

**scan the qr code to  
register your attendance!**



**the welcome candle**

bud walker

come, come, whoever you are. wanderer, worshiper,  
lover of leaving. it doesn't matter. ours is not a caravan of despair.  
come, even if you have broken your vows a thousand times.  
come, yet again

**gift of song**

**“rocking around the christmas tree”**

written by johnny marks  
performed by eleven:eleven revolution

**prayer**

rev. deandrea dare

**offering song**

offerings go toward the support of  
fumcfw ministries, including eleven:eleven.  
**the one dollar bills collected in december  
will support the first street mission food bank.**

**“joy to the world”**

joy to the world! the lord is come!  
let earth receive her king!  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing  
and heaven and heaven and nature sing!

joy to the world! the savior reigns;  
let men their songs employ  
while field and floods, rocks, hills, and plains.  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

he rules the world with truth and grace  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

**passing the peace**

**first reading**

john dewar

**luke 2:8-20 (nrsv)**

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.

**“angels we have heard on high”**

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

[chorus] gloria in excelsis deo  
gloria in excelsis deo

shepherds why this jubilee?  
why your joyous strains prolong?  
say what may the tidings be  
which inspire your heavenly song?  
[chorus]

## gift of song

“feliz navidad”

performed by dace sultanov, cello & hillary hummel, harp

## kairos moment

charme robarts

(the ancient greeks had two words for time, *chronos* and *kairos*.  
*kairos* is “a time in between” – sacred time.)

## second reading

john dewar

**philippians 4:4,5; 8-9 (common english bible)**

be joyful in god. always. again i say, find your joy in god. let gentleness be your treatment of all people. god is near. do not be anxious, but full of joy... focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise.

from “how the grinch stole christmas”

and the grinch, with his grinch-feet ice cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so? it came without ribbons. it came without tags. it came without packages, boxes or bags. and he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore. then the grinch thought of something he hadn't before. what if christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. what if christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more.

## gift of spoken word

“jomo (joy of missing out)”

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

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

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

**eleven:eleven revolution**

brad thompson, guitar, vocals

claire kirk & christa russell – vocals

mike brown - bass guitar

todd franks - drums / justin pate - piano

dace sultano – cello, hillary hummel - harp

david rosario & jim miller - saxophones

**sound engineers**, austin patton, iain kirk, gary hullett & xavier munoz ; **av tech**, justin emerick

## some thoughts for the journey

practice giving things away, not just things you don't care about, but things you do like. give small things, carefully, and observe the mental processes going along with the act of releasing the little thing you liked. ~ robert thurman

it doesn't have to be the blue iris, it could be weeds in a vacant lot, or a few small stones; just pay attention, patch a few words together. this isn't a contest but a doorway into thanks, and a silence in which another voice may speak. ~ mary oliver

happiness is an experience you can more or less create, with good intention and luck – a happy marriage, a job well done, a fun trip or pleasant conversation. joy, on the other hand, is as unpredictable yet ever-present as the very source of our being. - buechner (paraphrased)

## programs and events

**\*Sunday, December 30**

**NO 11:11 Downtown**

One First UMC Worship Service  
Main Sanctuary | 11:00 AM  
(stories, special music, and caroling)



## 2019 SACRED SPACES OF IRELAND TOUR

**Aug 21-30** For information, contact: Tom McDermott  
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