

Join us daily for the First United Methodist Church Daily Advent Devotional Podcast. In each podcast, you'll find a reflection on scripture and hymns of the season. You can find the podcasts on Spotify, Apple Music, SoundCloud, or wherever you get your podcasts.




Daily Advent
Devotional Podcast

I Can't Wait



POLAR EXPRESS PARTY

Wednesday, December 13
5:30 – 7:30 pm | Wesley Hall
Prayer Bear Drive



Please join us to celebrate the ministry of Nancy Fisher and wish her well in retirement!

Refreshments will be available in Wesley Hall at 10:30 and noon after the Gathering and Traditional services.

Sunday, December 17
10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Wesley Hall

NANCY FISHER

Retirement Celebration



Christmas Eve ⁱⁿ Wesley Hall

Arrive early before our evening Christmas Eve services to get a good parking place, visit with your friends, and beat the rush.

Come to Wesley Hall and join us for refreshments and a time to visit with old friends and make new ones!

Saturday, December 24
Noon – 11:00 pm
Wesley Hall

WESLEYAN
ADVENTURERS

MOVIE AND SOUP


..... featuring

BOOM TOWN

Starring Clark Gable


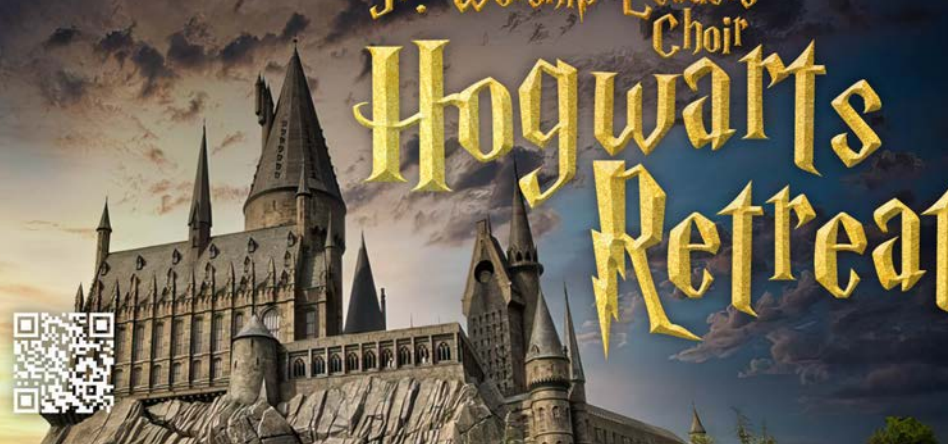
What better way to warm up on a cold Winter Day in January than to enjoy a bowl of hot soup and a movie? Wesleyan Adventurers is serving a variety of hot soups and showing a movie in Wesley Hall. Come and warm up with us.

Thursday, January 11
10:30 am – 1:30 pm
Wesley Hall



Jr. Worship Leaders Choir

Hogwarts Retreat



January 19 – 20 | Children's Wing 2nd floor | \$10



Traditional Worship Service
December 3, 2023 | 11:00 am

"I Can't Wait"

Jeremiah 33: 14-18

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor

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Welcome
Dr Mike Marshall, Associate Pastor

Prelude: “Joy to the World”
Linda McKechnie, arranger
Fifth Street Bells
Peggy Graff, organ
Thomas Williams, director

Advent Wreath Lighting
Rev. Samuel Macias, Associate Pastor

***Call to Worship**
One: We await Christ’s light in this world of darkness.
All: We can’t wait!
One: And yet, we await God’s peace and hope in a world of weariness and sorrow.
All: We can’t wait, and yet, we wait in the promise of Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.

***Hymn 220: “Angels from the Realms of Glory”**

Anthem: “Still, Still, Still”
Michelle Weir, arranger
Adoramus Chamber Choir
Alison Haygood, director

Faith Like a Child
“Mister Mark” Burrows, Director of Children’s Ministries

***Hymn 196: “Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”**

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11
Thane Arther, lay reader
God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: I Can’t Wait
Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor

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)*

Musical Response to Prayer: “Lo, How a Rose Er Blooming”
Sandra Eithun, arranger

Offertory: “Noche de Paz” (Silent Night)**
César Alejandro Carrillo, arranger

***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: “Angels We Have Heard on High”
Michele Weir, arranger

***Postlude: “Prepare the Way”**
James Mansfield, arranger

Fifth Street Bells: Meredith Ball, Christine Boren, Mark Boren, Jeanne Cochran, Alison Haygood, Elaine Johnson, Sherri McQueen, Avary Vaughn, Jayme Vaughn-Linebarger, and Taylor White

******”Noche de Paz” translation:
This peaceful night,
lovely night,
when everything sleeps all around,
all the stars are spreading their light
to announce Child Jesus’ birth.
The star of peace is also shining,
The star of peace is also shining.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Noon Candlelight Service
Noon – 1:00 pm | Sanctuary
Offering a contemporary Gathering style Christmas Eve worship experience including communion, candlelight, and special music, this midday service provides an earlier alternative to our evening services.

Family Candlelight Services
3:30 & 5:00 pm | Sanctuary
Come join us for a family-friendly evening with Mister Mark Burrows, filled with all our cherished Christmas Eve experiences — candlelight, Christmas carols, Communion, and the wondrous story of Jesus’ birth.

Traditional Candlelight Services
7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 pm | Sanctuary
The cherished experiences of Christmas and the beauty of this night will be enhanced by uplifting music and proclamation of the Word, celebrating Holy Communion, singing carols, and lighting candles. Sanctuary doors will open 20 minutes prior to each service. At the 7:00 and 9:00 services, join us for a 20-minute pre-service concert featuring DFW Brass and organist Peggy Graff. Listen to familiar Christmas carols and holiday songs arranged with a flair for the season.

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 or registering on-line.

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

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

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

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