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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 First Church 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.



Traditional Service
December 4, 2022 | 11:00 am

Sermon Series
"The Angels of Christmas"
Luke 1:5-20

Rev. Lance Marshall
Senior Pastor

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Mike Marshall, Associate Pastor

Prelude: “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Dale Wood, arranger

Peggy Graff, organist

*Call to Worship

One: May the joy of the advent season with its message of mighty peace be with you all!

All: And also with you!

One: Let us worship and celebrate the season of Advent.

All: Glory to God! Amen.

Children’s Pageant

“Mister Mark” Burrows, Director of Children’s Ministries

Part 1 - Jesus is Born

#230 O Little Town of Bethlehem, verse 1

Part 2 - The Angels Announce the Good News

#240 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, verse 1

Part 3 - The Shepherds and Sheep Run to the Manger

#234 O Come All Ye Faithful, verse 1

Part 4 - A Visit from the Wise Men

#254 We Three Kings, verse 1

Part 5 - Savior of the World

#217 Away in a Manger

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Brendan, Darcy, and Kellan McCready

*Hymn 213: “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

*Affirmation of Faith 881

Rev. Phyllis Barren, Associate Pastor

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

who what conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Amen.

**Please be seated

Scripture: Luke 1:5-20

Joy Brandon, lay reader

God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: The Angels of Christmas

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor

Note: Gabriel and Zechariah

Pastoral Prayer

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)**

Offertory: “Gloria in Excelsis Deo” (from Gloria, RV 589)

Antonio Vivaldi, composer

Choral Union

Thomas Williams, director

*Doxology 95

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Benediction

One: Our gathering will soon be ended. Where will we go, and what
will we do?

All: We will go out to be God’s people in the world.

One: May grace, peace, hope, love, and joy forever accompany you.
Amen.

*Choral Benediction: “Hark! The Herald Angel Sing/ Jesus, the light of the World.”

*Postlude: “Wachet Auf” (Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying)

Helmut Walcha, arranger

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

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 October will support the clothing bank.

The Poinsettias in the Sanctuary are in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Broderick and Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Smith.

12.7 Christian Men’s Breakfast
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12.11 Choral Union Advent Presentation
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12.24 Christmas Eve Volunteers
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