

## *eleven:eleven, downtown*

december 3 • 2023



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### **gathering and registration**

please register your attendance on the cards in your seats or scan the **qr code**. cards may be left in the seat or brought with your offering during the gathering song.

**point camera, touch website that appears to register your attendance.**



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### **gift of story**

tom mcdermott

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### **gathering song**

*“a ‘soalin’”*

by peter, paul, & mary

performed by eleven:eleven revolution band

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### **the advent candle**

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### **gift of song**

*“love came down at christmas”*

trad hymn (adapted)

performed by eleven:eleven revolution band

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### **sharing signs of peace and welcome**

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## **gift of story**

### **mark 13: 33-37 (inclusive bible)**

“be constantly on the watch! stay awake! you do not know when the appointed time will come. it’s like people traveling abroad. they leave their home and put the workers in charge, each with a certain task, and those who watch at the front gate are ordered to stay on the alert. so stay alert! you do not know when the owner of the house is coming, whether at dusk, at midnight, when the cock crows or at early dawn. do not let the owner come suddenly and catch you asleep. what I say to you, i say to all: stay awake!”

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### **kairos**

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### **gift of story**

jakie cabé

*“a tuna christmas”*

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### **gift of song**

*“family is family”*

by casey musgraves

performed by eleven:eleven revolution band

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### **gift of story**

tom mcdermott

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### **gift of song**

*“no bad news”*

by patti griffin

performed by eleven:eleven revolution band

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### **benediction**

## thoughts for further reflection

*god ripened me. so i see it is true: all objects in existence are wildly in love. - meister eckhart*

*if you want to become full, let yourself be empty. - lao tzu*

*one does not discover new lands without consenting to lose sight, for a very long time, of the shore. - andre lourde*

*you can have the other words - chance, luck, coincidence, serendipity. i'll take grace. i don't know what it is exactly, but i'll take it... sometimes i need only to stand wherever i am to be blessed. - mary oliver*

### the eleven:eleven revolution band is...

- brad thompson - music/band leader, vocalist, guitarist
- justin pate - keyboard, vocalist
- jon mosig - drums
- kevin grove - lead guitar
- lee allen - bass, vocals
- alaina gunter - vocals

FSMM needs **CANNED FOODS** this month.

Food insecurity is a frightening reality for many families in our community. Donations may be left in the collection box in Wesley Hall on Sundays.



If you would like to make a donation for groceries, emergency rent and utility funding, please designate "First Street Methodist Mission" on your check/online giving or contact Bernie Scheffler, Director [bscheffler@firststreetmission.org](mailto:bscheffler@firststreetmission.org)



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## opportunities and small groups

### crafting difficult conversations & braver angels

join us **monday, dec 4, 7-8:30 pm** as the state coordinator introduces us to the  Braver Angels organization and provides tips for depolarizing conversations around the holiday table.

Braver Angels is a non-profit, grassroots-based organization whose mission is unifying our divided nation. tens of thousands of Americans have participated in professionally moderated workshops that unpack misconceptions, and empower understanding, between typically divided groups and individuals.

contact **nancy dearinger** @ [nancydear@duck.com](mailto:nancydear@duck.com) to register & obtain **zoom** link for this **online meeting**.

### wine and wishful thinking

**tuesdays, 7-8:30 pm**

- in-person @ winehaus

[Winehaus 1628 Park Pl Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76110](#)

wine, beer, light bites, and great conversation  
contact tom for info: [tmcdermott@myfumc.org](mailto:tmcdermott@myfumc.org)

For Details, & All Upcoming  
Opportunities & Events, Scan Code  
<https://fumcfw.org/events/>



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### Happening soon!

#### Youth Christmas Party

Dec 3, 5:30-8 pm, Justin Youth Building

#### Concert Bells of Fort Worth

Dec 9, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

#### Polar Express Party & Prayer Bear Drive

Dec 13, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm, Cocoa, movie & special guest.

#### Blessing Our First Responders

Leave boxes in Wesley Hall Sun thru Dec 17, 9 am-12 pm  
Fill a box for local first responders to say, "Thank You"

#### Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Sanctuary at Noon, 3:30, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 pm  
Light refreshments in Wesley Hall before services