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Listen to each previous week's Sanctuary sermon and music on Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on WRR 101.1 FM.

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ARE YOU NEW?

If you would like to find your Worship Plus One, we would love to visit with you and help you explore the FUMCFW groups or ministries of special interest to you! Finding your Worship Plus One will help you meet others, build relationships, and grow stronger in your faith.

For details, please email Lisa Helm (lhelm@myfumc.org), Director of Welcoming Ministries or Dr. Mike Marshall (mmarshall@myfumc.org), Associate Pastor of Leadership Development — and be sure to include your phone number in your email!



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Discipleship is the process of being shaped by the Holy Spirit through spiritual practices to become more like Jesus. **Healthy Plate Discipleship** uses a variety of practices to help you more faithfully follow Jesus Christ. Try all six areas to grow strong in faithful discipleship. Learn more at fumcfw.org/healthyplate.

WORSHIP

Worship is an expression of our love and need of God. When the community gathers for worship, God teaches us, draws us closer to one another, transforms our lives, and equips us for the work and mission of the coming week.

LEARN

Learning is the intentional pursuit of knowledge and a growing understanding of who God is. Study exposes us to God's complexity, opens us to new ideas, and can connect us to others with similar ideas and questions.

SERVE

Service is giving our time and gifts back to God and the church by putting our faith into action. In service, we turn our hearts toward God's people and can be transformed by relationships with our church and community.

PLAY

Play is good for our physical, mental, and spiritual health. Having fun and enjoying the company of other people can inspire our imaginations. Play opens us up to friendships that help us bear burdens and celebrate life's joy.

GIVE

Giving is the commitment to put God first in all things. The habit of sacrificial giving of our money and resources allows us to trust God in deeper ways and to share our love with others.

PRAY

Prayer and meditation are especially critical in a world where we are all addicted to being busy. Regular prayer and personal disciplines can renew our energy and open us up to the places God is leading us.

BEST
Christmas
EVER



Traditional Worship Service
December 24, 2021

“When Everything
is Perfect”

Luke 2:1-20

Dr. Tim Bruster and Rev. Lance Marshall,
Co-Senior Pastors

Pre-service Concert (11:40 am, 6:40 pm, 8:40 pm)

DFW Brass
Peggy Graff, organ

Welcome

Rev. Lance Marshall, Co-Senior Pastor

*Call to Worship

Rev. Tom McDermott (noon)
Rev. Lance Marshall, (7:00)
Dr. Mike Marshall, (9:00 & 11:00)
One: God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation You have made manifest your love.
All: When our need for a Savior was great You sent Your Son to be born of the virgin Mary.
One: To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.
All: Lord, bless all who look upon this manger.
One: May it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
All: and raise up our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn 234: “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (verses 1-3)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Luke 2:1-20

Rev. Tom McDermott (noon)
Rev. Phyllis Barren (noon & 7:00)
Dr. Zhenya Gurina-Rodriguez (noon & 7:00)
Dr. Mike Marshall (9:00 & 11:00)
Rev. Mary Ellen Barrow (9:00 and 11:00)
Rev. Lance Marshall (all)
Dr. Tim Bruster (7:00, 9:00, 11:00)
We light the first candle of Advent as a symbol of Hope.
We light the second candle of Advent as a symbol of Peace.
We light the third candle of Advent as a symbol of Joy.
We light the fourth candle of Advent as a symbol of Love.
We light the Christ Candle as a symbol of the light of God, the light of peace, hope, joy, and love - the light that breaks into whatever darkness there is in our world.

*Hymn 238: Angels We Have Heard on High

Announcements

Offertory: “Sweet Little Jesus Boy” (noon)

Dan Galbraith and Erik Foster, arrangers
Andrew Zapata, tenor
“Almost There” (7:00)
Heather Sorenson, arranger
Cornerstone Youth Choir, Youth Choir Alumni, and Choral Union,
Erin Ypya, Cornerstone Youth Choir Director
“O Holy Night” (9:00)
René Clausen, arranger
Choral Union, Thomas Williams, director
“O Holy Night” (11:00)
Adolph Adam, composer
Sergio Cepedo, tenor

Sermon: “When Everything is Perfect”

Rev. Lance Marshall, Co-Senior Pastor (noon)
Dr. Tim Bruster, Co-Senior Pastor (7:00, 9:00, 11:00)

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation
Confession and Pardon
The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord’s Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. *(Matthew 6:9-13)*
Serving the Bread and Cup

Congregational Carols During Communion

219 What Child Is This (verses 1 and 3)
230 O Little Town of Bethlehem
217 Away in a Manger
229 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

To light your candle, please hold it horizontally so that a vertically held lit candle can light yours. (Lit candles should always be held upright.) Candles will be extinguished before the benediction.

Silent Night Story and Candle Lighting

- *Silent Night
1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!
(Raise candles)
3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light; radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
4. Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Please extinguish your candle as you exit and return it to one of the baskets at each door.

Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth – we are glad you’re here to worship with us on Christmas Eve!

Please let us know you are here by filling out the attendance pad as it comes by.

Asterisks (*) indicate times when you are invited to stand as you are able.

“Faith Like a Child” is our children’s sermon developed for young worshipers of all ages.

In addition to your regular contribution, every one dollar (\$1) bill placed in the offering plate during the month of December will support the food bank.

The poinsettias and decorations for the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Broderick and Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Smith.

The flowers in the Narthex are in loving memory of Velma and C.M. Russey and Joan and Gordon Kelly, from Paige and Bob Russey and families.

Tim’s Daily Devotional arrives in your inbox early each morning and on our home page at fumcfw.org.

Join us for **GROW Bible Study: Wednesdays**
10:00 – 11:00 am
Room 350
6:00 – 7:00 pm
Room 350 & Zoom

Go to fumcfw.org/grow to register or learn more.

DFW Brass Personnel
Adam Miller, Larry Spencer, Lacey Phelps - trumpets
Steve Peterson - horn
Heather Suchodolski - trombone
Carl Kleinsteuber - tuba
Jaime Esposito - timpani